



LAQUANN DAWSON

DESIGNER / PHOTOGRAPHER / WRITER

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WORK EXPERIENCE. +

ASSISTANT DESIGNER **Calvin Klein Collection - New York, NY**
(2017 - PRESENT)
Assist in development of handbags and accessories (runway and commercial). Update sketches, digital mock ups, tech pack and spec creation and maintenance, communicate with international factories, prepare presentation boards, trend research, create and maintain color cards, proto corrections, adjust artworks in Illustrator and Photoshop, etc.

DESIGNER **TKO Evolution - New York, NY**
(2016 - 2017)
Develop 30 sketches and 10 tech-packs weekly, stay up to date with market trends, work with a team of 5 to build a young men's knit and sweater brand. Maintain linesheets, file fabric strike-offs and comments, prepare color cards, proto fitting, etc. Clients include: TJMaxx, Burlington, Ross Stores, etc.

DESIGNER / PHOTOGRAPHER / ILLUSTRATOR ETC. **Freelance**
(2008 - PRESENT)
Communicate independently with clients to fulfill artistic and design needs. Self-brand and market. Heavily knowledgeable in Adobe Suites and with Nikon.

HEAD DESIGNER / ILLUSTRATOR **Kent State Student Media - Kent, OH**
(2013-2016)
Design 12-25 digital and print ads per week for 13+ media outlets. Build a 12 page newspaper daily and design fliers, logos, info-graphics and editorial illustrations on-demand. Train all new employees.

DIGITAL DESIGN TEACHER'S ASSISTANT **Elyria High School - Elyria, OH**
(2012-2013)
Instruct daily Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign lessons. Personally tutor 3-6 students outside of class so they do not fall behind.

EDUCATION. +

BACHELOR OF ARTS **New York University (NYU)**
(2016-2017)
80 credits
Double major in Africana Studies and Creative Writing. Developing creative writing skills. Emphasis on creating safe spaces and evaluating historical, contemporary, cultural and societal issues.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS **Kent State University (KSU)**
(2013 - 2016)
94 credits
Double major in Fashion Design and Visual Communication Design. Developing wide array of visual arts skills, design aesthetic and garment construction.

ACCOMPLISHMENT. +

Lamprophonic | Feature Performance Poet | 2017

Associated Collegiate Press | 2016
Advertising Award 1st Place Winner for Best House Ad | 2016

Pinnacle Award | 1st Place Winner for Best Editorial Illustration | 2016

Society19 | "10 Kent Student Bloggers You NEED to Follow" | 2016

Kent State University | "Changing the Future, One Student At A Time" | 2015

Scholastics | 2 Gold Keys, 2 Silver Keys and 6 Honorable Mentions | 2013

Governor's Award of Excellence | 2013

Chronicle Telegram | "Regular Kids Doing the Right Thing" | 2013

Congressional Art Competition Award | 2013

SKILLS. +

+ Adobe Suites (12+yrs)	+ Graphic Design
Photoshop	+ Digital Photography
Illustrator	+ Digital Illustration
InDesign	+ Photo Editing
Bridge	+ Painting
+ Creative Writing	+ Drawing
Poetry	+ Mixed Media Art
Fiction	+ Screen Printing
Essay	+ Sewing

CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP. +

AWP Conference - Association of Writers and Writing Programs - 2017

Preemptive Education Conference - Urban Word: Radical Joy & Self Love - 2016

BLOC Annual Conference - New York University - 2015

Screen Printing Workshop - Damn Fine Prints - Dublin, Ireland - 2015

Historical Printmaking/Literary Lessons Workshop - National College of Art and Design - London - 2015