

COMMON PRESS

COURSES

Printmaking (silkscreen, etching, mixed media)
Graphic Design
Typography
Advanced Graphic Design
Open Book (Benjamin Franklin Scholar Program)
Cultures of the Book (spring 2008/fall 2009)
Book Arts and Letterpress (spring 2009/2010)
Grotesque Forms (fall 2008, spring 2010)

EQUIPMENT

Vandercook No. 4
Vandercook SP15
Hoe Washington Hand Press (ca. 1847)
Dahle 580, 32" Guillotine
Potter Proof Press
Library of wood and metal type

PUBLICATIONS

Philacentrik, Nine Views of Philadelphia, (2006)
Swipe File, Charles Burns (2008)
Monsters Mind, 15th Room Press (2008)
Esherick Portfolio (2010)

IMPRINTS

15th Room Press, Kelly Writers House

VISITING ARTISTS

Carolee Campbell (2007)
Swoon (2007)
Johanna Drucker (2008)
David Carson (2010)

CONFERENCES

Oak Knoll Fest XIV (2007)

EXHIBITIONS

*Mixed Media, Mixed Company: Conjunctions at the
Common Press*, Penn Library (2007)
Philly (Heart) Design (2007/2008)
Vandercook 100, Center for Book Arts, NY (2009)

AWARDS

Print Regional Design Annual (2007/2008)
Philadelphia Design Awards (2009)

The Common Press is the letterpress studio at the University of Pennsylvania. The press is a collaboration of interests, including writing (Kelly Writers House), print culture and history (the Rare Book & Manuscript Library) and visual arts and design (the School of Design). The facility provides an environment where students can move between digital and manual image making, collaborating with writers, printmakers, designers, scholars and others with an interest in printing. The Common Press exists to assist in teaching design and to facilitate collaborative projects across the university. It was founded on January 17, 2006, the 300th anniversary of Benjamin Franklin's birth.

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