

# Monica Bruenjes

## Curriculum Vitae

### Background

#### Languages

English (Native)

Japanese (Intermediate)

#### Degrees Earned

##### Academy Of Art University | San Francisco, CA

Master of Fine Arts (2012)

Discipline:

3D Animation (1710 hours)

##### San Diego State University | San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Arts (2008)

Disciplines:

Japanese (1289 hours)

Art (1289 hours)

### Experience

#### Work Experience

##### January 2018 - Present

Owner/Producer - Moonglow Animation, LLC. Creating original animated content that shares biblical truths in fun and unexpected ways.

##### October 2015 - Present

Online Adjunct Instructor - Liberty University Adjunct Instructor

College: School of Comm & the Arts, Department: School of Communication & the Arts | Studio and Digital Arts, Campus: LUO, Level: GR & UG

##### January 2004 - Present

Freelance Artist, Animator (self-employed) Specializing in Animation and Illustration. Projects include commercial & non-profit animations, children's book illustrations, illustration & fine art commissions, and graphic designs (including magazine & advertising layouts, web design, and logos).

##### November 2012 - January 2018

Creator-Owner of Subarashii. Creating content for print and products featuring original characters.

##### May 2014 - December 2016

Coordinator - Eau Claire Artist's Drawing Night Founder & Organizer of a monthly drawing group. Hiring models, designing event themes, & sales.

##### November 2012 - November 2013

Lead Animator - See Beneath, Inc. Lead Animator working in Adobe Flash & Adobe Illustrator on the series "Aiko & Egor." Supervising a small team of animators, character animation, and character & prop design.

##### December 2011 - May 2013

Animator - Let's Love Japan Character Animator working in Maya for the short film "Me-Chan's Search."

##### July 2007 - September 2008

Caricature Artist - Kamans Art Shoppes located at the San Diego Zoo Achieved Kamans Elite Associate status for notable sales

##### January 2008 - June 2008

Production Staff (Intern & Temp) - DC Comics/Wildstorm Productions Prepping comics & manga for print. Compiling, editing, and formatting artwork and letters using Quark Express, Adobe Photoshop & Adobe Illustrator.

**September 2006 - July 2007**

English Language Instructor - The Acorn Club English Conversation School in Osaka, Japan  
Teaching English to individuals & small groups of various ages (from 3 years- 80 years).

**May 2006 - August 2006**

Caricature Artist - Kamans Art Shoppes located at the San Diego Wild Animal Park

Certifications

**Memberships**

**ASIFA (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation)**

UNESCO

October 2013 - Present

I am a member of the ASIFA-Central chapter. I served as a part of the ASIFA Magazine Steering Committee and as a designer for the magazine from 2014-2017.

**ICVM (International Christian Visual Media)**

Board of Directors

March 2019 - Present

Small Organization

**Women in Animation**

501(c)(3) non-profit organization

March 2017 - January 2020

Professional

**SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators)**

non-profit, 501 (c)3 organization

September 2012 - September 2017

Full Member

Honors

**Publications**

**Reader for Dream it & Do it by Lexi Shubert**

Creative Non-Fiction

Publisher: Liberty University

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: August 2019

**Reader for Visuals in Music Promotion by Grant Cochran**

Creative Non-Fiction

Publisher: Liberty University

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: April 2019

**Reader for Advancing Film Through Art & Design by Jamall Rashaud McMillan**

Creative Non-Fiction

Publisher: Liberty University

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: March 2019

**Reader of Tools of Change by Nicole Irons**

Creative Non-Fiction

Publisher: Liberty University

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2017

**Reader of Vendorgraphs by Samuel J. Park**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: Liberty University  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: 2017

**ASIFA Magazine**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: ASIFA  
Issue: 1

Volume: 28  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: December 2017

**Penguin & Peep! Little Moments**

Fiction  
Publisher: Subarashii  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: July 2017

**Easter Lilly**

Fiction  
Publisher: Aneko Press  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: March 2017

**The Tornado Watchers**

Fiction  
Publisher: Lulu  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: December 2016

**Colombian Adventures**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: Aneko Press  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: May 2016

**ASIFA Magazine**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: ASIFA  
Issue: 1

Volume: 27  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: March 2016

**ASIFA Magazine**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: ASIFA  
Issue: 1-3

Volume: 26  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: 2015

**Da Noah Un Di Oahrich**

Creative Non-Fiction  
Publisher: Aneko Press  
Scholarship of: Application  
Date Published: December 2015

**The Case of the Minnesota Minotaur (Santa Claus: Super Spy Series)**

Fiction  
Publisher: Getchu Books

Volume: 4

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: November 2015

**Trouble in Ippy-Tippy Town**

Fiction

Publisher: Life Sentence Publishing, LLC

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2014

**Christmas Eve**

Fiction

Publisher: Life Sentence Publishing, LLC

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: December 2014

**My Many Hats, Sketchbook #1**

Creative Non-Fiction

Publisher: Subarashii

Scholarship of: Integration

Date Published: 2013

**When my Daddy Died, I...**

Fiction

Publisher: Life Sentence Publishing, LLC

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2013

**A Romp Through the 1893 Chicago World's Fair- The Invitation**

Film

Publisher: PMPC Inc.

Scholarship of: Integration

Date Published: 2013

**Me-chan's Search**

Film

Publisher: Let's Love Japan

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2012

**Monochromatic Monkey**

Film

Publisher: Monica Bruenjes

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2012

**See, Touch, Taste**

Film

Publisher: Monica Bruenjes

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2009

**NAKAMA**

Film

Publisher: Monica Bruenjes

Scholarship of: Discovery

Date Published: 2008

**The Kind Cat**

Film

Publisher: Monica Bruenjes

Scholarship of: Application

Date Published: 2007

## Honors & Awards

### **Star Trek 50th Anniversary Design Contest Runner Up**

For Fans by Fans

June 2016

Special

## Exhibitions

### **Falling Leaves Art Studio Tour**

October 2012 - October 2017

An annual art exhibition held every October featuring the work of local artists.

<http://www.fallingleavesarttour.com/>

### **San Diego Comic Con Small Press**

July 2017 - July 2017

Self Publication, "Penguin & Peep: Little Moments" excerpted for exhibition at San Diego Comic Con 2017 in the juried Small Press section.

### **A Creative Tribute To A Galaxy Far Far Away...**

August 2014 - August 2014

The exhibition featured work by Platt College San Diego students/alumni, local artists, and industry professionals affiliated with the San Diego art community. Each artist created a tribute piece inspired by Star Wars.

### **Street Fighter: A Creative Tribute**

July 2013 - July 2013

The exhibition featured work by Platt College San Diego students/alumni, local artists, and industry professionals affiliated with the San Diego art community. Each artist created a tribute piece inspired by Street Fighter.

### **Banbury Place Art Crawl**

February 2013 - February 2013

Exhibition featuring local artists.

### **Marvel Super Heroes: A Creative Tribute**

November 2012 - November 2012

The exhibition featured work by Platt College San Diego students/alumni, local artists, and industry professionals affiliated with the San Diego art community. Each artist created a tribute piece inspired by the Marvel Universe.

### **CVC Arts 2012 Fall Splendor Art Meander**

September 2012 - September 2012

CVCA/Heyde Center for the Arts exhibition featuring local artists.