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Education

- 2022 Master of Arts: Studio Art
College of Creative Arts, West Virginia University (WVU), Morgantown, WV
- 2021 Bachelor of Fine Arts: Sculpture
Minors: Applied Communication Studies, Art History
College of Arts and Sciences, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE),
Edwardsville, IL

Public Art

- December 2022-present *Goodnight, shut up: the sculpture*, Evansdale Campus, West Virginia University,
Morgantown, WV
- August 2022-present *Unity Tree*, commission for Waynesburg University, Unity Trail, Waynesburg, PA
- June 2022-present *Revival*, Scovill Sculpture Park, Decatur, IL
- June 2021–June 2022 *Revival*, Krutch Park, Knoxville, TN
- May–October 2021 *Leave the trauma to me*, Sukup Lakeside Courtyard and Sculpture Garden,
Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake, IA

Teaching

- 2022-23 *Instructor of Record*, Visual Foundations 2 (3D), West Virginia University
- Organize daily classroom activities and help students problem-solve, while cultivating a positive learning environment
 - Maintain regular e-mail and in-person communication with students and fellow instructors to keep students on track with their projects
- 2021 *Instructor of Record*, Visual Foundations 1 (2D), West Virginia University
- Demonstrated fundamental art concepts and techniques, provided guidance and feedback on sketches and projects, and guided group critiques
- Stamp Workshop Instructor*, Jacoby Art Center, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
- Developed and taught a stamp making workshop using the relief printmaking process to adult students
- 2020 *Woodcut Printmaking Instructor*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
- Developed and taught Introductory Woodcut Printmaking to adult students
- Teaching Assistant* to Thad Duhigg, 202A Intro to Sculpture, SIUE
- Demonstrated and guided intro sculpture students on MIG welding safety and technique

Exhibitions

- 2024 UPCOMING: Solo show at Foundry Art Center, St. Charles, MO
- 2023 *Heavy Water*, The Co-op, Morgantown, WV
- 2022 *Goodnight, Shut Up*, two-person show at Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake, IA
16th Annual HWD Juried Sculpture Exhibition, Rosewood Art Center, Kettering, OH
Rooms to Let: CLE, Slavic Village Development, Cleveland, OH
Tapped, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Adorned: Inspired by Fabric and Fashion, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center,
Solomons, MD

- Smorgasbord 3: West Virginia University Student Exhibition*, Artists Image Resource, Pittsburgh, PA
- Trifecta: West Virginia University Ceramics, Sculpture, and Printmaking Showcase*, Love Hope Center for the Arts, Fayetteville, WV
- 10th Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, Laura Mesaros Gallery, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- Kingdom Animalia – 2022*, Exhibizone, Biafarin Online Exhibition
- 2021 *Among Beasts*, Sugar Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
- Cedarhurst Biennial*, Cedarhurst Center for the Arts, Mt. Vernon, IL
- 2021 ISC Student Member Exhibition*, International Sculpture Center, sculpture.org
- Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Dogwood Arts, Krutch Park, Knoxville TN
- 2021 Sculpture Exhibition*, Clear Lake Arts Center, Clear Lake, IA
- 2021 AAH 4th Biannual Exhibition*, Angad Arts Hotel, St. Louis, MO
- The Emerging Artist Showcase*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
- Breaking Ground*, Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL
- 22nd Annual Wills Creek Exhibition of Fine Art*, Saville Gallery, Allegany Arts Council, Cumberland, MD
- Cherished: Things Most Loved*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- Common Threads: A fibers exhibition*, Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE
- Self-Reflections*, Foundry Art Centre, St. Louis, MO
- Why*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- SIUE Student Exhibition*, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL
- 9th Annual Juried Student Exhibition*, Laura Mesaros Gallery, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- The Greatest Student Exhibition*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com
- Abstraction*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com
- Homegrown*, Sean Christopher Gallery, Columbus, OH
- Flyover*, Hub Arts and cultural Center, Rushville, IL
- 2020 *2020 ISC Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards*, Online exhibition, International Sculpture Center, artsy.net
- Encore*, Webster Arts, invitational group exhibition, St. Louis, MO
- Stand Up Prints*, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN
- Voices of the Midwest*, The Kavanagh Gallery at Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
- Modern Art National Juried Exhibition*, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Anna, TX
- Dangerous Lullabies VI*, Old Courthouse Arts Center, Woodstock, IL
- Women Speak (1920-2020)*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
- Cell Phone Art Exhibit*, Jag Gallery, Key West, FL
- Art in the Time of Corona | A Global Art Project*, Dab Art Co., Dabart.me
- Wood River Small Works Show*, Wood River Museum and Visitor Center, Wood River, IL
- 41st National Juried Art Show*, Arts Council of Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC
- 2020 – Botanical*, Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- October National 2020*, Gallery 510, Decatur, IL
- August Group Art Show*, Jones Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- The Premiere Exhibition – June Show*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com
- Human Conversations*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com
- State of the Arts 2020*, Prairie Village Arts Council, Juror: D. Lori Phillips, artspv.org
- 7th Annual College Student Art Show*, Gallery Zeke, Steeleville, MO
- Open Theme Annual*, Webster Arts Center, St. Louis, MO
- Annual Student Juried Exhibition*, Art & Design Gallery, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL

Awards, Grants & Scholarships

- 2022 3rd Place Award, *16th Annual HWD Juried Sculpture Exhibition*, Rosewood Art Center, Kettering, OH
Honorable Mention, *Adorned*, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomans, MD
CCA Student Professional Development Grant, College of Creative Arts, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- 2021-22 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, College of Creative Arts, WVU, Morgantown, WV
- 2021 People's Choice Award, *Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Knoxville, TN
2nd Place Award, *Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition*, Knoxville, TN
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Juror's Award, *Self-Reflections*, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO
Edna and Frithiof Carlson Endowed Award for Creative Expression in a CAS Discipline, SIUE
Thomas and Carol Gipe Award in Sculpture, Art & Design department, SIUE
- 2020 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award,
International Sculpture Center
SIUE Art & Design Scholarship
William Justin Brown Memorial Award, Art & Design department, SIUE
Award of Excellence, Open Theme Annual, Webster Arts Center
Sculptors at Wagner Award, Annual Student Juried Exhibition, SIUE
- 2019 Sculpture on Campus Grant, SIUE
Honorable Mention Award, Wood River Small Works Show
Sculpture on Campus 3rd Place Award

Residencies, Artist Talks, Conferences, & Iron Pours

- 2022 Artists in Action Residency, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center
Festival of Combustion, Rivers of steel, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Rapid Fire ARTslam, Virtual artist talk, International Sculpture Center
Career Day Virtual Talk to students at my old high school: Nokomis High School, IL
- 2019 SOFA Connect, *Contemporizing Gothic Cathedrals*:
Installation representing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
SOFA Chicago, IL

Media Coverage & Publications

- 2022 ART IN THE TIME OF CORONA™ VOL.1, Dabster Arts Inc., Reischling Press, Inc., (Tukwila, Washington), Nov 2022.
- 2021 University of Arkansas News, "School of Art M.F.A. Student and Artists Across the Midwest Present 'Among Beasts' at sUGAR Gallery," Dec, 14
Sculpture Magazine, "The 2020 ISC Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards," January/February 2021 Issue
Artistonish Magazine, Issue #9, April 2021
- 2020 Kimberly Sletten, "SIUE's Ruppert Receives Prestigious Award from the International Sculpture Center," SIUE News, October 2
- 2019 *The Aestle* "Whimsical, fun, thought-provoking: This year's campus sculptures unveiled," Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, October 10
The Intelligencer, "Winners Named in SIUE's Arts Sculpture Walk," Oct 9

Technical Skills

Museum/Gallery

2D & 3D work gallery installation
Art packaging & handling
Matting, framing & frame building
Basic construction tools

Sculpture

Public sculpture: Design, construction, & installation + Large scale work transportation
Welding: MIG, TIG
Steel fabrication: forging, cold bending
Metal shop: plasma torch, horizontal band saw, drill press, chop saw, angle grinder, rotary tools
Wood shop: table, miter, panel, and band saw, belt and palm sanders, air compressor tools
Casting: bronze, aluminum, wax, plaster, non-traditional, concrete
Moldmaking: ceramic shell, sand, plaster, rubber, alginate, standard investment,
Modeling (clay, mortar, plaster): figure, drapery, sighting/measuring
Indoor and outdoor site-specific Installation
Mixed media assemblage
Basic electrical wiring

Printmaking

Woodcut: reductive, multiple block
Wood engraving
Linoleum
Intaglio
Screenprint
Monotype

Design

Adobe: Photoshop, Acrobat, Illustrator

Digital Fabrication

3D Printing: MakerGear (PLA), Ceramic, FormLabs: Resin & Castable Wax
Software: Fusion 360, Simplify 3D, Octoprint, Meshmixer