

MIKE O'BRIEN



ILLUSTRATOR & EDUCATOR



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PROFILE

I'm an accomplished academic leader and creative professional with a Master of Fine Arts in Illustration from the Savannah College of Art and Design and nearly two decades of experience bringing ideas to life for big-name clients like Nike, American Eagle, Topps, and the Miami Dolphins. A passionate educator and mentor, I am dedicated to fostering student engagement and success while providing strong, supportive leadership.

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts | Illustration
Savannah College of Art & Design
2009

Bachelor of Fine Arts | Illustration
Savannah College of Art & Design
2006

SKILLS

- Traditional artistic media
- Digital illustration
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Adobe Certified Pro | Photoshop
- Procreate
- Microsoft Office
- Work Ethic & Leadership

CLIENT LIST



WORK EXPERIENCE

Professor of Digital Communication | SCAD

Savannah, GA | September 2021 - Present

- Thoughtfully developed course curriculum, projects and grading rubrics
- Provided instruction on professional application of Adobe Creative Suite
- Assisted student development of professional brand identity elements
- 96% of enrolled students earned Adobe Photoshop Certification
- Faculty mentor who provided guidance and resources to new SCAD faculty

Freelance Illustrator | WheelhouseArt.com

Columbus, OH & Savannah, GA | May 2018 - Present

- Illustration and design services for big-name clients and private commissions
- Clients include Nike, Topps, Wrangler, American Eagle and the Miami Dolphins
- Projects include apparel, trading cards, posters, and magazine & book covers

Senior Graphic Designer & Illustrator | Abercrombie & Fitch

Columbus, OH | November 2009 - May 2018

- Worked for Abercrombie Men's and Hollister Dude's graphics teams
- Designed graphics for graphic tees, fleece, outerwear, swim, sleep and CAD
- Lead illustrator responsible for custom artwork for company-wide usage
- Production team liaison collaborating with vendors for strike approvals

Professor of Foundation Studies | Art Institute of Washington

Arlington, VA | June 2009 - November 2009

- Thoughtfully developed course curriculum, projects and grading rubrics
- Instructed courses in Drawing 1, Color Theory, 2D Design and Life Drawing