

The Problem with Modern Art and Game Design Education

Andrew Williams

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Stout









Drawing

Digital Narrative

Animation

Painting

That one fucking humanities class

Writing

2D Design

3D Design

Computer Programming

The Playground of Art History

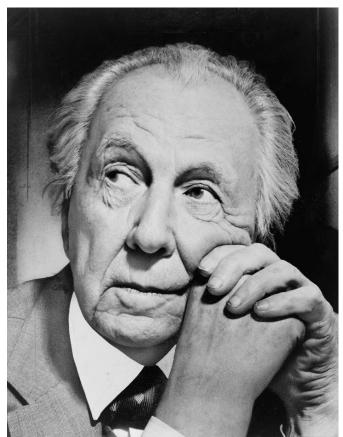
Everything Else

Modern Art

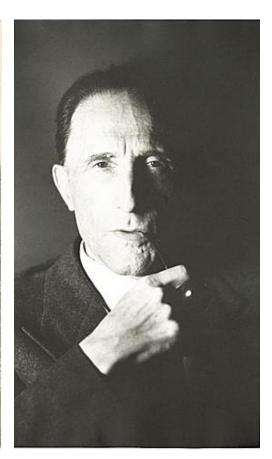
The Playground of Art History











Using the Right Tool for the Job

- What Modern Art Does
 - Realistic Nakedness
 - Realistic Representations of Space
 - Purity
 - Intangible Subject Matter
 - Avant-garde Aesthetics



Using the Right Tool for the Job

- What Game Art Typically Does
 - Often Represents a Space or Place
 - Relatable Characters (if present)
 - Reinforces Narrative/Thematic Aspects

Round Pegs and Square Holes



Things Learned in Modern Art

Drawing

Digital Narrative

Animation

Painting

Human Stuff...(sure whatever)

Writing

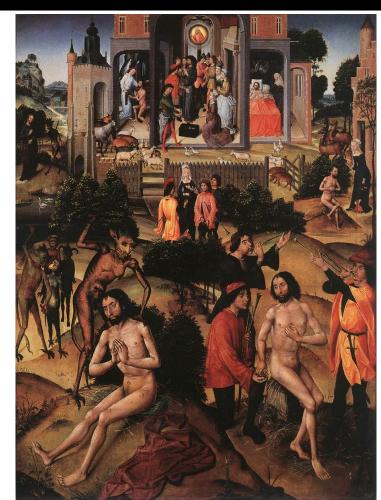
2D Design

3D Design

Computer Programming

These Old Bones Still Have Meat







GAME DEVELOPERS CONFERENCE® 2014

Problem? What Problem?

Thank You

Andrew Williams

University of Wisconsin – Stout williamsa@uwstout.edu