

Emma Dorst

Education

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

MA in Museum Studies, Anticipated Graduation: Spring 2027

GPA: **3.9**

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

BFA in Design, Concentration in Photography, Minor in Visual Arts, May 2023

GPA: **3.85**

Professional Activities

Exhibition Creation, 2021-2026

- Assisted in the installation of the *Americans* exhibition on the Prairie Band Potawatomie Nation Reservation
- Curated solo and group photography exhibitions throughout undergraduate studies
- Installed photographic and sculptural work in gallery spaces across campus

Collection Accession, Lawrence Jewish Community Center, Lawrence, KS, 2025

- Worked with a team to inventory a previously unaccessioned collection of Jewish art made by community members
- Created a database system, governing documents, and collections policy tailored to the organization's cultural needs
- Developed object labels and educational materials for key pieces while researching the collection's history

Workshops

High School Darkroom Demonstration, University of Kansas, 2023

- Taught high schoolers how to create and develop photograms in the darkroom

Welcome Workshop Large Format, University of Kansas, January & November 2022

- Taught prospective photography students how to take photographs with a view camera as well as develop and print the film
- Demonstrated digital portraiture and instructed students on use of software and equipment

Color Film Workshop, University of Kansas, 2022

- Assisted Lab Technician in instruction on developing color film

Experience

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Conservation Student Assistant, February 2026 - Present

- Did work on various library materials such as pamphlet binding, tip-ins, hinge-ins, hinge tightenings, endsheet replacements, creating tux boxes, applying bookplates, and applying colibri & mylar covers
- Created photographic documentation for various objects

- Fine tuned hand and craft skills

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Photography Lab Aide, November 2021 - May 2023, January 2026 - May 2026

- Assisted in operating photography facilities by maintaining the darkroom and other studio spaces
- Trained incoming photography lab aides
- Led workshops and demonstrations for students and visitors
- Troubleshooted digital and analog equipment throughout the photography lab
- Organized and ran equipment checkout while keeping inventory of supplies
- Digitized work for university groups

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Graduate Teaching Assistant, Film and Media Studies, August 2025 - December 2025

- Created lesson plans for screenwriting courses and instructed undergraduate students
- Assisted professors during class by answering students' questions and grading work

Blue Collar Press, Lawrence, KS

Screen Printer, June 2023 - August 2025

- Worked independently on an automatic press to ensure daily goals were met
- Tested prints to prepare for the final run of products
- Troubleshooted issues with press, oven, art, and printing process
- Maintained quality control standards as well as cleanliness standards