

A Review of New Media Department Candidates (from Caitlin Trafton)  
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Candidate 2: Brian Evans (1st pick)

Experience with Arduino, Programming and Building. Brian has worked on a variety of Design Projects: Architectural, Mechanical, and Graphic. I favor this Candidate most, because I believe he might be the best pick for the *students*. During the Undergraduate Talk, he showed creations from students he had in the past. I think Gene has the experience and capacity to understand what a student is capable of producing, and the training to direct students to resources specific to their desired outcome.

He used "Uhm" quite a bit; unfortunately, I think that can be distracting for some students.

Candidate 1: Gene Felice (2<sup>nd</sup> pick)

Upbeat, personable, Interesting Workshop, Experience in 3-D Projecting and Exhibition Design. Opened my mind to the: potential of Projection, the importance of showing your work often, and views on integrating departments.

I wonder how Gene would do leading a course in New Media at UMaine. Can I say this, "He might be Too Young"?

Candidate 3: Laura West (3<sup>rd</sup> pick)

Good Experience with 3-D Printers and Mediums, and Artistic.

Workshop could have been tighter. Audience was half waiting to use 3-D scanner, and half listening to Laura present. Laura explained how to use the scanner, set students up, and continued to lecture. Students were not complete on the details, and Laura had to inject directions mid-lecture; it was informal, and fun, and semi-chaotic. I would like to see more structure with this one. Most of her information is concentrated around 3-D Printing, and not much else.

As a whole, I think the Candidates were informative and I would enjoy any one of them as a Professor. The best teachers I ever had were the ones that challenged me to do something good for myself, and on my own. Being a professional teacher must be like walking a tightrope. All pupils must be pushed differently (but not too little, or too much). Everyone wants to be treated equally, but every one wants to be seen as unique. Basically I think Brian Evans can see what we want to achieve and help us do it, more than the others.