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EDUCATION

Current: 2012- Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Helsinki,
Department of Media, Doctoral programme in Visual Communication Design
Expected graduating as Doctor of Arts (DA): Autumn 2020
Research topic: The Cycle of Creative Resources: Creative wellbeing and the complexity of the
creative process from the perspective of Finnish picturebook illustrators

2013 Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge School of Art, Cambridge
Exchange studies at the Center for Children's Book Studies. Spring semester 2013.

2007-2009 University of Arts and Design Helsinki, Department of Art, Master's programme in Art Education
Degree: Master of Arts (MA)
Final thesis subject: Study about the process of illustrating a picturebook
Degree of the thesis: 5/5

2004-2007 University of Arts and Design Helsinki, Department of Art, Bachelor's programme in Art Education
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (BA)
Final thesis subject: Study about the self-drawn paperdolls of my childhood
Degree of the thesis: 5/5

2002-2004 Helsinki Polytechnic Stadia, Helsinki, Degree programme in New Media Design
Target degree: Bachelor of Culture and Arts, Online Communications and Graphic Design

1997-2000 Lahti College of Arts and Crafts, Lahti, Degree programme in Graphic Design
Degree: Vocational qualification in audiovisual communications, Graphic Design
Final thesis subject: Study about illustrating a pop-up book for adults
Degree of the thesis: 5/5

1997-2000 High School of Salinkallio, Lahti
Degree: Matriculation Examination

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current: 2007- Illustrator and Mentor, www.lauravalajarvi.com
Working as an illustrator and mentoring other creative professionals

Illustration clients: Finnish Post Group Ltd, Werner Söderström Ltd, Karisto Ltd, Minerva Publishing
Ltd, Metsämörriohjaajat Ltd, Suomen Latu Ry, Karelian Juvenile Organization, Tuomarila Family Health
Care Center, Putinki Ltd, Embassy of Finland in Paris

Current: 2014- University Teacher and Lecturer, Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Department of Media

In charge of the MA theses process, Autumn 2020

- Degree programme: Visual Communication Design

Designing and being in charge of the following courses:

- Illustration Studio, 2020

Degree programme: Visual Communication Design

- Illustration Minor Illustrada, 2015-2016

Degree programme: All degree programmes of School of Arts, Design and Architecture

Visiting lecturer:

- Hybrid narrative, 2014, 2015, Visual Communication Design
- Discourse in design, 2017, Visual Communication Design

Examiner and supervisor of Master's and Bachelor's Theses

2011-2015 Lecturer, Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Department of Art

Designing and being in charge of the following courses:

- Professional Artist Survival Kit, 2011-2015

Degree programme: Art Education

- Art Meets Business, 2012

Degree programme: All degree programmes of School of Arts, Design and Architecture and Aalto University School of Economics

Visiting lecturer:

- Course: How Not to Starve - professional and life skills for artists, 2012, Environmental Art

Examiner and supervisor of Master's and Bachelor's Theses

Semester 2012, Art Teacher, Annantalo Arts Center, Helsinki

Teacher of Animation

November 2011, Art Teacher, North Karelia College, Outokumpu

Teacher of Illustration

2007-2008, Art Teacher, Mini Lions Club, Espoo

Teacher of Film Making

2002 - 2003, Art Director, Filmitoollisuus Ltd., Helsinki

Working as an Art Director for various Television Programs and Live TV Shows.

2001, Graphic Designer, Funny-Films Ltd., Helsinki

Working as a Graphic Designer for various Television Programs and Live TV Shows.

OTHER ASSIGNMENTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Designing and executing Illustrator Living in Global Village seminar and Nordic Illustration Seminar Series

Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Helsinki, 20.5.2016 and Spring-Autumn 2016

Designing and executing Illustrator as an Author seminar

Aalto University School of Arts, Design and Architecture, Department of Media, 28.11.2014

Visiting lecturer for Master and Doctoral Students of Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge School of Art, 2016

Lecture title: What's your story? Narrative interview as a tool for understanding creative practice

Member of the Board, The Finnish Illustration Association, 2014-2017

BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS AND DESIGNS

- Ruben ja kadonneet karaatit, 2014, WSOY, illustrated novel
- Iivari-tonttu karkuteillä, 2013, WSOY, picturebook
- Ruben ja ratikkaralli, 2013, WSOY, illustrated novel
- Ruben ja Harman kartano, 2012, WSOY, illustrated novel
- Mennään sirkukseen, 2012, Minerva Kustannus Oy, illustrated nonfiction
- Prinsessa Wilhelmiina ja kohtalon lantti, 2012, WSOY, picturebook
- Ruben ja rouva Mallamudin tapaus, 2011, WSOY, illustrated novel
- Suomen lasten linnakirja, 2011, Minerva Kustannus Oy, illustrated nonfiction
- Hirviökäsikirja, 2010, Karisto Oy, illustrated nonfiction
- Kulta, voisitko syöstä tulta?, 2010, WSOY, picturebook
- Eskarilainen mörrimetsässä, 2009, Suomen Latu Ry, illustrated guidebook
- Ohjeita lohikäärmeiden kasvattajille, 2009, WSOY, picturebook
- Vain lapsille, 2008, self published, picturebook
- Hui hui Huikkolaan, 2007, Karjalainen Nuorisoliitto, illustrated poem collection

EXHIBITIONS

- Curated Illustration Exhibition: Tarinoiden puisto, Virka Galleria, Helsinki, 2014 - 2015, 2017
- Curated Illustration Exhibition: Mikkeli 10th Illustration Triennial, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli, 2014
- Illustration Exhibition: Finnish Picturebook Store, Helsinki, 2012
- Curated Illustration Exhibition: Mikkeli 9th Illustration Triennial, Mikkeli Art Museum, Mikkeli, 2011
- Curated Illustration Exhibition: Pro Children's Literature Association, Ebeneser House, Helsinki, 2011
- Illustration Exhibition: Annantalo Arts Centre, Helsinki, 2009

AWARDS, MERITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Helsinki Book Fair, Winner of the Voting for the Most Beautiful Book Cover, 2012

Omenapuu laulaa, 2012, Karisto Ltd

Turku Book Fair, Winner of the Voting for the Most Beautiful Book Cover, 2012

Omenapuu laulaa, 2012, Karisto Ltd

Best picturebook by the Children's Jury, Rudolf Koivu Award, 2011

Ohjeita lohikäärmeiden kasvattajille, 2009, WSOY

Turku Book Fair, Winner of the Voting for the Most Beautiful Book Cover, 2011

Suomen lasten linnakirja, 2010, Minerva Publishing Ltd