

# JESSICA D. ANDREWS

Artist &  
Educator

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## EDUCATION

Bachelors of Fine Arts in Art Education  
Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)  
Richmond, VA | 2012-2016

## CERTIFICATION

Visual Arts PreK -12  
Virginia Board of Education

## EXPERIENCE

Contract Employment | 2015 - Present

Smithsonian Associates, Smithsonian Institution | Washington, DC

**Interim Manager**, Smithsonian Summer Camp | 2017 - Present

- Screen program proposals, schedule camp themes and write descriptions pre-season
- Interview, hire, schedule, and train instructors, interview and schedule volunteers
- Provide curricular support and research museum connections for instructors

**Online Instructor**, Smithsonian Virtual Adventures | 2020 - 2021

- Develop, design, and instruct live, online five-day curricula for elementary students
- Collaborate with co-teachers on curriculum, activities connected to Smithsonian
- Manage Zoom meeting rooms of up to 45 children
- Facilitate online discussions, games, group activities, and remote art making

**Interim Manager**, Smithsonian Virtual Adventures | 2020 - 2021

- Coordinate inaugural year-round program calendar and teaching team
- Update web and print media, design and distribute e-communication
- Provide technical support in Zoom during live Virtual Adventures sessions

**Instructor**, Smithsonian Summer Camp | 2015 - 2019

- Collaboratively developed, designed, and instructed week-long curricula for grades K-9
- Compiled supply lists, provided safe and inclusive classroom space
- Organized, supervised, and facilitated daily field trips to Smithsonian museums

**DIY Educator** | 2017

Maryland Science Center | Baltimore, MD

- Facilitated hands-on/DIY activities with guests in a makerspace environment
- Maintained makerspace equipment and tools; set up and broke down weekly activities
- Interacted with school groups, families to further visitor engagement and ensure safety

**Contracted Art Instructor** | 2016 - 2017

Art With A Heart (AWAH) | Baltimore, MD

- Implemented integrated art lesson plans for classes of up to 30 students aged 2-16
- Coordinated with site leaders, assistants, volunteers, and teachers at four sites
- Evaluated lesson success and student progress in weekly reports to AWAH management

**Student Teacher** | 2016

Lucille M. Brown Middle School, IB Program | G.H. Reid Elementary School

Richmond City Public Schools (RCPS) | Richmond, VA

- Designed and instructed four- to six-week-long art units for students in grades K-8
- Exhibited student work at Richmond Fine Arts Festival, VCU, and RCPS
- Modeled idea development and safe handling of materials and graded artworks

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Active Professional Member

National Art Education Association | Maryland Art Education Association

Co-Presenter, "Developing Your Teaching Practice Through International Learning"  
Virginia Art Education Association Conference | 2014