

COURTNEY WINDHAM

Curriculum Vitae | Professor of Graphic Design, Auburn University
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EDUCATION

2009 | Master of Fine Art in Graphic Design
The Savannah College of Art and Design | Savannah, Georgia

2004 | Bachelor of Fine Art in Illustration
The Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, Rhode Island

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010–25 | Courtney Windham Design | Auburn, Alabama
Designer—Branding, Advertising, Web, Motion

2010–12 | Vista Branding, LLC | Atlanta, Georgia
Designer—Branding, Advertising, Web, Motion

2004–07 | Taylor Box Company | Warren, Rhode Island
Package Designer, Marketing Specialist

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026–Current | Professor of Graphic Design
2017–25 | Associate Professor of Graphic Design
2012–17 | Assistant Professor of Graphic Design
School of Industrial + Graphic Design | Auburn, Alabama

PUBLICATIONS

2025 | *Discovering the Design Process: Into the Beautiful Mess*
by Courtney Windham and Margaret Fletcher; Published by
Routledge Publishers

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS | INTERNATIONAL

2025 | Graphis Poster Design Annual: Gold Award for Creative
Encounters Poster Series; Collaboration with Mario Boncanegra

2025 | Graphis Poster Design Annual: Honorable Mention for
Graphic Design Minor Motion Poster

2025 | United States International Poster Biennial (USIPB):
Both Creative Encounters Poster Series + Graphic Design Minor
Motion Poster accepted into the international exhibition

2025 | International Design Awards (IDA) 2025; Silver Award in
Advertising/Promotion/Posters for Creative Encounters posters

2025 | Creative Quarterly Journal #81: Winner in the
Professional Design Category for the Graphic Design Minor
Motion Poster

2024 | Creative Quarterly Journal #77: Creative Encounters
Poster Series; Collaboration with Mario Boncanegra; Runner-up
in Professional Design Category

2023 | Graphis Design Annual: Silver Award for Auburn
University Rural Studio Identity and Style Guide Booklet

2023 | Graphis Design Annual: Merit Award for 2022 Graphic
Design Juried Student Show Poster Animation

2022 | Annual UCDA Design Competition: Gold Award for
Auburn University Rural Studio Identity and Style Guide

2022 | Creative Quarterly Journal #67: Auburn University Rural
Studio Identity and Style Guide; Winner in Professional Design
Category & Published in Journal

2022 | Graphis Design Annual: Merit Award for 2021 Graphic
Design Juried Student Show Poster Animation

2021 | Graphis Design Annual: Silver Award for 2020 Graphic
Design Juried Student Show Poster Animation & Merit Award
for Poster

2021 | Creative Quarterly Journal #64: Winner in Professional
Design Category & Published in Journal

2021 | Creative Quarterly Journal #63: Runner-up in Professional
Design Category for 2021 Graphic Design Juried Student Show
Poster

2020 | 50th Annual UCDA Design Competition: Excellence
Award for 2020 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster &
Animations

2020 | Graphis Poster Design Annual: Merit Award for 2019
Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2019 | 49th Annual UCDA Design Competition: Excellence Award
for 2019 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2018 | Graphis Poster Design Annual: Merit Award for 2017
Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2018 | 48th Annual UCDA Design Competition: Excellence Award
for 2018 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2018 | Creative Quarterly Journal #52: Winner in Professional
Design Category & Published in Journal

2017 | Graphis Poster Design Annual: Merit Award for 2016
Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2017 | IDA International Design Awards: Honorable Mention for
2017 Graphic Design Student Show Poster

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2017 | HOW Promotion & Marketing Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2017 Graphic Design Student Show Poster

2016 | 46th Annual UCDA Design Competition: Gold Award for Third Thursday Poetry Broadside Series 02

2016 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design, Journal #44: Runner-up in Professional Design Category and Published in Online Gallery

2016 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design / Journal #43: Runner-up in Professional Fine Art Category and Published in Online Gallery

2016 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design / Journal #41: Winner in Professional Graphic Design Category and Published in Issue #41

2015 | Creativity International: 45th Media & Interactive Awards: (1) Platinum Award/Best in Category for Courtney Windham Design Website; (2) Silver Award for Designing Green & Graphic Design Promotional Video

2015 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design / Journal #39: Winner in Fine Art Category and five collages published in Magazine

2015 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design / Journal #38: Runner-Up Award and Published in Online Gallery

2015 | Graphis Design Annual: (1) Merit Award for The School of Industrial + Graphic Design Brochure; (2) Merit Award for the 2014 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

2014 | Creative Quarterly: The Journal of Art and Design / Journal #36: Two Runner-Up Awards and Published in Online Gallery

2014 | Creativity International: 44th Media & Interactive Awards: (1) Silver Award for Auburn Graphic Design Tool Share Video; (2) Honorable Mention Award for Auburn Graphic Design Program Video

2014 | 44th Annual UCDA Design Competition: (1) Excellence Award for School of Industrial + Graphic Design Promotion; (2) Excellence Award for Graphic Design Tool Share Multimedia Campaign; (3) Excellence Award for 2014 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

2014 | IDA: International Design Awards: Bronze Award for the 2014 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS | NATIONAL

2024 | GDUSA In-House Design Awards: Excellence Award for Kaleidoscope Auburn Design Show Branding; Published in magazine and online

2022 | GDUSA InHouse Design Awards: Excellence Award for Auburn University Rural Studio Identity and Style Guide Booklet; Published in magazine and online

2021 | GDUSA InHouse Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2021 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster

2019 | GDUSA InHouse Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2019 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster; Published in magazine and online

2018 | PRINT Regional Design Awards / Excellence Award and published in the PRINT + HOW book titled *The Best of Graphic Design : The Editors of How and Print Bring You the Year's Most Important New Work*; Estimated Release Date September 2019

2017 | GDUSA Magazine: Named an "Educator-to-Watch" in the inaugural selection of educators; featured in the article and on the cover of the magazine.

2017 | GDUSA American Web Design Awards: Excellence Award for Women of Auburn Industrial + Graphic Design, womenofauidgd.com

2017 | HOW Promotion & Marketing Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2017 Graphic Design Student Show Poster

2016 | GDUSA American Web Design Awards: Excellence Award Courtney Windham Design, courtneywindhamdesign.com

2015 | PRINT Regional Design Awards (75th Anniversary Edition); Excellence Award for Graphic Design Show & Designing Green Promotion

2015 | HOW In-House Design Awards: Outstanding Achievement Award for 2015 Graphic Design and Designing Green Promotion

2014 | Print Regional Design Awards: (1) Excellence Award for School of Industrial + Graphic Design Promotion; (2) Excellence Award for Auburn Graphic Design Tool Share Campaign

2014 | HOW In-House Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2014 Graphic Design and Designing Green Poster

2014 | GDUSA American In-House Design Awards: (1) Excellence Awards for School of Industrial + Graphic Design Promotion; (2) Excellence Award for 2014 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

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2014 | American Graphic Design & Advertising Awards #29: (1) Excellence Awards for School of Industrial + Graphic Design Promotion; (2) Excellence Award for 2014 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

2013 | GDUSA American In-House Design Awards: Excellence Award for 2013 Graphic Design & Designing Green Poster

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022-24 | Fannie Mae Grant titled *Small High-Efficiency Home Pipeline Partnership Development* with the Auburn University Rural Studio Front Porch Initiative Team (PIs and Co-PIs: Rusty Smith, Mackenzie Stagg, Betsy Farrell Garcia; Served as Graphic Designer; Year 7—\$868,071.00; Year 6—\$868,071.00; Year 5—\$903,071.00

2022 | College of Architecture, Design and Construction SEED Grant Extension: Awarded \$4,864.00; CO-PIs—Courtney Windham, Margaret Fletcher

2021 | College of Architecture, Design and Construction SEED Grant: Awarded \$4,848.00; CO-PIs—Courtney Windham, Margaret Fletcher

2018-21 | PAIR Grant with the Auburn University Rural Studio; Titled “*Communication is Key: Unlocking Home Affordability & Prosperity in Rural America*”; Awarded approx \$3,500,000; PI: Rusty Smith + Interdisciplinary Team at Auburn University; Served as Graphic Designer on Visual Communications Team

2018 | Alabama State Council on the Arts Design Fellowship Awarded \$5,000; PI—Courtney Windham

2016 | Auburn University, Daniel F. Breeden Endowed Grant Awarded \$1,902; PI—Courtney Windham

2013 | College of Architecture, Design and Construction SEED Grant: Awarded \$3,750; PI—Courtney Windham

EXHIBITIONS

2025 | Kinetic Orchid mobile exhibited in Creative Showcase at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art | Auburn, Alabama

2023 | Counter Balance Kinetic Mobiles exhibited at Opelika Arthaus in April and November in gallery space

2022 | UCDA Design Conference Exhibition | Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico

2021 | Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art: Faculty Exhibition Number Seven

2019 | Alabama State Council on the Arts Exhibition | RSA Tower Gallery in Montgomery, AL

2019 | UCDA Design Conference Exhibition | Portland, Oregon

2018 | UCDA Design Conference Exhibition | Grand Rapids, Michigan

2018 | SHOWCASE Creative Research Exhibition at Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art | Auburn, Alabama

2016 | UCDA Design Conference Exhibition | San Antonio, Texas

2016 | Jule Collins Smith Museum of Art: Third Thursday Poetry Broadside Exhibition

2015 | Signs of the Times: Juried Broadside Exhibition: North Dakota State University, Department of Visual Arts

SELECT WORK IN PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

2014-22 | University and College Designers Association Annual Archives: All award winning pieces (7) are archived at the Kent State University Special Collections

SELECT WORK IN PUBLICATIONS | INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL

2025 | *Mastering Type Book* (Second Edition) by Denise Bosler: Book will feature the 2022 Graphic Design Juried Student Show Poster + Rural Studio Style Guide Booklet

2018 | PRINT + HOW book titled *The Best of Graphic Design: The Editors of How and Print Bring You the Year's Most Important New Work*—Estimated Release Date September 2019

2016 | LogoLounge Volume 9 (Rockport Publishers)

2015 | 500 Tangled Artworks: A Showcase of Inspired Illustrated Designs (Quarry Books)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2012–25 | UCDA: University & College Designers Association: Member

2012–20 | AIGA: The Professional Association for Design: Member and Faculty Advisor to Auburn Student Group