

Rashad Malik Davis

Curriculum Vitae

Illustrator | Author | Character Designer | Storyteller

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts – Animation Sep. 2015 – Present
Savannah College of Art & Design, Savannah, GA 2017

Master of Arts currently in progress, expected to finish remaining three classes online.

Bachelor of Arts – Anthropology/Chinese Sep. 2009 – May 18, 2013
Tufts University, Somerville, MA 2013

High School Diploma Sep. 2005 – May 15, 2009
Saint Peter’s Preparatory School, Jersey City, NJ

TRAVEL/FOREIGN LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Intensive Chinese Language & Cultural Immersion – Tufts in China Program Sep. 2011 – Dec. 2011
Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, China

Conversational in Mandarin Chinese. Traveled to Zhejiang, Beijing, Xi’An, Shanghai, & Nanjing, China. Studied at Zhejiang University, in 2011.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Lecturer - “Superhero 101 – Teens and Youth” Jul 8, 2017 – Jul 29, 2017
Artworks, Trenton, NJ

Month long character design course created for children and teens ages 6-17. Course teaches students about the basics of character design, emphasizing concepts and fundamentals such as: research, shape, color, form, line, character appeal, and simple storytelling techniques. Ultimately culminates in the creation of a student’s personal character, utilizing both visual art and creative writing skills.

Character Design Workshop Instructor, “Simone’s Sheroes”

Jun 2017

Amalgam Comics, Philadelphia, PA

Hour-long character design workshop, instructing students on the basics and fundamentals of character design including: research, shape, color, line and form. The workshop culminated with the creation of a student’s personal character, utilizing visual art techniques.

Workshop Artist in Residence “Superhero 101”

Apr 29, 2017

The Purnell School, Pottersville, NJ

Day long character design workshop designed for High School teens. Course taught students about the basics of character design, emphasizing concepts and fundamentals such as: research, shape, color, form, line, character appeal, and simple storytelling techniques. Ultimately culminated in the creation of a character, students working with a partner to design a superhero based on their partner’s traits. Course utilized both visual art and creative writing skills.

Course Lecturer/Mentor “Explorations & Perspectives”

Sep 2012 – Dec 2012

Tufts University, Somerville, NJ

Instructed & designed a course syllabus on Black & Latino LGBT communities entitled “Distorted Realities: Film on the Fringe”. The course was designed to introduce freshman students to Queer Black & Latino identities as perceived through film and media.

CLIENT AND WORK HISTORY

Rashad Malik Davis, CEO & Owner

February 2017 - Present

RaMalik Illustrations

Owner and creator of creative arts company specializing in: illustration, character design, children’s book writing, workshops, guest speaking, and storytelling performances.

Traveling Teaching Artist

Jul 2017 - Present

Young Audiences of New Jersey, Princeton, NJ

Teaching artist with Young Audiences of New Jersey, a program that offers various assembly and workshop programs to schools throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania. I offer my workshop entitled “Superheroes Among Us”, a character design workshop focusing on empathy building and emotional literacy through fun character design exercises and studies.

Shirelle Eichelberger, Company Logo Design
Pikaloos

June 2017

Designed initial concepts for final, character-based logo. Served as both design consultant and artist, guiding client artistically and conceptually. Finalized logo using Photoshop CS6 ahead of scheduled deadline date.

Stephanie Fischer, Company Logo Design
Average Bear Productions

May 2017

Designed initial concepts for final, character-based logo. Served as both design consultant and artist, guiding client artistically and conceptually. Finalized logo using Photoshop CS6 ahead of scheduled deadline date.

Tabias Wilson, Book Cover Illustration
Godless Circumcisions

Fall 2015

Illustrated book cover for Tabias Wilson's book of poetry and prose entitled Godless Circumcisions. Provided initial concepts and acted as both consultant and creative guide. Finalized book cover in Photoshop using digital Wacom Tablet.

Ama Karikari Yawson, Children's Book Illustration
Sunne's Gift – Milestales Publishing

Summer 2013 – January 2014

Illustrated entirety of Ama Karikari's #1 Best-Selling children's book entitled Sunne's Gift. Conceptualized and designed all artistic aspects of the book.

Prof. Monica Ndounou, Book Cover Illustration
Shaping the Future of African American Film, Rutgers Uni. Press

Summer 2013

Illustrated book cover to "Shaping the Future of African American Film", written by Tufts University Professor Monica Ndounou's book. Consulted and guided client through design and conceptualizing vision. Finalized product in Photoshop 7 on Wacom Tablet. Selected by Rutgers University Press.

AUTHOR READINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Visiting Author & Performer Parkway Elementary School, Ewing, NJ	May 30, 2017
Visiting Author & Performer Slackwood Elementary School, Lawrenceville, NJ	May 25, 2017
Visiting Author and Performer Lawrence Intermediate School, Lawrenceville, NJ	May 16, 2017

Class Guest Speaker The College of New Jersey, Prof. David Bwire - Education Department, Ewing, NJ	Apr 22, 2017
Visiting Author & Performer Pace Charter School, Hamilton, NJ	Mar 31, 2017
Visiting Author & Performer Boys and Girls Club of Lawrenceville, Lawrenceville, NJ	Mar 3, 2017
Black History Month Guest Speaker Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, NJ	Feb 2, 2017

TECHNICAL SKILLS – SOFTWARE & HARDWARE

Author/Illustrator/Storyteller/Performer Feb 2017 – Present
Freelance Illustrator & Storyteller, RaMalik Illustrations

(Expert level knowledge of a variety of digital software + hardware including: Photoshop CS6 + Creative Cloud, MS Word, Publisher, Powerpoint, Wacom Intuos Digital Tablet & Cintiq, Clip Studio Paint, Prezi Online Presentation Software)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & MEMBERSHPS

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) Jun 2016 – Present
SCBWI NJ Chapter

Freelancer's Union Mar 2017 - Present
Brooklyn, NY

EXHIBITIONS AND GALLERIES

Group Exhibition, "Black Art Matters" Feb 2017
Association of Black Seminarians, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ

Displayed select pieces, in particular portraits of friends as fantasy characters. As part of my determination to see diversity in the realm of fantasy and entertainment, this was an intentional showcase of culture and beauty in a variety of forms. I also took this time to introduce the audience to my book project "Carefree, Like Me!" and its themes as well.

Solo Exhibition, Senior Exhibition

May 2013

Tufts Africana Center Gallery, Tufts University, Somerville, MA

Solo exhibition featuring my personal book project highlighting fantasy African settings and characters. I showcased the exhibition to members of the Tufts community, and in the process, I became the first African American to host a gallery in that space as well.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Honos Civicus Society

Mar 2013

Jonathan M. Tisch College of Citizenship & Public Service, Tufts University, Somerville, MA

Honos Civicus is a society to honor and publicly recognize graduating seniors who have excelled in Tufts University courses and co-curricular activities as undergraduates.

Joe Martin Scholarship

May 2012

Bank of America

The Joe Martin Scholarship program is a competitive scholarship program available for college or vocational schools in the U.S. to depends of Bank of America employees. Scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic achievement, leadership, character, and contributions to school and community.

Non-Profit/Public Sector Internship Grant

May 2012

Tufts University Career Center, Tufts University, Somerville,

Recipient of competitive \$3,500 stipend awarded to 25 students for non-profit/public sector internships over the course of the summer.

Henry J. Lier Foundation Grant

Feb 2011

Henry J. Lier Foundation

Competitive grant reward from the Henry J. Lier foundation for students with a passion and commitment for study abroad.

PRESS & MEDIA BIBLIOGRAPHY

Related Press & Media Links – www.ramalikillustrations.com/press

Bert Baron, Live Radio Interview, WCTC 1450 Talk Radio “The Voice of Central NJ”, New Brunswick, NJ, March 13, 2017.

Della Crews, NJ Spotlight Segment, News 12 New Jersey, Edison, NJ, June 30, 2017.

Jacque Howard, Live Radio Interview, Trenton 365 Radio, Trenton, NJ, January 3, 2017.

John Soltes, Hollywood Soapbox, "INTERVIEW: Author Rashad Malik Davis launches children's book series," *Hollywood Soapbox*, May 15, 2017. <http://www.hollywoodsoapbox.com/?p=17462>
Sharon "Lady Tea" Levy, Interview, Taking Tea in Style – Local Princeton TV, Princeton, NJ, April 15, 2017.

Scott Morgan, Lawrence Gazette, "Illustrator draws himself a new career", *Mercerspace*, February 28, 2017. <https://mercerspace.com/2017/02/28/lawrence-illustrator-draws-himself-a-new-career-helping-children-through-art/>

Tim and Nick, Podcast Interview, Tim N' Nick's Comic Book Picks, Chicago, IL, March 25, 2017.

REFERENCES

Eric Thomas, Music & 4th Grade Teacher, Parkway Elementary School, Ewing, NJ 08618
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Frederich Galano, Director of Financial Aid, Saint Peter's Preparatory School, Jersey City, NJ 07302
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