

#### JUSTIN ECCLES · CURRICULUM VITAE

#### Education

2018 M.F.A. University of Wisconsin - Madison Major: Painting and Drawing

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2008 Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Major: Theological Studies

1999 B.F.A. Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

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Major: Graphic Design

## Work Experience

2018-present Blend Integrated Marketing, Madison, WI

Freelance Graphic Design, Illustration

2015-2018 University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

Graphic Design

2005-2015 The Art Studio, Istanbul, Turkey

Gallery Curator, Graphic Design, Art and Design Instructor

2010-2015 Lokomitif Dernek, Istanbu, I Turkey

Guest Lecturer, Graphic Design

2013 OM Artslink Training School, Forterroca, Italy

Guest Lecturer, Art and Design Instructor

2012 Global International Education and Training - Tirana, Albania

Guest Lecturer, Art Design Instructor

2011 Saint Pulcherie Fransız Lisesi, Beyoğlu/İstanbul

Guest Lecturer, Art Instructor

2004-05 Aden, Istanbul, Turkey

Gallery Curator, Graphic Design, Art and Design Instructor

1999-05 Blackwell Publishing, Ames, IA

Art Director, Graphic Design

#### **Publications**

Lolly and Pictor

Artist, Designer, Author

Istanbul Moves

Photography, Graphic Design

The Grand Bazaar

Photo Editing, Graphic Design

Visual Communication Artist, Designer, Author



## One and Two Person Exhibitions

2018	Lolly and Pictor, (Master of Fine Arts Solo Exhibition) Art Lofts Building, Madison, WI
2017	Changeover, (Master of Arts Solo Exhibition) Art Lofts Building, Madison, WI
2017	Relevant Shapes, (Solo Exhibition, Invitational) Overture Gallery, Madison, WI
2017	Reflections, (Solo Exhbition, Invitational) The Vine, Madison, WI
2017	89th Annual Wisconsin Union Student Art Show Juried Exhibition
2016	Standard Deviation First Year Graduate Review Show
2016	88th Annual Wisconsin Union Student Art Show Juried Exhibition
2015	Emeseries First Year Graduate Exhibition
2015	Death Love Life, (Solo Exhibition, Invitational) The Commons, Cedar Rapids, IA
2015	Justin Eccles Retrospective, (Solo Exhibition, Invitational) Cornerstone Church, Ames, IA
2013	Visual Communication, (Two-Person Exhibition, Invitational) Sanat Studyosu, Istanbul Turkey
2012	Istanbul Moves, (Two-Person Exhibition, Invitational) Icebarist, Windowist Tower, Istanbul, Turkey
2011	Then, Now, Next, (Two-Person Exhibition, Invitational) Saint Pulcherie Fransız Lisesi, Beyoğlu/İstanbul
2010	Justin Eccles, Recent Work, (Solo Exhibition, Invitational) Lokomotif Dernek, Istanbul, Turkey
2009	Anatomy of the Soul, (Solo Exhibition, Juried) Antik Cistern, Istanbul, Turkey

# **Group Exhibitions**

2017 Motherlands
100 Arts Gallery, Madison, WI
Curator: Carlos Eduardo
2017 What Can Art Do?
7th Floor Humanities Gallery, Madison, WI
Curator: Laurie Beth Clark
2017 The 89th Annual Union Art Show
Gallery 1308, Madison, WI
Curator: Yusi Liu



2016	Lasagna Art Lofts Gallery, Madison, WI Curator: John Chee
2016	The 88th Annual Union Art Show Gallery 1308, Madison, WI Curator: Yusi Liu
2015	First Year Graduate Art Exhibition 7th Floor Humanities Gallery, Madison, WI
2014	Yilbasi Pazar Sergi/Exhibition Lokomotif Dernek, Istanbul, Turkey Curator: Julide Bigat, Serhat Kocak
2013	Istanbul My Love Dolmabahce Palace Gallery, Istanbul, Turkey Curator: Rowena Martinez Ulayan
2013	Ic Guc: Inner Strength (Invitational) İstanbul Özel Saint-Joseph Fransız Lisesi Curator:Esra Kizir Gökçen
2012	Uyanis An; The Moment of Awakening (Invitational) İstanbul Özel Saint-Joseph Fransız Lisesi Curator: Julide Bigat
2012-13	KSI; Katholisch-Soziales Institut, (Invitiational) Curator: Peter S.Smith and Teddy Litho Bad Honnef, Germany
2011	Art Lovers Istanbul, (Invitational) Curator: Rowena Martines Ulayan
2010	Acik Kapi Atolye Konulara, (Invitational) Curator; Julide Bigat, Istanbul
2010-12	Burunda Street Festival (Invitational) Moda/Istanbul
2009	Beylerbeyi Art (Invitational) Beylerbey Saray, Istanbul
2009	Seven Sanat Gallery, (Invitational) Seven Art Gallery, Istanbul
2007	Kargart Annual Exhibition (Juried) Kargart Gallery, Istanbul
2007	Genc Karma, (Invitational) Sanat Studyosu, Istanbul



#### JUSTIN ECCLES · TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Over a decade of cross-cultural teaching in numerous locations has demonstrated to me the significance of perpetual discovery as a practice and informs my convictions as a teacher. The belief that I can be consistently surprised and fascinated are paramount to my teaching practice, where I act as a guide, artist and evangelist to my students. This collaborative process leads directly to compelling, unexpected idea generation, a waking up of the designer's inner being. As an artist and designer for twenty years, I have learned the incredible value of drawing upon my surroundings and letting what I find influence my work. Living along the Rhine River in Germany directed my study of intentional, pragmatic design. Teaching in the isolated, Italian alpine village of Bobbio surrounded by the organic graves of the Waldensian's brought into focus the importance of reflection in design. Curating and instructing in Istanbul guided a season of rhythm, pattern and story, influencing my teaching and work by integrating my host culture into my final product. Design is global. It impacts culture and is guided by culture.

My students have benefitted from investigating their surroundings, seeking understanding and responding conceptually to their findings. Teaching in Istanbu,I I sought to implement a passion for investigation. My course began by sending students to retreat for a day on a remote island with timeworn villages scattered over it's terrain. On the island, they were immersed in a world new to them with the expectation that they open ancient doors, look around the next corner, investigate and photograph the unexpected. They found patterns, anomalies, beauty and wonder in photography. Manipulating the images and learning to combine them with visual punctuation resulted in profound discovery. A journey into the unexpected allows for a vital paradigm shift in concept.

According to the artist Kandinsky, contrast is the greatest principle of our time. Strength comes in understanding contrasts. To gain understanding is like being on a quest. Guiding my students through symbol design began on a isolated, trash filled, Black Sea beach. Students were to use only the materials they could gather to create a three-dimensional personal statement in response to their surroundings. Their full immersion into the environment with the added community experience forced students to think dynamically and create in innovative, unimagined ways. Moving from the beach to the studio, my students drew upon the thought process, investigation and implementation of their ideas and used the experience to challenge their approach to design.

Collaboration inspires a richness and depth unseen by solitary identities. I believe integrating collaboration into the stages of development in design allows for pre-existing strengths to be revealed and newly found ideas to develop. Using visual conversations, where students offer suggestions using drawing or design, offers a distinct result that strengthens a final product. I have taught this concept to both artists and designers through exercises that combine music, alternative mark making tools and themes to demonstrate the value we must place on investigation and collaboration. The end results are never what is expected and distinctly informs the final design product.

There is a growing new direction in graphic design, from strict visual solutions towards idea based solutions that encompass a broad spectrum of output. Teaching discovery, both personal and into the surrounding culture, the value of community, collaboration along with implementation of the core building blocks of design are integral to raising up new designers.



## JUSTIN ECCLES · PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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