

Artist Statement Ryan Howerter

I am fascinated by the geometry and mathematics that compose everything, from the natural to the human-made. My art explores the beauty of pure form and pattern, calculated and precise. I believe that even minimalistic and decorative arts are inherently full of meaning and connotations, by virtue of the human hand that designed them. I most enjoy conceptual art, in which the idea of a previouslyundiscovered art subject or methodology is worth exploring for its own sake.

I appreciate the old Pennsylvania Dutch concept of "*yuscht fer schnee*" ("just for pretty"), in which artworks can be appreciated for their pleasing aesthetics alone, without the need to read deeper to find meaning. If unique patterns or skill in craft awe me, then I feel the art is already successful. There is no pretense of "elite" art or a hidden meaning, and to me this shows a certain humility.

In my graphic design work, I aim for clarity and directness. To both catch the audience's eye and communicate information effectively and memorably is a balancing act. I obsess over minute adjustments and alignments—consistency is key. When nothing distracts from the design's intended message, then the design will be successful. This design philosophy extends to all of my art, whether it is digital, Lego, photography, or traditional media.

	<u>Title</u>	<u>Media</u>	Original Format
Figure 1:	Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition Font and Logo	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 11"x17"
Figure 2:	CIIPE Poster	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 11"x17"
Figure 3:	CIIPE Exhibition Book Cover	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 9"x9"
Figure 4:	Impact Your State Poster	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, Photoshop, 11"x17"
Figure 5:	Student Gratitude Week	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 11"x17"
Figure 6:	Rabies In The Americas Logos and Collateral	Digital Illustration	Photoshop, Illustrator, 17"x11"
Figure 7:	Rabies In The Americas Poster	Digital Illustration	Hand drawing, Photoshop, Illustrator, 18"x24"
Figure 8:	American Mathematician Stamps	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 10"x7"
Figure 9:	LEGO Record Store	LEGO Bricks	Photoshop, 23.4"x16.5"
Figure 10:	Voyager II	LEGO Bricks	Model, 3'x1'x1'
Figure 11:	LEGO Color Timeline	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 12"x19"
Figure 12:	Institute for Genome Architecture and Function Infographic	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 8.5"x17"
Figure 13:	Five Senses Postcards	Digital Illustration	Illustrator, 6"x4.25" (each)





19th Colorado International Invitational Poster Exhibition Judge's Lecture: Alejandro Magallanes Lory Student Center Theatre Sept. 16, 5 p.m.

Judge's Exhibition: Alejandro Magallanes Sept. 16-Oct. 28 Curfman Gallery

Main Exhibition Sept. 18 – Oct. 28 Clara Hatton Gallery, Curfman Gallery Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado Opening Reception, Remarks, and Ribbon Cutting Clara Hatton Gallery Friday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Poster Sale Begins opening night Hatton Gallery, Curfman Gallery

Honor Laureate Exhibition: Rene Azcuy Sept. 18–Oct. 28 Directions Gallery

Figure 2: CIIPE Poster

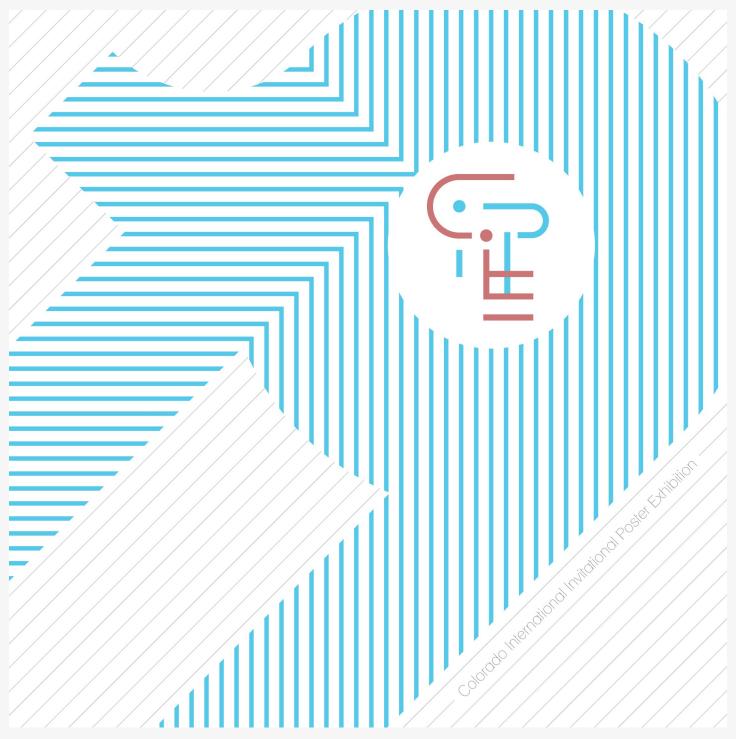


Figure 3: CIIPE Exhibition Book Cover

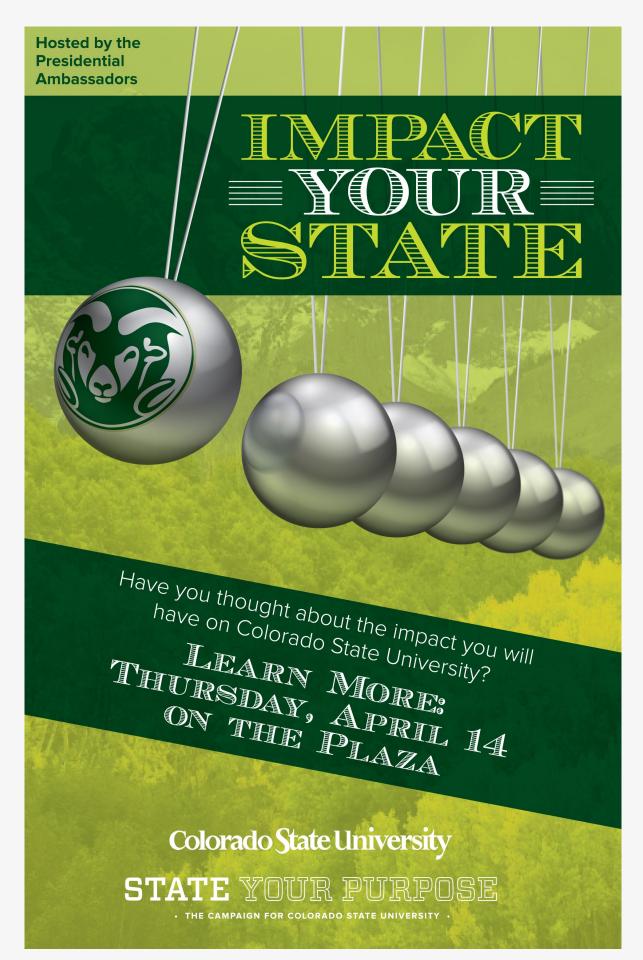


Figure 4: Impact Your State Poster



Figure 5: Student Gratitude Week



Figure 6: Rabies In The Americas Logos and Collateral

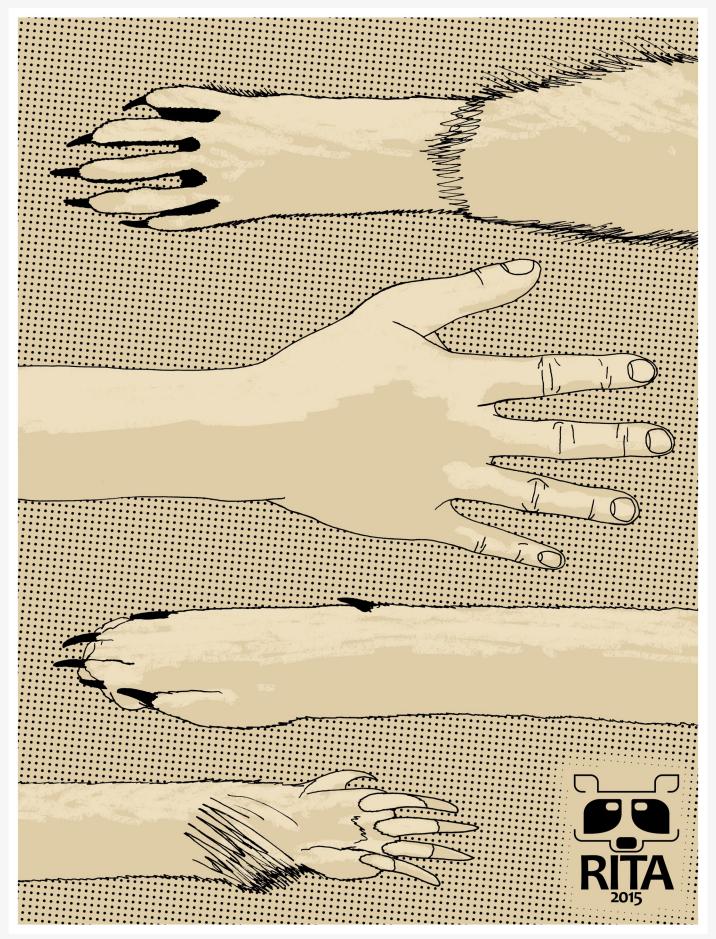


Figure 7: Rabies In The Americas Poster

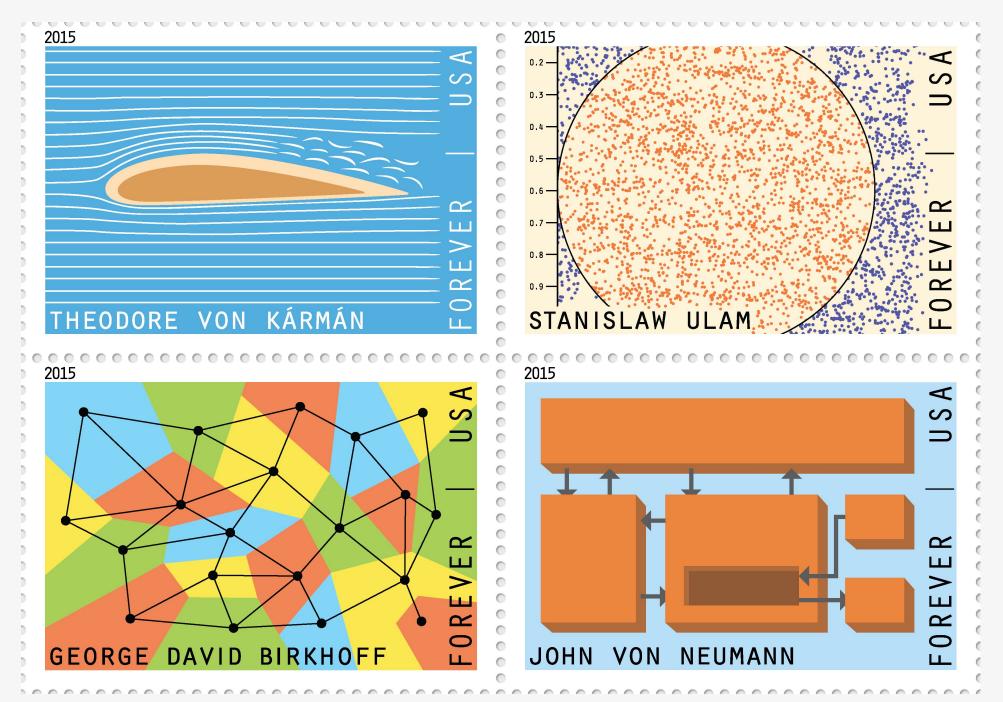


Figure 8: American Mathematician Stamps



Figure 9: LEGO Record Store



Figure 10: Voyager II

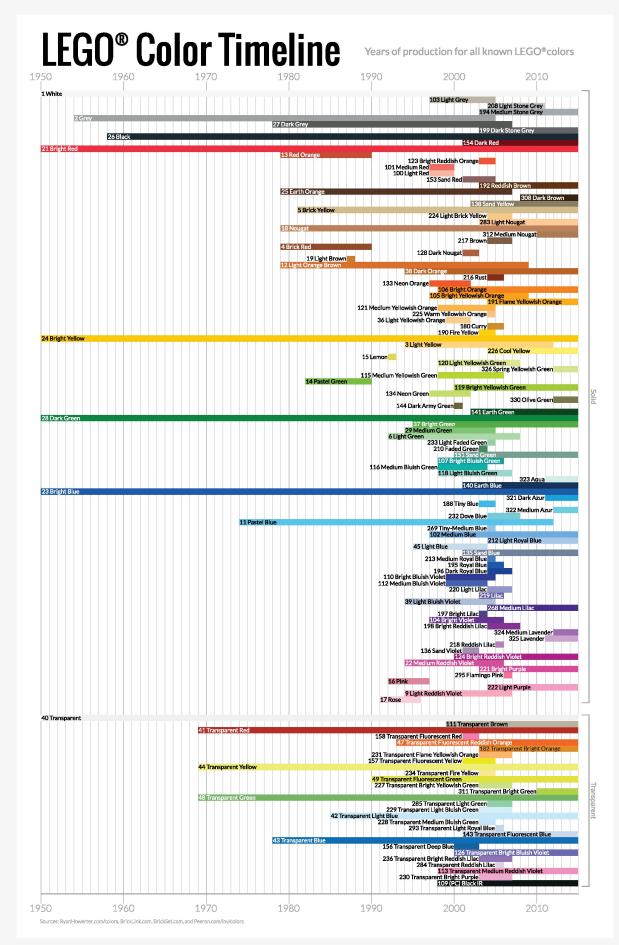


Figure 11: LEGO Color Timeline



Figure 12: IGAF Infographic

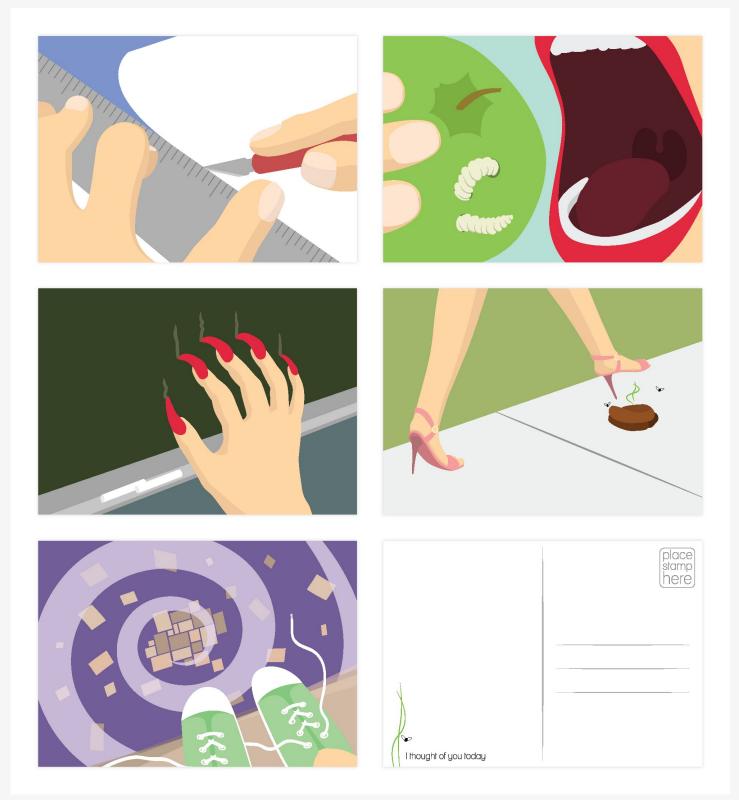


Figure 13: Five Senses Postcards