MFA in Illustration & Visual Culture

Website: https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-art/mfa-in-illustration-and-visual-culture

Faculty

Our faculty (https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/people/faculty/?filter=2) are practicing artists and designers who engage in projects internationally, nationally and regionally. They exhibit their work in museums, galleries and other venues. They engage a variety of audiences, receive critical review in periodicals, publish their own writing and produce documentaries. Others produce site-specific performances and lead community-based programs. Their range of creative practice spans conceptual and media territories that include art and social practice, propaganda and print media, figurative painting, and cinematic, time-based work including sound and digital film-making, book arts and large-scale sculptural installations. Students often have the opportunity to assist faculty members with studio-based work and research that addresses timely and relevant topics, including race, global politics, the environment, art + science, evolving technologies, social justice, and materials culture and studies.

Visiting Lecturers

The school brings nationally and internationally recognized artists, designers, historians and critics to campus to promote new ideas in practice, theory and technology. Invited speakers (https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/academics/college-of-art/mfa-in-illustration-and-visual-culture/visitors/) often participate in graduate studio visits and conduct one-on-one reviews of work. The Henry L. and Natalie E. Freund Teaching Fellowship (https://samfoxschool.wustl.edu/collaborations/freund-teaching-fellowship/) is an internationally recognized program that consists of two month-long artist residencies in the Graduate School of Art that culminate with a public lecture and solo exhibition at The Saint Louis Art Museum. During their fellowship, artists teach the graduate students and conduct studio critiques with students. The Arthur L. and Sheila Prensky Island Press (https://islandpress.samfoxschool.wustl.edu/) Visiting Artist Program brings distinguished artists to the school for intensive studio residencies at Island Press. Visiting artists work closely with faculty, graduate students and advanced undergraduate students to create innovative prints that garner a critical response from national and international audiences.