

# Larisa Chavarria

## Education

- Western Kentucky University. BFA Graphic Design, BA Printmaking. Graduation 2008. GPA: 3.85
- Saint Paul College, Alajuela, Costa Rica. Honors.

## Honors and Awards

- Presidents list: Fall 2004-Spring 2008
- Jeff Jensen Scholarship for Graphic Design 2006-2007, 2007-2008
- Art Development Fund: 2007-2008
- Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship: 2003-2007
- Nominated for Graduating Senior Scholarship, 2008
- Selected for "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges", 2008
- Selected to represent the WKU's Art Department at the CPE offices in Frankfort, KY. 2008-2009
- 3rd Place in WKU 14th Annual Film and Video Festival, 2008
- Best of Show and Best Print in 45th Annual Student Art Competition 2006
- Honorable Mention in "2x2" sponsored by the Art Guild, 2006

## Related Skills

- Fluent: English, Spanish (written and spoken)
- Software: Adobe CS3: Photoshop, Illustrator, In Design, After Effects, Dreamweaver, Flash, Final Cut Pro, NewTek: LightWave, Modler, Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Powerpoint.
- PC and Mac Platforms
- Photography, web design, illustration, animation (including 3D), video production and editing.
- Responsible, self motivated, able to multi-task, excellent problem solving skills, and a strong attention to detail.

## Relevant Experience

- **Graphic Designer- Academic Technology (WKU)-** May 2006-May 2008. Services offered in Graphic Design, Video, Photography, Digital Signage, Animation, among other productions. Worked under limited supervision, with self initiative and relative design freedom. Responsible for creating fliers, brochures, logos, posters, and other print materials.
  - **Student Assistant- Bowling Green Public Library-** Jan 2006-May 2006. Duties included assisting librarians with servicing patrons and maintenance of the library.
  - **Teller- BB&T-** May 2004-Sept 2005. Duties included processing monetary transactions and customer assistance.
  - **Graphic Design Club- Founder and President** 2005-2008. In charge of coordinating projects for the community. Also organized a trip to Flatstock 12 in Austin, TX to visit poster artists. Invited artist Eleanor Grosch to speak at our university as part of a professional development initiative for the students.
  - **Art Guild- Treasurer** 2005-2006, Cube Gallery Coordinator 2007-2008. Involved in many community projects to increase awareness and appreciation for the arts. Participated in fund raisers to travel to Chicago in 2007 and St. Louis in 2008. Also in charge of the Cube Gallery events and exhibits by students.
  - **Gallery Volunteer-** 2006-2008, assisted with installation and Gallery docent at main gallery in the Fine Arts Center at WKU to gain experience in a gallery environment.

## Activities and Organizations

- Study Abroad: Czech Republic, Austria, Poland, Hungary, and Slovakia. Summer 2007.
- Model United Nations Delegate: Chicago 2007
- Student Research Conference: 2007, 2008

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- "Art in Motion 7", WKU Art Department, 2008
- "WKU 14th Annual Film and Video Festival", 2008
- "New Generation International Exhibition of Graphic Design", Korea, 2008
- "US Bank Exhibition" Kentucky Museum, 2008
- "Annual University Open" University of Kentucky, 2007
- "US Bank Exhibition" Kentucky Museum, 2007
- "46th Annual Student Competition" FAC Main Gallery, WKU, 2007
- "WKU's 12th Annual Film and Video Festival, 2006
- "WKU Student Art Exchange"- South Alabama University, 2006
- "Art in Motion 6", WKU Art Department, 2006
- "45th Annual Student Competition"- FAC Main Gallery, WKU, 2006. Best of Show and Best Print
- "2X2"- FAC Corridor Gallery, 2006. Honorable Mention

## Publications

- Logo for YakDaddy.com
- Photo in Paddler Magazine
- Book cover for the Journal of Humanism and Society
- Logo for Arts of Southern Kentucky
- Print in the Centennial Edition of Zephyrus
- Two works selected for the University Open Catalog, University of Kentucky

## References

- **Matthew Tullis**- Associate Professor, WKU Art Department.  
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- **Kristina Arnold**- Gallery Director, WKU Fine Arts Center.  
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- **Brent Oglesbee**- Head/Professor, WKU Art Department.  
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