

Deborah Krikun is a digital artist and Associate Professor of Visual Arts at State University of New York, Westchester Community College in Valhalla, New York, and Faculty Advisor to the New Media Group, newmediagroup.org. Ms. Krikun is a 2009 recipient of the State University of New York's Chancellor's Award of Excellence for Special Projects in Education, recognizing her dedication and innovation as a digital artist and new media educator.

Ms. Krikun holds an M.A. in Communications/Computer Graphics from New York Institute of Technology and a B.S. in Visual Arts from New York University. After graduate studies, Ms. Krikun worked for major 3D animation studios, including Robert Abel and Associates, Digital Productions, and Editel in Los Angeles.

Ms. Krikun was awarded a City of Los Angeles Grant to develop and direct *Tales on Trial*, an educational outreach project for East Los Angeles youths, and sponsored by the Los Angeles Superior Court to help rebuild Los Angeles communities after the civil unrest of 1992.

Since moving back to New York, she continues her creative work merging traditional and digital media. Ms. Krikun has exhibited her digital paintings in New Jersey and New York. Currently, for the upcoming 10th year remembrance of 911 she will be exhibiting at the Open Door Studio in Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Krikun's homage titled "Lamentations" is a 3D digital image honoring loved ones lost and heroes who saved many lives.