

# TAMITOLPA

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## EXPERIENCE

1998 - present

Owner/Artist

Tolpa Studios - Seattle, WA (previously located in San Francisco, CA and Los Angeles, CA)

Providing creative medical illustration, natural science illustration, and animation to national and international clients.

November 2003 - April 2005

Senior Medical Illustrator

Medsn, Inc. - Culver City, CA

Created medical illustrations and animations for pharmaceutical and medical device clients. Served as creative team leader, provided art or scientific direction to colleagues, and conducted scientific research as necessary.

August 2000 - June 2003

Scientific Illustrator/Animator

Artemis Creative, Inc. - Palo Alto, CA

Created original medical and scientific illustrations and animations for use in print, web sites, tradeshow, and digital presentations for biotechnology and life-science clients.

January 2000 - May 2000

Senior Artist

eMind.com - Los Angeles, CA

Created original medical illustrations, interactive exercises, and animations for online continuing medical education courses. Project involvement included identification of appropriate art content for each course.

March 1999 - January 2000

Medical Illustrator and Web Designer

Victory Technology, Inc. - Sonoma, CA

Created original medical and scientific illustrations for online continuing education courses (EMT and paramedic) and for textbooks. Developed medical web animations and multimedia exercises.

## EDUCATION

1996 - 1998

Rochester Institute of Technology

MFA Medical Illustration, minor in Interactive Media Design

1991 - 1995

State University of New York at Binghamton

BA Studio Art (with honors), BA Environmental Studies (Magna Cum Laude)

## SKILLS & MEDIA

Illustration, animation, story boarding, exhibit design, and web design; expertise in Photoshop, Illustrator, and Flash; proficiency in After Effects, Dreamweaver, InDesign, and Quark Xpress.

## HONORS

2006 Certificate of Merit, Association of Medical Illustrators: illustration  
2005 Certificate of Merit, Association of Medical Illustrators: illustration  
2004 Rx Club Award of Excellence: art direction and illustration  
2003 Semifinalist in the National Science Foundation Scientific Visualization Challenge: illustration  
2003 Recognition for excellence in Flash in Journal of Audiovisual Media in Medicine: animation  
2002 Rx Club Award of Excellence: annual report illustration  
2002 Award of Excellence, Association of Medical Illustrators: illustration  
2001 Rx Club Award of Excellence: illustrations in 2 annual reports  
2001 Macromedia Showcase: "What's Asthma All About?"  
2001 Certificate of Merit, Association of Medical Illustrators: illustration  
1998 Vesalius Trust Research grant for graduate thesis project

## ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Medical Illustrators, Professional member 1999 - present, Board of Governors member 2007 - present  
Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Member 1998 - present

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## TEACHING

September - December 2006

Cornish College of the Arts

Adjunct Faculty

Taught 2 first-year design classes: Digital Drawing (Adobe Illustrator) and Digital Darkroom (Adobe Photoshop).

August 2006

Association of Medical Illustrators Annual Meeting - Cambridge, MA

Workshop Presenter

Taught a one-day (2 session) workshop on techniques for using Adobe Photoshop with Flash.

June 2006

Guild of Natural Science Illustrators, Southern California Chapter - Los Angeles, CA

Meeting Presenter

Gave a half-day presentation on setting up a freelance business.

July 2003

Association of Medical Illustrators Annual Meeting - New Orleans, LA

Workshop presenter

Co-taught a one-day workshop addressing the design of illustrations and animations for use in Microsoft PowerPoint.

October 2002

Rochester Institute of Technology - Rochester, NY

Visiting alumnus

Led a 2-day presentation with medical illustration students where I presented samples of my professional work, advised and critiqued students in their Flash animation class, and discussed post-graduation employment strategies.

January - May 1995

State University of New York at Binghamton - Binghamton, NY

Teaching assistant, fine arts printmaking

Assisted with instruction, grading, and critiques.

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2007 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Bozeman, MT
- 2006 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Cambridge, MA
- 2005 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Thousand Oaks, CA
- 2004 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Cleveland, OH
- 2003 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; New Orleans, LA
- 2002 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Austin, TX
- 2001 Association of Medical Illustrators Salon; Pacific Grove, CA