# karalynnbressler

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## **EDUCATION**

## Princeton University | NJ

2015 - 2019

- Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Engineering; Certificate in Visual Arts / Graphic Design
- Selected coursework: Computer Graphics, Advanced Computer Graphics, Typography, Gestalt, Interface Design

## Community School of Naples | FL

2011 - 2015

Valedictorian, Activities: President of Math Club and Art Club, Varsity Basketball, Programming Team

#### Schrenk Photography Institute | FL

2010 - 2015

College-level intensive photography program taught by University of Miami faculty

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

# DreamWorks Animation, Feature Film | Lighting Technical Director

Fall 2019 - present

- Debugging issues with pipeline and lighting/compositing software for Crood 2 lighting artists | Houdini, Nuke
- Programming tools to streamline department workflows | Python

#### SIGGRAPH | Student Volunteer

**Summer 2019** 

# Microsoft, Windows Core | Technical PM Intern

**Summer 2018** 

- Spearheaded effort creating compelling visual integration of 3D models in Windows compositor
- Researched and helped implement 3D lighting scenarios for public-facing Windows.UI.Composition API
- Developed applications to demo 3D lighting scenarios and evangelize API contributions | C#, XAML

#### Dexter Sinister / O-R-G | Graphic Designer

2018 - 2019

Designed printed layouts / developed graphic work for 3D mock-ups at small NYC studio | Processing, Python

## **Outdoor Action | Outdoor Educator**

2016 - 2019

- Led ten, week-long canoe and backpacking trips focused on soft skills and experiental leadership development
- Collaboriatively developed curriculum and taught courses in Leave No Trace ethics and Wilderness First Aid

# Microsoft, Al and Research | Software Engineering Intern

Summer 2017

- Developed extension for Jupyter Notebook open source community | Python, JavaScript
- Created design and spec for tool onboarding access to deep learning GPU cluster

#### **SKILLS**

Graphics Software | Houdini, Nuke, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Lightroom, Processing, Rhino, Glyphs Languages | Python, Java, C++, GLSL

## INDEPENDENT PROJECTS

**Topography Typography** | letterform detection and typeface creation from arbitrary satellite imagery | Python, TensorFlow **Photon Mapping** | implemented global illumination algorithm including caustics and a participating medium | C++ **Fur Rendering** | implemented fur shader for arbitrary surfaces in real-time with shaders and fins algorithm | Three.js, GLSL **Snowflakes** | programmatically-generated snowflakes accompanying logic for patterns by NYC-based artist | Processing

# RECENT EXHIBITIONS

**Light Shards** | site-specific series of murals serving as documentation of ephemeral sunlight patterns | Princeton University | 2019 **CAUSTICS** | solo thesis exhibition engaging with data collection & embodied language | Hurley Gallery | 2019 **Public Lands, Private Hands** | typographic installation accompanying event elevating native voices | Lewis Arts Complex | 2019

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

Lucas Award in Visual Arts | Princeton University | 2019

Creative Leadership Award for Facilitation | Princeton Office of the Dean of Undergraduate Students | 2019

Book Award for Studies in Media Theory | Princeton German Department | 2019

Best Poster for Independent Work Research | Princeton Computer Science Department | 2018

Berl & Berl Senior Thesis Research Award | Princeton Lewis Center for the Arts | 2018

Gold Key for Visual Artwork | Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards | 2015

Jane N. Reidel College Scholarship | The von Liebig Art Center | 2014

Juried Grand Prize Winner | Visual Voices International Photography Exhibit | 2013