

Higher Education Art Educator of the Year

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Amy Ruopp is the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, The Chair of the Art Education Department and an Associate Professor at the College for Creative studies. Amy is a champion of strong art and design pedagogical skills celebrating teaching and curriculum design as an art practice unto itself.

As an A/R/Tographer of 30 years, Amy performs her creative and pedagogical scholarship through the three discrete yet interconnected lenses of the artist, researcher, and teacher.

Her artistic practice as research focuses on:

- (1) exploring disruptive visual research methodologies, which challenge traditional paradigms of knowledge acquisition, and
- (2) developing innovative theoretically based art education curriculums which value both verbal and visual literacies.

As an artist, Amy's work is theoretical in nature as she makes visual the complexities of her academic research. The conversation and dialogues between visual and verbal literacies celebrate art education as academically rigorous, elevating the significance and power of visual knowing.

Amy, "has the passion and work ethic we value in art education while also possessing a willingness to help and support others...Amy graciously served as a peer-mentor during my sabbatical, helping me to stay focused...While we in higher education get hired to teach and conduct research, little is said about the important role peer-mentorship plays in helping each of us to stay motivated and inspired. Amy took the time to reach out and support me at a critical time in my professional career." - Dr. Cam McComb

"Amy's extensive experience with curriculum design has been an asset to the Art Education Program and CCS. She has strengthened the current teacher preparation program, increasing retention and enrollment." - Tim Flattery Provost

