

Curriculum Vitae



Debbie Adams, AOCA, RGD, RCA, SEGD
Principal, Adams + Associates Design Consultants Inc.
Professor, Ontario College of Art & Design

Education

1. AOCA, Graphic Design, Honours, Ontario College of Art
2. Diploma, Honours, Kootenay School of Art, Nelson, B.C.
3. 1st year Humanities, Douglas College, New Westminster, B.C.

Professional Experience

- 1988–present - Established Adams + Associates Design Consultants Inc., principal, creative director
- 1986–88 - Established the partnership of Adams/Bhandari Inc. partner, art director
- 1985–86 - Spencer Francey Group, Toronto, Ontario, senior graphic designer
- 1983–86 - Burton Kramer Associates, junior/intermediate graphic designer
- 1980–81 - Tundra Graphics, Whitehorse, Yukon, graphic designer

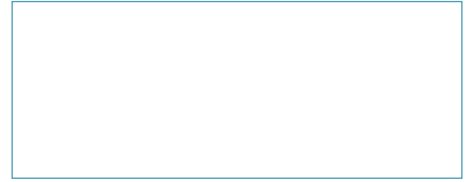
Academic Appointments

- 2002–present - Professor, Tenured, Faculty of Design, Ontario College of Art & Design (OCAD)
- Since fall 2006, an elected member, Board of Governors, OCAD, served on Academic Council, 2003–2006
- 1994–2001 - Instructor, Faculty of Design, OCAD
- 1989–1994 - Instructor, Faculty of Art, Sheridan College

Memberships in Learned and Professional Societies

- 2004–present - Society for Environmental Graphic Design (SEGD), professional member
- 2000–present - Royal Canadian Academy of Arts (RCA), elected academician
- 1999–present - Registered Graphic Designers of Ontario (RGD), professional member, served on board '91–'94





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Honours

- 2008 - 1 selected project for Design at Work, RGD juried competition
- 2007 - SEGD (Society for Environmental Graphic Design) annual awards competition, Award of Merit; Design at Work, RGD juried competition
- 2006 - 4 selected projects for Design at Work, RGD juried competition
- 2005 - Coupe Magazine, Annual Awards Issue
- 2004 - 6 selected projects for Design at Work, RGD juried competition
- 2004 - Gold, Advertising & Design Club of Toronto
- 2004 - 1 First, 1 Honourable Mention, Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG) Annual Design Awards
- 2002 - 2 selected projects for Design at Work, RGD juried competition
- 2001 - Award of Merit, Advertising & Design Club of Toronto
- 2001 - 1 First, 1 Honourable Mention, OAAG Annual Design Awards
- 2000 - 1 Silver, 1 Award of Merit, Advertising & Design Club of Toronto
- 1998 - Honourable Mention, Stationery - Unisource Litho Awards
- 1998 - Premiere Award - Fascia Signs, CONSAC '98 signage competition, co-designed with Entro Communications
- 1998 - 3 Awards of Merit, Advertising & Design Club of Toronto
- 1998 - Best Adult Picture or Photography Book, Alcuin Awards
- 1997 - 2 Firsts, Ontario Association of Art Galleries Annual Awards
- 1996 - Island Paper Mills design awards, best poster
- 1996 - 1 Silver, 3 Awards of Merit, Advertising & Design Club of Toronto
- 1996 - 2 Firsts, 1 Honourable Mention, OAAG Annual Design Awards, Honourable Mention, National Magazine Awards
- 1995 - First, OAAG Annual Awards
- 1995 - Gold, best poster, Forum 1995, Government of Ontario Design Awards
- 1994 - Design Distinction Award, ID Magazine
- 1993 - Gold, Studio Magazine Annual Awards
- 1993 - 1 Firsts, Ontario OAAG Annual Design Awards
- 1990 - 2 Firsts, Ontario OAAG Annual Design Awards
- 1988 - 2 Firsts, Ontario OAAG Annual Awards Design
- 1987 - Silver, Toronto Art Directors Club Annual Awards
- 1986 - 2 Firsts, Ontario OAAG Annual Design Awards
- 1986-91 - Awards of Merit from Graphic Designers of Canada (GDC) Awards; Studio Magazine Awards; OAAG Awards
- 1983 - Graduated with honours and department medal from OCA, Communications & Design Dept., Graphic Design
- 1983 - H.L. Rous Scholarship, OCA
- 1982 - H.L. Rous Scholarship, OCA

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Exhibitions

- 2008 - Design at Work, annual RGD juried exhibition. Exhibited: *Out from Under* exhibition, School for Disability Studies, Ryerson University
- 2007 - Design at Work, annual RGD juried exhibition. Exhibited: Toronto Botanical Garden signage and wayfinding program
- 2006 - Design at Work, annual RGD juried exhibition. Exhibited: Continuum Season 2004/2005 Brochure, Extraordinary Conversations Corporate Identity, Peel Youth Village signage and wayfinding program, Polio Vaccine 50th Anniversary Commemorative Stamp
- 2004 - Design at Work, annual RGD juried exhibition. Exhibited: Classic Mouldings product binder/brochure system, Art Gallery of Peterborough, logo and signage, Transit Stamps, Continuum logo, A+a brand identity, Spaziani Architect brand identity
- 2002 - Design at Work, annual RGD competition/exhibition, entries: *From Plaster to Bronze, the Sculpture of Auguste Rodin*, Royal Ontario Museum and Forks of the Thames water park mural and information pylons, City of London, Ontario
- 2001 - *Light*, 7 collaborations, Furniture collective, Queen's Quay Gallery, Harbourfront, lighting design with Peter Fleming
- 1996 - *Type Culture*, juried group exhibition of contemporary typographic work, Design Exchange
- 1995 - *From Toronto, l'actualité du design graphique*, group exhibition of 12 Toronto graphics design firms at Maison du livre, de l'image et du son, Lyon, France, also designed exhibition promotional material and publication
- 1992 - The Chair Exhibition/fundraising auction, The Power Plant, co-designed with Peter Fleming, (group exhibition)
- 1989 - *Never Leave Well Enough Alone*, Gallery 76, Ontario College of Art, work of Adams/Bhandari and Portico

Publications

1. Bibliography (published critical assessments and published work)
 - The Information Design Handbook*, Jenn & Ken Visocky O'Grady
 - Symbols and Trademarks of Canada, Volumes 1 & 2*, Gérard Bochud and Gilles Robert
 - Culture in a Cold Climate*, Eye Magazine, Great Britain, Volume 7, Summer 1997
 - Licking Illiteracy*, Applied Arts Magazine, Volume 12, No. 1, Jan/Feb 1997
 - Magazines Inside & Out*, Steven Heller & Teresa Fernandes
 - Studio Magazine, July/August 94
 - Azure Magazine, September/October 93
 - Equinox Magazine, September 92
 - Typography Today*, Edward Gotschall
 - Idea Magazine, June 84
2. Entries in reference works
 - Who's Who in Graphic Art*, Switzerland, 1994 Edition

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Commissions

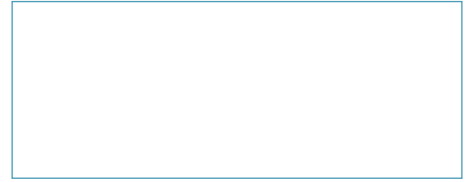
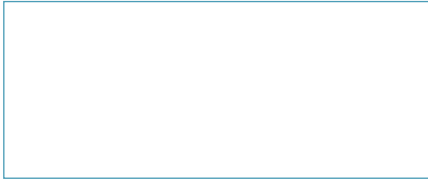
1. Canada Post Corporation
 - 2006 - FIFA U-20 World Youth Soccer stamp
 - 2005 - Gardens, series of 4 stamps
 - 2004 - Polio stamp
 - 2003 - Urban Transit, series of 4 stamps
 - 2001 - Public Pensions stamp
 - 2001 - Armenian Church stamp
 - 2000 - Massey Foundation stamp, part of the Millennium Collection
 - 1999 - Kites, series of 4 stamps for Stamp Week
 - 1997 - Literacy Begins at Home stamp
 - 1995 - Literacy stamp
 - 1994 - Migratory Species, series of 4 stamps
 - 1992 - Canada in Space, 2 stamps, one featuring a hologram
 - 1988 - Air Canada Anniversary stamp, co-designed with Derrick Carter
 - 1987 - 4H Club stamp
 - 1985 - Expo '86, series of 4 stamps
2. Royal Canadian Mint
 - 2000 - 3 coins, Sports Series (unpublished)
 - 2001 - Gold maple leaves, pure silver \$5 coin

Conferences, Workshops and Invited Lectures

- 2003 - Creative Spaces + Places - panel discussion related to design and the evolution of Queen Street West
- 1998/99 - York University, guest lecturer, 2nd year Graphic Design
- 1999 - York University, guest lecturer, MA programme
- 1997 - Graphex'97, Biennial Graphic Design Awards, Guest Speaker, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1997 - York University, guest lecturer, 2nd year Graphic Design
- 1996 - OCAD, guest lecturer, art publication design for professional development class, Sculpture Department
- 1994 - OCAD, Art Director's Workshop, 6 week project
- 1992 - York University, Design Education Symposium, Educating the Designer, Designing the Education, panelist.
- 1991 - Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Graphic Design Department, "3 Conférences", lecturer
- 1987 - Emily Carr School of Art, Graphic Design Department, lecturer

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Design Juries

- 2007 - 4th year scholarships, OCAD
- 2007 - Toronto Street Furniture Competition
- 2006 - 4th year scholarships, OCAD
- 2005 - 1st year and 4th year scholarships, OCAD
- 2004 - Applied Arts Photography & Illustration Awards
- 2002 - National Magazine Awards
- 2001 - Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG)
- 2000 - Toronto Arts Awards, Architecture & Design Jury
- 1998 - Toronto Arts Awards, Architecture & Design Jury
- 1997 - Graphex '97, Biennial Graphic Design Awards, Vancouver, B.C.
- 1996 - Applied Arts Magazine, Annual Awards Show
- 1996 - Living Arts Centre, Mississauga, Donor wall competition
- 1995 - Toronto Outdoor Art Show, 1995
- 1994 - Studio Magazine, Annual Awards Show
- 1994 - Ottawa Advertising and Design Club, Annual Awards
- 1992 - Ontario Arts Council, Design Arts Grants
- 1992 - Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG)
- 1991 - Ontario Student Graphic Design Awards (OSGDC)

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