

Education

2003 - BFA, Industrial Design, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

2009 - MA, China Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Achievements

2024 - *Solo Exhibition* - University of Alabama at Birmingham's Dept. of Art and Art History Gallery (Jan - March)

2021 - *Nest Revolving Maker Fund recipient* - supported by the Tory Burch Foundation

2019 - *In Cahoots Artist Residency grant recipient* - Petaluma, CA

2019 - *Surface Pattern Design Guide 1 of 100* - Piece in UPPERCASE MAGAZINE

2018 - *Individual Artist Fellowship* - Alabama State Council on the Arts

2017 - *Honorable Mention, Best Booth* - Magic City Art Connection

2015 - *Finalist* - QUARK (Quilting Activity Resource Kit): Presented idea of kit that teaches math through principles of art at Design Week Birmingham's FEAST competition. One of 5 finalists.

2014 - *People's Choice Award* - Magic City Spool Bus: Co-presented idea of Spool Bus with Christine McLean at REV Birmingham's business competition, THE BIG PITCH.

Skills

Leadership | Communication | Creative Problem-solving | Workshop and Program Development | Presentations | Public Speaking | Workshop Facilitation | Organization | Grant-writing and management | Adobe Photoshop / Illustrator | Web Design | Social Media | Letterpress | Embroidery | Painting | Photography | Quilt-making | Screen-printing | Sewing | Watercolor | Book Arts | Drawing

Experience

Co-Founder and Principal Designer - Tré Lilli Textiles

(2010-Present) Birmingham, Alabama

- Designs textiles using imagery from paintings of father and artist, Trés Taylor
- Collaborates on gallery show concepts
- Prototypes and creates small-batch runs of limited edition products under the Tré Lilli umbrella
- Designs window displays and installations with textiles and sculptural elements
- Attends trade shows and festivals; manages wholesale accounts and online orders

Executive Director and Founder - [The March Quilts](#)

(2023-Present) Birmingham, Alabama

Chief Financial Officer - Bib & Tucker Sew-Op

(2022-2023) Birmingham, Alabama

Building position by extracting all financial responsibilities from previous position as ED; responsibilities include:

- Management of accounts payable/receivable
- Processing contract employee invoices, W9s, 1099-MISCs, payment, record of hours worked
- Filing annual and quarterly taxes
- Writes 10-15 grant applications annually; manages 6-8 secured grants annually; reads applications for other arts agencies in Alabama; between 2016 and 2022, has procured over \$350K in grants
- Seeks other sources of income, having procured a total income of over \$544K to run organization between 2016 and 2022

Executive Director and Co-Founder - Bib & Tucker Sew-Op

(2014-2021) Birmingham, Alabama

- Promoted the organization's mission of cultivating skills for those who sew or want to sew and secured funding for organization's vision of promoting empowerment, education, and economic opportunity through the modality of sewing
- Managed 5 part-time employees who facilitate 17 programs of the organization
- Implemented **Magic City Seams**, a workforce development program that paired clients with local seamstresses seeking flexible income opportunities; program promotes small-batch manufacturing, repurposing of material otherwise destined for a landfill, as well as business incubation for seamstresses wishing to create their own businesses

- Implemented **Magic City Seams Jr.**, a youth program introducing high-schoolers to career opportunities in the applied arts; managed project leads who combined this program with a Fashion Showcase for area youth called, "Recycled Runway" - currently in its 6th year of operation
- Ideated and implemented arts and math-integrated product, **QUARK: Quilting Activity Resource Kit**, which has been taught to over 1,000 children throughout Jefferson County, Alabama
- Engaged in the community; building networks for the organization involving presentations and public speaking

Artist-in-residence - UAB's Institute for Arts in Medicine (AIM)
(2014-2020) Birmingham, Alabama

- Taught sewing to patients, care-givers and medical staff within dozens of units at UAB Hospital
- Facilitated bedside activities and workshops to alleviate stress, fear, anxiety and boredom
- Ideated projects within the visual arts that met the needs of medical and administrative staff
- Offered design expertise for a number of one-off projects over the years
- Engaged in the community; building networks for AIM involving presentations and public speaking

Director of Programming - Desert Island Supply Co. (DISCO)
(2012-2014) Birmingham, Alabama

- Developed curricula that combined creative writing activities with hand crafts
- Promoted organization's mission to offer more opportunities to write and create to Birmingham-area students
- Engaged in the community; building networks for DISCO involving presentations and public speaking

Teaching Artist - UAB's ArtPlay (2010-2016) Birmingham, Alabama

Photographer & Graphic Designer - Workcenter of Jerzy Grotowski & Thomas Richards (2009-2010) La Rotta, Italy

Teaching Assistant, Environmental Science Department, U of Washington (2009) Seattle, Washington

Teaching Assistant, Jackson School of International Studies, U of Washington (2008) Seattle, Washington

English Teacher, Wuhan Experimental Primary School (2006-2007) Wuhan, China

Assistant Project Manager/Account Executive - Becker & Mayer Books
(2004-2005) Bellevue, Washington

- Liaise between development team, vendors, and clients such as Scholastic, Build-a-Bear, Disney, and Barnes & Noble
- Manage development schedules from ideation to product launch for 10-12 projects at one time

Associate Product Developer - Becker & Mayer Books
(2003-2004) Bellevue, Washington

- Responsible for preliminary ideation of toy components for 3-5 new projects
- Manage product development through communication with Chinese manufacturers
- Work with editor of a project to create functional assembly instructions
- Sourcing of materials and components from vendors in Hong Kong and China
- Solve production problems on the ground in Hong Kong and China
- Proposal ideation and development for new projects

Online Presence

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/lillistaylor/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lillisew/>

Website (currently under construction): <https://www.lillistaylor.com>

Bib & Tucker Sew-Op

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bibandtuckersewop>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bibandtuckersewop>

Website: <http://www.bibandtuckersewop.org>