



# SARA TINNICK

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## PROFILE

Sara is a persistent and passionate higher education professional with over 14 years of experience. She currently works as Assistant Professor at Seton Hill University in Pennsylvania. Sara has participated in revamping curriculums, developing new majors, and doing research for accreditation initiatives.

## EDUCATION

- 2018 - 2022**  
**Doctor of Education: eLearning**  
Northcentral University    GPA: 4.0
- 2019 - 2020**  
**Certificate: UX Principles for AR/VR**  
NYU Tandon School of Engineering
- 2016 - 2018**  
**Master of Science: User Experience Design**  
Kent State University    GPA: 4.0 - Summa Cum Laude
- 2015 - 2016**  
**Master of Fine Arts: Media Design**  
Full Sail University    GPA: 4.0 - Summa Cum Laude & Valedictorian
- 1999 - 2003**  
**Bachelor of Arts: Graphic Design**  
Seton Hill University    GPA: 3.83 - Magna Cum Laude

## MEMBERSHIPS

International Society for  
Technology in Education

International Society of  
Female Professionals

PA Association for Educational  
Communications & Technology

Online Learning Consortium

Interaction Design Foundation

VR/AR Association

American Institute of  
Graphic Arts

Kappa Delta Pi:  
International Honor Society  
in Education

Golden Key International  
Honour Society

**Assistant Professor** 2015 - Present  
*Seton Hill University | Greensburg, Pennsylvania*

Responsible for program development and deployment of in-person and online coursework for both traditional students and continuing education/adult students; student advising; instruction of in-person and online courses.

**Instructional Design Consultant** 2020 - Present  
*The Westmoreland Museum of American Art | Greensburg, Pennsylvania*

Collaborated with the museum to develop a learning management system to provide educational resources to remote students; creation of multiple modules aligned with state and national educational standards.

**Owner**  
*Hustle Design | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Small business owner specializing in custom vinyl, web design, graphic design, photography, animation, and social media promotion.

2019 - Present

## SOFTWARE

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### Adobe Creative Cloud:

Acrobat  
AfterEffects  
Animate  
Audition  
Dreamweaver  
Illustrator  
XD  
Photoshop  
InDesign  
Lightroom  
Premiere Pro  
Premiere Rush

Microsoft Office Suite

HTML & CSS

Figma

Sketch

## CONTACT

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### Program Head

2007 - 2017

*Bradford School | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Responsible for instructing Macintosh concepts, typography, color theory, electronic drawing, page layout, history of graphic design, introduction to production, multimedia, transmedia, animation, UX/UI, social media, and portfolio development courses. Daily work includes coordinating the various design programs with the admissions, accounting, and placement departments. Also responsible for implementing necessary changes to keep the programs in compliance with technological, national, and state standards.

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### Senior Artist

2005 - 2007

*ADVO Inc. | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Responsible for creation of direct mail marketing pieces from simple customer changes to complete creation of complex ads from rough art; preflighting customer supplied ads to ensure they meet company graphic standards; creation of AppleScripts that eliminate repetitive tasks and streamline Graphics Print production; troubleshooting technical problems on the Macintosh platform; supervising second shift desktop artists; tracking jobs through desktop, ensuring they meet deadlines; resolving personal and professional conflicts; managing workflow throughout the department; troubleshooting technical problems on the Macintosh platform.

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### Desktop Artist

2004 - 2005

*Tribune Review Newspaper | Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Responsible for creation of advertisements for local area newspaper, including new proof ads, changes to previous ads, and scripting of ads. Also responsible for ad placement and pagination of several newspapers on press nights and outside jobs as needed.

## EDUCATIONAL EXPERTISE & THEORIES

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- Andragogy/Adult Learning Theory
- ADDIE Model
- Bloom's Taxonomy
- Curriculum design, development, implementation, and revision
- Design Thinking
- SAM Model