

# NATALYA ZAHN

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## EDUCATION

**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN** PROVIDENCE, RI (1996-2000) *BFA in Illustration*  
**PONT AVEN SCHOOL OF CONTEMPORARY ART** PONT AVEN, FRANCE (1998)  
*Summer intensive in drawing, painting, and print-making*  
**UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES** SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (1999)  
*Summer intensive in drawing and art history, "Art in the Outback"*  
**JOHNSON STATE COLLEGE** JOHNSON, VT (2000)  
*Summer travel study in the ecology of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**INDEPENDENT ILLUSTRATION, DESIGN & CREATIVE DIRECTION** (2000-present)  
Illustration (natural/scientific interpretation, medical, editorial, book and story-boarding), branding and identity, graphic design/layout for print, website design, packaging design, and creative consulting. **Clients include:**

**National Geographic**, San Diego Zoo, **Longwood Botanical Garden**,  
Tower Hill Botanic Garden, **Howard Hughes Medical Institute**, New York University Press,  
**New Balance**, BOSE, **Harvard Museum of Comparative Anatomy**, MIT, **Franklin Park Zoo**,  
Ducks Unlimited, **Cornell Lab of Ornithology**, Oxford University Press, **IDEO**,  
**The Vermont Department of Health**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, **Jasper Hill Farm**,  
United States Fish & Wildlife Service, **ASPCA**, Tufts University, **Sloan Kettering**

**UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT** BURLINGTON, VT (2022-present)  
Adjunct faculty in the Agriculture, Landscape, and Environment Department - teaching  
*Illustrating Botanicals* (observational drawing, traditional illustration mediums, basic botany)

**LESLEY COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN** CAMBRIDGE, MA (2017-2019)  
Adjunct faculty in the Illustration Department - teaching *Design for Illustration*  
(design principles, composition, typography, digital media techniques)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE INSTITUTE OF ART** MANCHESTER, NH (2012-2013)  
Adjunct faculty in the Illustration Department - teaching *Introduction to Illustration, Traditional Mediums*, and *Series in Illustration* (traditional mediums, composition, visual storytelling)

**HARVARD MUSEUM OF COMPARATIVE ZOOLOGY** CAMBRIDGE, MA (2010-2012)  
Volunteer in the mammalogy collections; all responsibilities revolve around care of physical specimens - cataloging, cleaning, preparation, and organization

**ZUTANO, INC.** CABOT, VT (2002-2008)  
Head of graphics department, managed two junior designers; creative responsibilities included: textile & surface design, packaging & website design, marketing & advertising direction, project management

**SIGNAL ADVERTISING** MONTPELIER, VT (2000-2015)  
Contract website design and art direction; responsibilities included: direct client interactions, graphic design, and collaboration and consulting with programmers throughout production

**COCHRAN'S, INC.** BARRE, VT (1998-1999)  
Composed and etched landscapes, iconography and original portraits directly onto granite headstones; additionally created a library of original scratchboard imagery to be used as "clip art" for laser etching

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## LECTURES

**COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY, NY** (2023, 2024)  
**UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, MD** (2017)  
**GUILD OF NATURAL SCIENCE ILLUSTRATORS 2021 CONFERENCE, CA** (2016)  
**MASSACHUSETTS COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN, MA** (2013)  
**MONTERRAT SCHOOL OF ART, MA** (2013)  
**RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN, RI** (2013)

## RESIDENCIES

**VOICES OF THE WILDERNESS** ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, AK (2016)  
Two summer weeks in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, traveling with ecologists and biologists doing field study - followed by a studio project inspired by the experience; VOTW is a partnership with the USFWS that pairs artists with scientists & rangers

## EXHIBITS

**VERMONT NATURAL RESOURCES COUNCIL** MONTPELIER, VT (2025)  
Solo exhibit, **"Birds, Bees & Tulip Trees"** - an exploration of plants and pollinators through watercolor paintings and textile design  
**MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY** MILLIS, MA (2016)  
Solo exhibit, **"Birds, Bees & Tulip Trees"**  
**TOWER HILL BOTANIC GARDEN** BOYLSTON, MA (2014)  
Solo exhibit, **"Birds, Bees & Tulip Trees"**

## PUBLICATIONS

Natalya Zahn, Michael Levin, Dany Spencer Adams (2017) **"The Zahn drawings: new illustrations of *Xenopus* embryo and tadpole stages for studies of craniofacial development"**, *Development* 144 (15)

Natalya Zahn, Christina James-Zorn, Virgilio G. Ponferrada, Dany S. Adams, Julia Grzymkowski, Daniel R. Buchholz, Nanette M. Nascone-Yoder, Marko Horb, Sally A. Moody, Peter D. Vize, Aaron M. Zorn (2022) **"Normal Table of *Xenopus* development: a new graphical resource"**, *Development* 149 (14)