

# Sam Drake-Flam

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2025 Grinnell College graduate with degrees in Gender, Women's Sexuality Studies and Studio Art. Highly motivated with intrapersonal and creative problem solving skills. Looking for a community based creative opportunity to apply and strengthen skills and grow work experience.

## SKILL

- Customer service
- Communication
- Organization
- Project management
- Creative problem solving
- Canva, Excel, and Microsoft proficiency

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Grinnell College Art SEPC— *Member*

August 2024-May 2025

- Collaborated with student organizations to orchestrate art events for the student body.
- Met with Grinnell College Art Department to discuss art student engagement and the BAX process.
- Headed BAX Exhibition Process
  - Selected Juror for the show.
  - Advertise and instruct the application process to students.
  - Curated BAX show and selected pieces from student submissions.
  - Managed drop off and pick up of exhibit pieces.

### Copper Country Community Arts Center— *Summer Intern*

July 2024- August 2024

- Managed the front desk of the Artists Market, Kerredge Gallery, and Youth Gallery, honing communication skills through navigating customers' purchases and questions.
- Assisted with de-installing and installing artwork in the Kerredge Gallery. .
- Headed community outreach attending local farmers markets 3 times a week, sharing about our service and leading activities such as cardmaking, crafts, and face-painting.

### Spokane Arts, Spokane Washington— *Summer Intern*

July 2023- August 2023

- Headed community outreach by tabling at a myriad of events throughout the community.
- Worked with cross-functional teams to complete administrative tasks on time, specifically proposal vetting for grants using discretion and detail-oriented dedication.
- Assisted with de-installing and installing artwork in the Chase Gallery.
- Provided mural maintenance in Downtown Spokane, using spray paint, varnish, and wash.

## **Brockit, Hancock MI— *Photographer's Assistant***

May 2021-December 2022

- Assisted clients in selecting poses, wardrobe, and created safe space for vulnerability and confidence during shoot.
- Planned and prepared locations in and out of the studio for shoots, including setting up appropriate props, backdrops, and lighting.

## **SHOWS**

### **Bachelor of Arts Exhibition (BAX), Grinnell IA— *Artist***

April-May 2025

- Organized, curated, and directed exhibit with fellow Grinnell art students.
- Displayed 5 pieces: *My Body Still Misses You*, *Red Sea*, *Pieced Together*, *Tea Time!*, *BOOBS*

### **Group Smith Show, Grinnell IA— *Artist***

December 2024

- “Light As a Feather” was a group show created by my ART-310 course in Fall 2024.
- My piece *Wear It* was featured, where I gave away a total of 200 wire rings, and 100 pairs of earrings to the public.

### **Smith Show, Grinnell IA— *Artist***

October 2023 November 2023

- Created and curated a solo show titled, *I Have a Body* that consisted of 4 works.
  - *BOOBS*, *The Vagina*, *I Have a Body Booklet (11 poems)*, Floor installation
- The show spoke to bodily trauma of sexual assault and having an abortion, and offered a space for people to be seen and heard, as well as access resources about abortions in IA and SA aid.

## **PUBLICATIONS /AWARDS**

### **2025 Winner of Louis Glenn Zirkle Memorial Prize for Sculpture**

### **The Grinnell Review 2025**

### **The Sequence Magazine 2022, 2025**

### **GUM Magazine 2021, 2022, 2025**

### **Lyrical Iowa Poetry 2022, 2023**

## **EDUCATION**

### **Grinnell College, Grinnell IA— *Degrees: Gender, Women's Sexuality Studies and Studio Art***

August 2021-May 2025

GPA: 3.90

Dean's List [Spring 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025]

### **Houghton High School—*High School Diploma***

July 2017- May 2021

GPA: 3.85

Honor Roll and NHS Member