

## **Artist Statement**

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As a graphic designer, I always try to create unique and appropriate solutions to different tasks. I find that my best work has come out of projects that I struggled with initially and worked very hard to resolve. My creative process involves a lot of brainstorming and trial and error, both through sketches and digital comps. I learn new skills and techniques every day, and I believe that the world of design is a never ending process of critique, revision, and improvement.

While my education at CSU has led me to have a very diverse portfolio, my favorite area to focus on, and what I would like to pursue a career in, is magazine layout design. I enjoy creating a visual environment for textual content, and my typography skills have greatly developed because of that. Although sometimes it is challenging to integrate text with design, I have found that there are limitless ways to engage the reader through a well-designed, creative layout. I find a lot of joy in creating work that presents a message I believe in, but I also value what I learn from working on projects that are entirely about form and aesthetics. Most of my work is strongly grounded in typographic content and a cohesive color scheme, while some pieces, such as several posters I have completed, focus on an interesting photograph that serves as the color palette and compositional structure of the project.

My goals for improving my skills as a designer during my last semester in college include shifting my focus from typography to illustration, and learning about website development and design by creating my own online site and portfolio. I am excited to be finishing my time as a scholar and applying everything I have learned—and continue to learn every day—to a career as a professional graphic designer.

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Figure 1:	Colloquium Poster	Digital Illustration
Figure 2:	Concert Series Poster	Digital Illustration
Figure 3:	Discover Magazine Illustration	Digital Illustration
Figure 4:	Human Rights Defense Ad Series	Digital Illustration
Figure 5:	Identity Human Rights Defense Stationary	Digital Illustration
Figure 6:	Identity Human Rights Defense Logo	Digital Illustration
Figure 7:	Magazine: Fracking Nation	Digital Illustration
Figure 8:	Old Town Spice Shop	Digital Illustration
Figure 9:	Poster: Green Economy 3	Digital Illustration
Figure 10:	Poster: Human Rights Defense	Digital Illustration
Figure 11:	Poster: Nanoscience Colloquium Water	Digital Illustration
Figure 12:	Rolling Stone Magazine Covers: Billie, Ella, & Norah	Digital Illustration
Figure 13:	Vintage IPad App	Digital Illustration

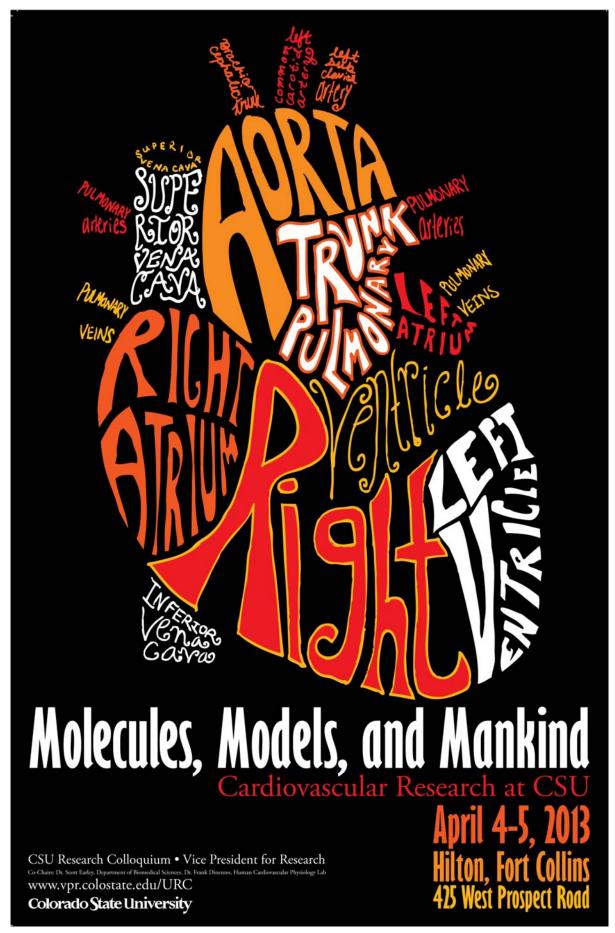


Figure 1: Colloquium Poster.



Figure 2: Concert Series Poster.

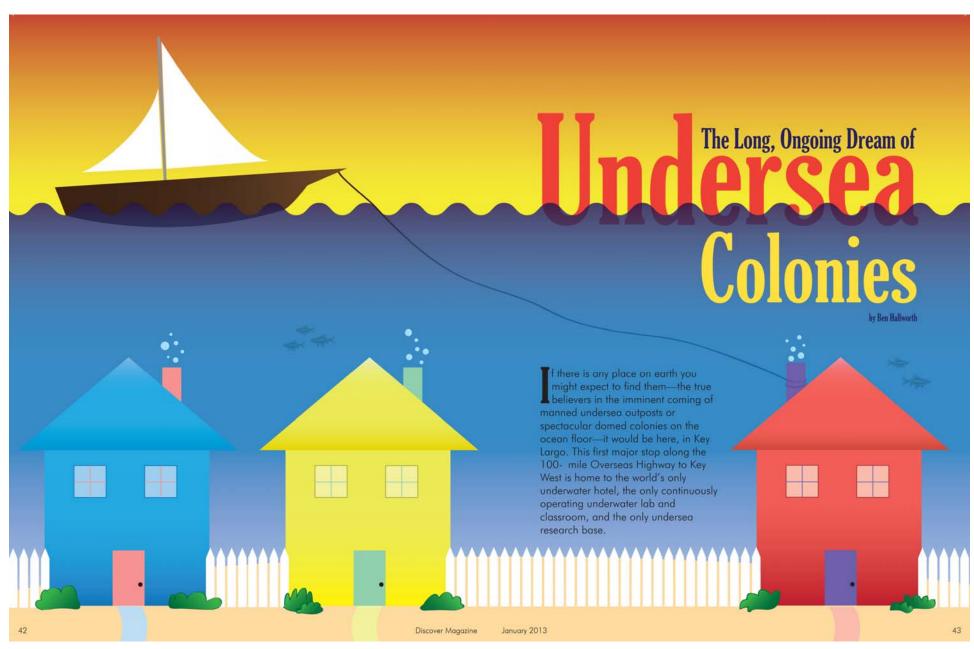


Figure 3: Discover Magazine Illustration.

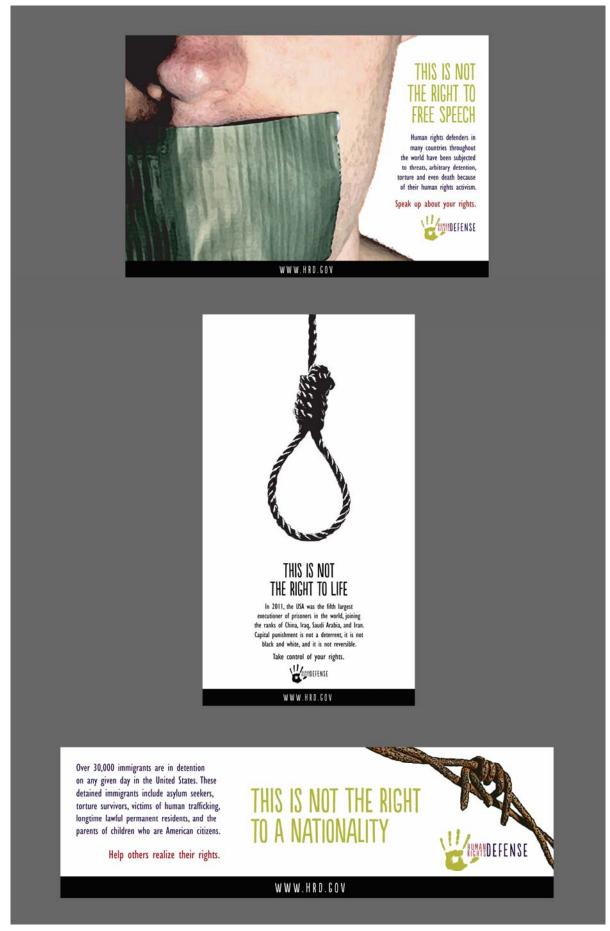


Figure 4: Human Rights Defense Ad Series.



Figure 5: Identity Human Rights Defense Stationary.





Figure 6: Identity Human Rights Defense Logo.

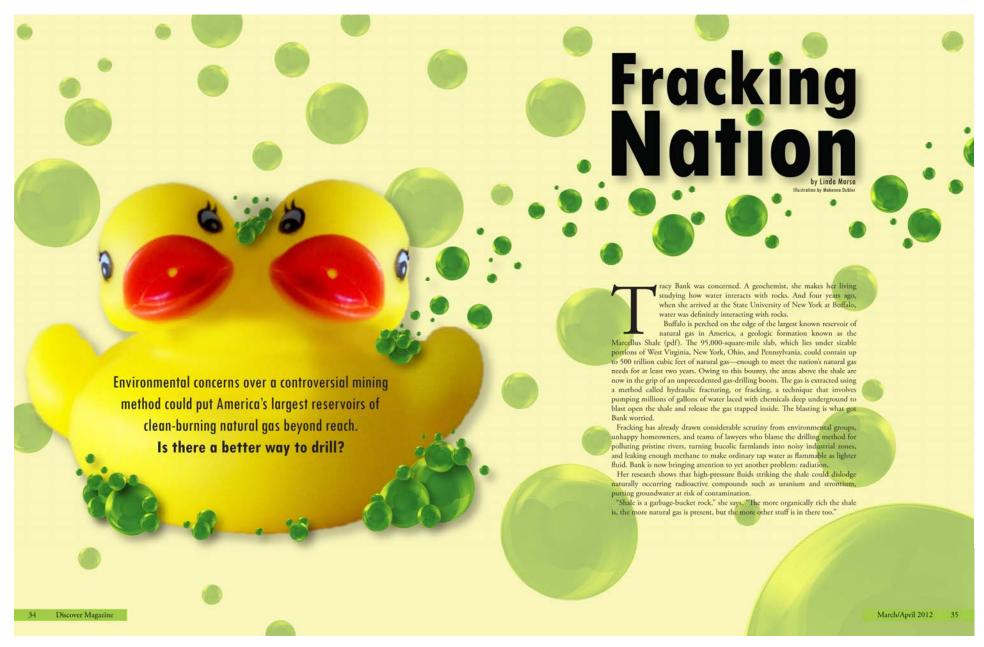


Figure 7: Magazine: Fracking Nation.



Figure 8: Old Town Spice Shop.



Figure 9: Poster: Green Economy 3.

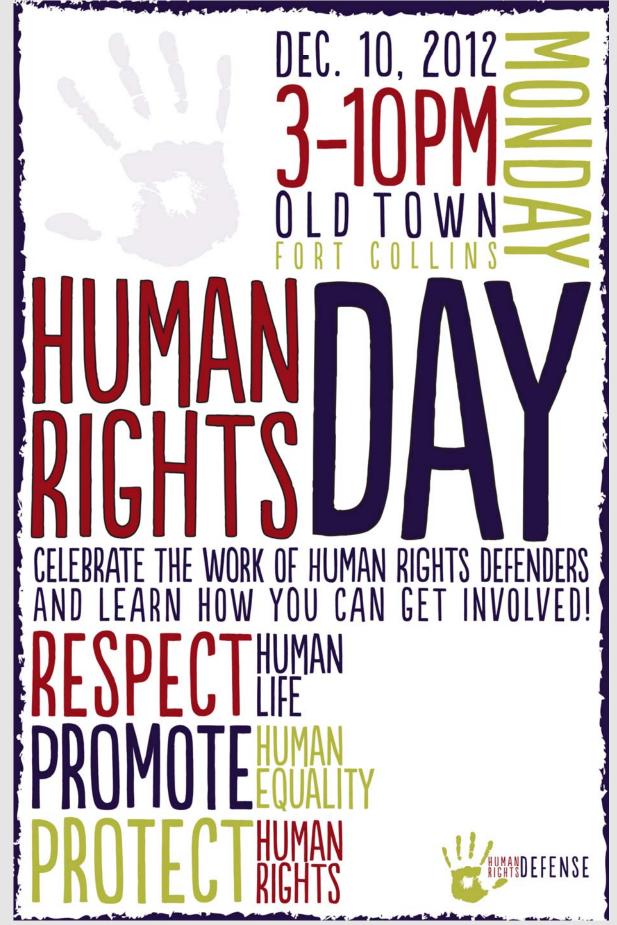
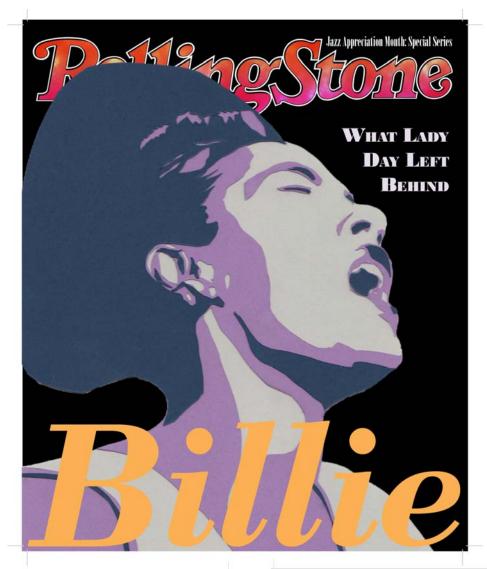


Figure 10: Poster: Human Rights Defense.



Figure 11: Poster: Nanoscience Colloquium Water.





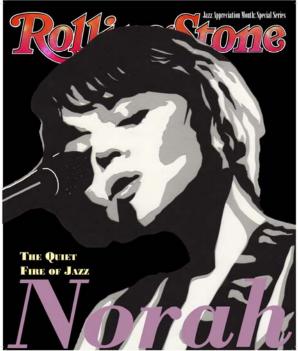
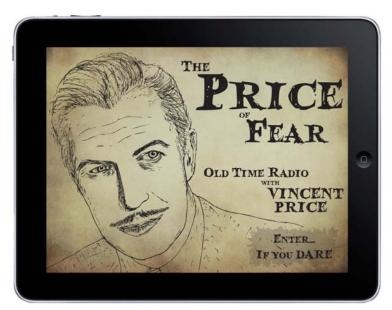


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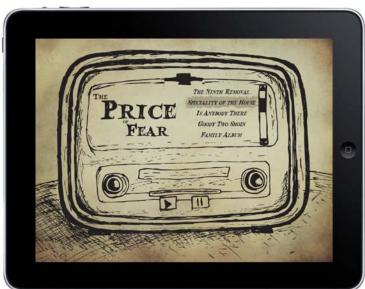




Figure 13: Vintage IPad App.