

Professional Bio:
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Description of Comics Work:

Marek has a lifelong history of work in the comics medium. His comics combine words, pictures, and symbols, manipulating spatial relationships to create conceptual and narrative effects. Using the techniques of abstraction, caricature, and characterization, Marek presents autobiography, biography, history, and fantasy in his serialized cartoon features. As active participants in the process of communication, readers must bring these stories to life and forge their own connections with the material.

Publication History:

- 2006-Present ***Mimi's Doughnuts Zine***: a quarterly all-ages comics variety mail-order 'zine, carrying seasonal installments of Marek's various comics projects.
- 2003-Present ***Mimi's Doughnuts***: a weekly comic strip, now appearing in *The Keene Sunday Sentinel*, *The Contoocook Valley Messenger*, *The Brattleboro Commons*, and *The Valley News*.
- 2005 ***Monadnock History Comics***: 10-episode weekly local history comics series, appeared in *The Keene Sentinel* (Keene, NH). Additional history comics appeared in the children's magazine *Moo Cow Fan Club*.
- 2004-Present ***The Keene Sentinel's "Economic Outlook" Section***: Annual graphic work for special section of the newspaper.
- 2000 ***Fast Eddie, King of the Bees*** by Robert Arellano (Akashic Press, New York, NY): Illustrations.
- 1994-1997 ***Quasar Blasters***: Daily comic strip, appeared in *The Brown Daily Herald* (Providence, RI).

Description of Teaching Work:

Marek holds a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics and Music from Brown University. He took his M. Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from Keene State College's WEL Program in 2004. His teaching style emphasizes discovery-based learning and project-based assessment. His students work together to create large-scale performances, presentations, and publications that share their learning and growth with the community around them.

Teaching History:

- September 2004-present Classroom Teacher, Grades 3-4, 5-6-7
Hopkinton Independent School, Hopkinton, NH
- July 2002-present Workshop and Camp Leader, Elementary & Middle School Ages
Concord, East Alstead, Hopkinton, Keene, Sharon, Walpole, and West Swanzey, NH,
and Stockbridge, MA
- September 2003-June 2004 Team Teacher, Grade 5
Great Brook Middle School, Antrim, NH
- October 2002-June 2003 Title I Aide, Grades 2-5
John D. Perkins Elementary School, Marlow, NH
- June-October 2002 Classroom Aide, High School Level
V.A.S.E. Collaborative, Charlestown, NH