



# EMEKA AWA

## 2D Animator & Cartoonist



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## Education

### Bachelor of Fine Arts

School of the Art Institute of  
Chicago

**Class of 2018**

### Major:

Film, Video, New Media and  
Animation

### Study Abroad in Italy

(Rome, Milan, Venice)

**Summer 2017**

## Skill

- Rotoscope Animation
- 2D Traditional Animation
- Lip Sync Animation
- Puppet Animation
- Stop Motion Animation
- Oil Paint-On-Glass Animation
- 2.5D Environments in After Effects
- Coloring in Photoshop & Toon Boom
- Sound Design in Audacity
- Video Editing
- Storyboarding
- Directing Voice Talent

## Software

- Adobe Creative Cloud Applications: Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects, Illustrator, and Animate. Proficient with Audacity, Toon Boom, Maya, Final Cut Pro 6, Midjourney v6, and Stable Diffusion 1.5.

## Filmography

- *Hogi The Hamster Poster Commercial 2023*  
*Skippy Kills Ku Kluxers 2018*
  - SAIC FVMAS Siskel Film Festival May 2018
  - Newark International Film Festival September 2018

## Work Experience

### **FULL-TIME STORE ASSOCIATE, ALDI, WEST LONG BRANCH, NEW JERSEY: JUNE 2025-PRESENT**

- Merchandising perishable and nonperishable food items.
- Merchandising within cold freezer environments.
- Operating an electric pallet jack that can carry and transport several pounds of inventory.
- Front end cashiering and customer service for multiple register stations simultaneously.
- Loss prevention, returns and exchanges.
- Shopping for online delivery orders via Instacart.

### **PART-TIME INDEPENDENT CONTACTOR GRAPHIC DESIGNER, NATIONAL GROUND GAME, REMOTE: JUNE 2025**

- National Ground Game is a progressive political action committee (PAC) committed to building grassroots power, electing bold leaders, and driving political change through organizing, media, and digital mobilization.
- Contracted to illustrate a custom branding kit for their upcoming YouTube channel including logos, icons, banners, brand colors, fonts, and copyrighting.

### **AMAZON DELIVERY SERVICE PARTNER (DSP), TLT DELIVERY, BRIELLE, NEW JERSEY: DECEMBER 2024**

- Driving an Amazon-branded vehicle to ensure packages are delivered to customers in the community on time.

## Work Experience Cont.

### **SALES REPRESENTATIVE, BOUNDLESS ENERGY FOREVER LLC NEPTUNE, NEW JERSEY: NOV.-DEC. 2024**

- Canvass and prospect for leads
- Solicit new clients to sell and install solar panels and other home improvement and home energy efficiency products.
- Request proposals, execute contracts, and provide customer service between time of contract execution with customers and installation of home improvement products.

### **FULL-TIME ASSISTANT MANAGER, WINE OUTLET, HOLMDEL, NEW JERSEY: 2022-2024**

- Managing approximately 20 employees in a boutique wine shop that includes hiring, training, scheduling, and carrying out exit interviews.
- Educating staff members on historical details about different types of beverages so that customers can make informed purchases.
- Promoting the company's wine club membership program and demonstrating new products to customers.
- Updating and creating product signs for the shelves in a store that carries an inventory of over 1000 types of wines, beers, and spirits from around the world.

### **MERCHANDIZER, TOTAL WINE & MORE, EATONTOWN, NEW JERSEY: 2021-2022**

- Employee of The Month (August 2022).
- Trained and certified in operating industrial machinery such as the J1 Joey forklift.
- Knowledgeable in the wine/beer/spirits distilling and manufacturing process, the regions in which these beverages are made, as well as the histories of key beverages.
- Maintaining organized, labeled and easily accessible overhead/overstock spaces for fellow employees.

### **FRONTLINE TEAM MEMBER, BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB, OAKHURST, NEW JERSEY: 2021**

- Supervised the break schedules of approximately 10 of full-time and part-time employees and planned for schedule conflicts due to an absence or an overabundance of customers.
- Adapted quickly to changing situations to guarantee employee coverage and maintain the day-to-day store operations.
- Completely trained cashier operator that can efficiently complete transactions, process customers' in-store/online merchandise returns, promote club membership subscriptions, track merchandise inventory on the computer database, and deescalate customer dissatisfaction in a calm, professional manner.

### **COPY CENTER PRODUCTION LEAD, STAPLES, SHREWSBURY, NEW JERSEY: 2018-2019**

- Associate of the Month (September 2018).
  - Printing Posters, Signs, Legal documents, Resumes, Business Cards, Flyers, Postcards, and Invitations.
  - Professional Cutting, Mounting, Lamination, Folding Brochures, UPS Shipping, Spiral and Comb Binding
  - Booklets, and Packaging.
  - General duties such as greeting customers, machine and work area cleaning.
  - Training newer associates with department tasks.
  - Organizing department schedules in order to prevent conflicts.
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## Work Experience Cont.

### **LABORATORY ASSOCIATE, SAIC DIGITAL FABRICATION STUDIO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: 2015-2018**

- Operated and maintained the laser cutters and a clean work environment.
- Worked closely with over 500 students each term in order to teach them how to use machines to print Illustrator files.
- Performed general customer service duties such as tender payments and schedule appointments.

### **VIDEOGRAPHER AT FNEWSMAGAZINE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: 2014**

- Filmed, interviewed, and edited a five-minute short documentary about SAIC's 2014 Student Group Fair.