**Jeff J Distefano**

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**Education:**

* Received Bachelor of Fine Arts from University of Louisiana at Lafayette, 1999.
* Received Master of Fine Arts from Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2004.

**Educational Honors:**

* Received Jefferson Caffery Scholarship for full tuition to University of Louisiana at Lafayette
* National Merit Finalist
* Graduated from ULL Cum Laude
* Member of ULL University Honors Program

**Relevant Skills/Training**

* Attended Chicago Art Institute Teacher's Institute – summer 2012
* **Received Florida Teaching Certification – Art K-12 – 2009**
* **Attended International Art Baccalaureate Training – 2007**
* **Proficient in Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator**

**Work Experience:**

* instructor in the International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement programs at Rickards High School (Tallahassee) 2007 – present (taught IB and AP advanced art classes, AP Art History, and numerous 2-D and 3-D foundation courses in the general school). Sponsor of Art Club and PeaceJam service organization.
* co-director of Edgewood Gallery artist space in Railroad Square, Tallahassee, 2007-2009 - helped to organize exhibitions of several area artists as well as basic maintenance of the space.
* adjunct art instructor at Tallahassee Community College, 2004 to 2007 (taught Beginning Illustration)
* adjunct art instructor at Florida State University, 2003- 2004 (taught Drawing I)
* part of curatorial team for Florida State University's upcoming Generations Art Show, 2011-present
* member of Acadiana Arts Council’s Bright New Worlds Program – (program to bring more arts instruction into lower income schools) worked on various art projects at local schools from 2000 -2001
* taught art to kindergarten through second grade at Canal Elementary in Jeanerette, Louisiana, 2001 -2002

**EXHIBITION RECORD:**

**Group Show** -Artist Alliance – Lafayette, Louisiana – March 1998

**One Person Show** - Café 101 - Lafayette, Louisiana – May 1998

**Bachelor of Fine Arts Show** – University of Louisiana at Lafayette – April 1999

**One Person Show** – Café Rue Vermillion – Lafayette, Louisiana – October 2000

**Group Show** – Gallery 549 – Lafayette, Louisiana – April 2001

**Bright New Worlds Group Show** – Acadiana Arts Council – Lafayette, Louisiana – September 2001

**New Works - MFA Group Show** – MFA gallery – Florida State University- Tallahassee, Florida - October 2002

**Rollins Juried Show** – Oglesby Gallery – Florida State University- Tallahassee, Florida –March 2003

**All Florida Show** – University of South Florida – Tampa, Florida – March 2003

**UF – FSU Show** – Cedar Keys – Cedar Keys, Florida, April 2003

**Master of Fine Arts Show** – Florida State University MFA Gallery – Tallahassee, Florida- April 2004

**Out of Pocket – Small Works Show** – Gadsden Art Center - Quincy, Florida – April 2005

**Tallahassee Community College – Faculty Show** – Tallahassee, Florida – September 2005

**Seminar Presents** – Group Show - Railroad Square, Tallahassee– June 2006

**Tallahassee Community College** – Faculty Show – Tallahassee, Florida – August 2006

**Edgewood Gallery - several group exhibitions throughout time as co-director (2007-2009) – Railroad Square, Tallahassee**

**Group Exhibition (with Chris Baldridge, John Mann)– Thomasville Cultural Center - Thomasville, Georgia - April 2010**

**Freak Scene (solo exhibition) – Tallahassee Community College – January 2013**