
Meet Your Departmental Student Advisor!

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Hometown: Lawrence, KS

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In 10 words or less, why should someone want to be a part of this department?

A chance to be creative, expressive and do art for homework. Who would want anything else?

When did you know you wanted to study this area? What pathway led you to this department?

I came into college with a variety of interests, but art was what I ended up really enjoying investing my time in.

What is the best way to get (and stay) connected to this department?

Go to talks and/or presentations by visiting artists or art historians. Take a variety of art/art history courses. Art SIP talks usually take place almost every week in Spring Quarter. Come see what kinds of work other students are doing (and there's usually a reception with food afterward!). The Art Hop downtown often features work by students (as well as other members of the K College community and the greater Kalamazoo community).

What would you miss the most if you were no longer a part of this department?

I would miss making art for homework. It takes a lot of time and dedication, but I can't imagine doing anything else.

What are your career aspirations/next steps after K?

The year after K I plan on working and applying to various MFA programs.

What has been the biggest surprise you have encountered at K?

The variety of students who take art classes. Students are not afraid to pursue interests outside of their majors.

How does your department connect to your other interests and activities?

Creating, studying and learning to talk or write about art can help foster skills that are useful in other areas of study.

What has been your favorite class at K? Why?

I really enjoyed Printmaking which I took as a first-year. There was one sophomore in the class and the rest were seniors. At first I was a little intimidated, but it ended up being a great class and I got a lot out of it.

What is your SIP?

My SIP will be a Studio Art SIP which entails creating a body of work for a solo exhibition in the Spring.
