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Biography

Megan is a native Chicagoland-ian, who came to Ypsilanti in 2005. They are an alum of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and has been a medical and biological illustrator since 2000. In addition, they completed their BS at EMU in 2009 and their PhD in Anatomy in 2012 at Wayne State School of

Medicine in Detroit. For ten years, they have been employed in the Department of Neurosurgery at the University of Michigan as their multi-media specialist and medical illustrator.

In April of 2023, they opened Ypsi Art Supply in downtown Ypsilanti, MI, an independent art supply and creative gift emporium for our incredible SE Michigan art community.

Megan spends a large amount of time collecting objects to draw, drawing them, listening to podcasts and audiobooks, petting cats, eating her husband's legendary pretzels with charcuterie and Michigan beer, loving on her son, and lifting heavy things and putting them back down.

Artist's Statement

Megan's work visually explores connections and blurs the lines and edges between our objects and ourselves. Boundaries are man-made; there are no beginnings or endings in nature. Anatomy, biology, chemistry – all science – supports this interconnectedness. We are pulled away from each other under false pretenses.

Their work celebrates this multiplicity through drawing and painting - structures, textures, forms, and often overlooked qualities are endless in their variety. Reveling in the extreme care that's required to render precise detail on paper in a combination of pencil, carbon dust, watercolor, and ink.

Megan is earnestly devoted to exploring the seemingly "everyday" and demonstrating that nothing in our world is even remotely commonplace.

Lastly, this work continuously seeks out community with a broad range of people as it builds a comprehensive body of images that tell our human story.

