



Illinois Art
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Nick Hostert

2021 Distinguished IAEA Member Awardee

Nick is a National Board-Certified educator who earned his MA in Art Education from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he was a Trustee Merit Scholar, and his Bachelor's from Illinois State University in 2003 as a Bone Scholar. He has taught visual and media arts for 17 years at Palatine High School, where he is the sponsor of Film Club, Photo Club, and NAHS, while coordinating many art exhibitions and events in the school community.

Nick is passionate about providing youth opportunities to receive recognition for their achievement and connect them to post-secondary opportunities. He has helped showcase 1000+ students annually who have received over \$292 million in scholarships combined since 2013 in his service to the Illinois High School Art Exhibition.

Nick's pedagogical expertise involves using contemporary artists to drive curriculum and instruction, and he explores intersections among visual media, critical art theory, and forced artistic failures in his practice. He guides an annual cohort of educators in these methodologies as lead facilitator of the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago's immersive Teacher Institute program. Nick has been published in *Studies in Art Education* and written chapters for three NAEA-published books: *Authentic Assessment for Reflective Practice by Teachers and Students*; *Connecting Creativity Research and Practice in Art Education*; and *Inter/Actions/Inter/Sections: Art Education in a Digital Visual Culture*.

Nick has been a member of the Illinois Art Education Association and the National Art Education Association since 2001. Nick has previously been recognized as the recipient of IAEA's Secondary Art Educator of the Year (2009) and President's Award. Nick has served as a leader in the IAEA as Youth Art Month Coordinator (2006-2011), Treasurer / Business Manager (2010-2017), and as President of the IAEA from 2019-2020.

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