

# ROBERT S WIGGS

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## SKILLS, ABILITIES & EDUCATION

I am a professional artist who has been teaching high school for 19 years. The main thrust of my various efforts has been to raise the level of cultural understanding, aesthetic inquiry and achievement in our community by combining a solid drawing foundation with traditional mediums, innovative technology and high-level thinking.

### UTEP

60 HOURS, 1988 TO 1990

3.25 GPA, visual art major

### SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

48 HOURS, 1990 TO 1992

Passing (Pass/Fail grading) visual art major

### WESTERN TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

WELDING PROGRAM

Welding certification in mild steel plate.

4.0 GPA

### NMSU

BFA IN DRAWING 1997 TO 1999

3.85 GPA, 3x Dean's List

### UTEP

TEACHING CERTIFICATE 2003 TO 2004

3.9 GPA

### SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY

MASTERS OF STUDIO ART PROGRAM

Enrolled in Master's program since 2019. Will graduate in May 2023.

4.0 GPA

## EXPERIENCE

### ART TEACHER - AUSTIN H.S. - EPISD

08/2003 TO PRESENT

All levels high school art, including AP. 4 years Department Head experience. Specialization in 2D – drawing, painting, printmaking, digital art and digital photography. My pedagogic efforts are deeply informed and guided by a lifelong and continuing study of art history and genocide studies.

### GRAPHICS TECHNICIAN/SUPERVISOR - El Paso Zoo (City of El Paso)

03/2001 TO 08/2003

Responsible for creating educational and informative graphics for animals. Also created safety signage and other specialized projects. Techniques used included drawing, painting, engraving, photography (digital and darkroom), use of Corel and Photoshop, Use of specialized printers and vinyl plotters, welding, ceramics and silk-screening. Coordinated with outside vendors to procure graphic products when necessary. Fulfilled graphics submissions/orders/requests from both zookeepers and supervisors. Occasionally did work

for outside agencies (like the Mayor's office). This department was recognized as "an exceptional and unique asset" by the AZA.

#### **FREELANCE ART CRITIC/REVIEWER**

02/2000 TO 07/2008

Wrote art exhibition reviews for both Stanton Street (Beto O'Rourke's print publication) and NewspaperTree.com.

#### **EXHIBITIONS & AWARDS**

March 2023	<i>Texas Mill Series</i> , Marfa Spirit Co., Marfa, TX.
January 2022	<i>RE: return, reckoning, redemption</i> . Masters of Studio Art exhibition, Sul Ross State University Francois Art Gallery
August 2022	<i>Printmaker's Ball</i> , group show, TOMA Gallery, El Paso, TX.
November 2021	<i>Alpine Artwalk</i> , Sul Ross Graduate Art Representative
July to Sept. 2020.	<i>Inaugural Show</i> , EPISD Stanton Street Gallery
April to May 2020	Participated with my students in <a href="#">Lee Mingwei's Letter to Oneself</a> . My letter is the first one featured in the video (by Shane) and several of my students' letters were also read. Pictures documenting the letters in the exhibition feature our work as well.
November 2019	<i>Alpine Artwalk</i> , Sul Ross Graduate Art Representative
May 2018	<a href="#">Outstanding Educator Award/Grant, Presented by the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission</a>
October 2016	<i>Youth for Christ Invitational Auction</i> , First Baptist Church, El Paso, TX
Feb. to March 2016	<i>EPISD Faculty Show</i> , International Museum of Art, El Paso, TX
Sept. to Oct 2016	<i>Postcards</i> – University Art Gallery, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM
Aug. to Sept. 2016	<i>West Elm Local Art Program</i> – West Elm, The Fountains, El Paso, TX
May 2015	<i>Arte Maestro</i> – El Paso Community College
March to April 2015	<i>EPISD Faculty Show</i> , International Museum of Art, El Paso, TX

June to Sept. 2012	<i>Inquisitive Eyes: El Paso Museum of Art from 1960 to 2012.</i> My work was featured in a major overview of modern art that included works by Robert Rauschenberg, Sam Reveles, Ray Parish, Robert Carlson, Adrian Esparza and many other artists.
Dec. 2010 to Jan. '11	<i>Urbanidade</i> – Solo Show, Galeria Colorida, 63 Costa Do Castelo, Lisbon, Portugal
July to Aug. 2008	<i>Staycation</i> – exhibit with Rudy Royval at Forum Arts and Culture El Paso, TX
August to October 2006	<i>Space Available Art Gallery</i> , El Paso, TX. Grand opening and Exhibition 1.
July 2006	<i>ArtLab Exhibition</i> – Kansas City Art Institute, H & R Block Artspace on 41 <sup>st</sup>
April 2004	<i>Inaugural Show</i> – Shine Gallery, El Paso, TX. Featuring Ray Parish, Adrian Esparza, Keith Spencer, and R. Shane Wiggs.
March to June 2004	<i>Borderlands</i> – Group exhibition at the El Paso Museum of Art featuring newly acquired works from regional artists. My work was reviewed in ARTL!ES Texas Art Journal <a href="#">here</a> and <a href="#">here</a> .
Nov. 2001 to Jan. 2002	<i>Drawing Machines, Machine Drawings</i> – Exhibition of my largescale drawings paired with <a href="#">Dave Ford's</a> kinetic drawing sculptures at the Bridge Center for Contemporary Art, El Paso
Dec. 1999 to Jan. 2000	<i>BFA Exhibition</i> , University Art Gallery, NMSU, Las Cruces, NM
April to May 1996	<i>Sacred and the Passionate</i> , Bridge Center for Contemporary Art, El Paso
1990 – 1992	Performance art at various Chicago venues including but not limited to the Randolph Street Gallery, Café Voltaire, Lower Links and public spaces
1988 – 1990	<i>Art Against AIDS</i> and <i>Student Art Exhibition</i> , Glass Gallery, UTEP

Art 2, Drawing 1  
Art 2, Digital Art  
Art 2, Digital Photography  
Art 2, Painting  
Art 2, Printmaking  
Art 3, Drawing 2  
Art 3, Digital Art 2  
Art 3 Digital Photography 2  
Art 3, Painting 2  
Art 3, Printmaking 2  
Advanced Placement Art 2D  
Advanced Placement Art Drawing  
Dual Credit Art Appreciation

In addition to the above-listed courses, I am extremely well versed in art history and genocide studies. If needed, I can create specialized courses in art history including but not limited to contemporary art, Asian Art, 19<sup>th</sup> century French art, Renaissance/Baroque art, Non-objective art, conceptual art, Impact of World Wars on Art, etc., etc.

**WORKSHOPS,  
PRESENTATIONS,  
AND OTHER  
ARTISTIC  
ENDEAVORS**

[Memory Project Productions](#)

El Paso Holocaust Museum

El Paso Independent School District, Professional Development

Review of the digital art of [PALLA](#)

**COLLECTIONS**

City of El Paso, MCAD collection

El Paso Museum of Art

Private Collections

**COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

Youth for Christ

Panthers for Christ

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Cielo Vista Church