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## Education

- 2021 Bachelor of Fine Arts: Sculpture  
Minors: Applied Communication Studies, Art History  
College of Arts and Sciences, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE)
- 2023 Master of Arts Candidate  
College of Creative Arts, West Virginia University (WVU)

## Public Art

- June 2021- present *Revival*, on display at Krutch Park in Downtown Knoxville, TN  
May – October 2021 *Leave the trauma to me*, on display at Sukup Lakeside Courtyard and  
Sculpture Garden at Clear Lake Arts Center, IA

## Exhibitions

- Upcoming *Goodnight, Shut Up*, two-person show at Clear Lake Arts Center, IA, coming 2022  
Solo show at Foundry Art Center, St. Charles, MO, coming 2023
- 2022 *Adorned: Inspired by Fabric and Fashion*, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center,  
Solomons, MD  
*Tapped*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2021 *Among Beasts*, sUGAR Gallery, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR  
Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Laura Mesaros Gallery, West Virginia University,  
Morgantown, WV  
*Homegrown*, Sean Christopher Gallery, Columbus, OH  
*Flyover*, Hub Arts and cultural Center, Rushville, IL  
*22nd Annual Wills Creek Exhibition of Fine Art*, Saville Gallery, Allegany Arts Council,  
Cumberland, MD  
*Cherished: Things Most Loved*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*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*, 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  
*The Greatest Student Exhibition*, The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com *Abstraction*,  
The In Art Gallery, theinartgallery.com  
*Why*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*Self-Reflections*, Foundry Art Centre, St. Louis, MO  
*SIUE Student Exhibition*, SIUE, Edwardsville, IL

- Common Threads: A fibers exhibition*, Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, NE
- 2020 *2020 ISC Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards*, Online exhibition by the International Sculpture Center, artsy.net
- Art in the Time of Corona | A Global Art Project*, Dab Art Co., Dabart.me
- Modern Art National Juried Exhibition*, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Anna, TX
- State of the Arts 2020*, Prairie Village Arts Council, Juror: D. Lori Phillips, artspv.org
- Cell Phone Art Exhibit*, Jag Gallery, Key West, FL
- Wood River Small Works Show*, Wood River Museum and Visitor Center, Wood River, IL
- Arts Council of Wayne County 41<sup>st</sup> National Juried Art Show*, Arts Council of Wayne County, Goldsboro, NC
- 2020 – Botanical*, Las Laguna Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- Dangerous Lullabies VI*, Old Courthouse Arts Center, Woodstock, IL
- Stand Up Prints*, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN
- Voices of the Midwest*, The Kavanagh Gallery of Fine Line Creative Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
- 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, Invitational Online Exhibition, theinartgallery.com
- Encore*, Webster Arts, Invitational Exhibition, St. Louis, MO
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual College Student Art Show*, Gallery Zeke, Steeleville, MO
- Women Speak (1920-2020)*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
- Open Theme Annual*, Webster Arts Center, St. Louis, MO
- Annual Student Juried Exhibition*, Art & Design Gallery, SIUE, IL
- 2019 *Wood River Small Works Show*, Wood River Museum and Visitor Center, Wood River, IL

### **Awards, Grants & Scholarships**

- 2022 Honorable Mention, Adorned, AnnMarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomans, MD
- 2021 People's Choice Award, 2021 Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition, Knoxville, TN
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award, 2021 Dogwood Art in Public Places Sculpture Exhibition, Knoxville, TN
- Graduate Teaching Assistantship, West Virginia University
- 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  
 2020-2016 Selma J. Hartke Community Foundation Scholarship, Springfield, Illinois  
 Cougar Pride Scholarship, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

### Artist Talks & Conferences

- 2021 Rapid Fire ARTslam, Virtual artist talk, International Sculpture Center  
 2019 SOFA Connect, *Contemporizing Gothic Cathedrals*: Installation representing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, SOFA Chicago, Chicago, IL

### Teaching

- 2022 Instructor of Record, Visual Foundations 2, West Virginia University
- Organize daily classroom activities and help students problem-solve, while cultivating a positive high-energy work 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, 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.

### Media Coverage

- 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 Alestle (Revival on front cover)* '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  
 Marion, Scott, 'Sculpture on Campus provides SIUE students a platform to showcase Artwork,' *The Intelligencer*, September 30

## **Technical Skills**

### **Sculpture**

Casting: bronze, aluminum, wax, plaster, non-traditional, concrete

Modeling (clay, mortar, plaster): figure, drapery, sighting/measuring

Mold making: ceramic shell, plaster, rubber, alginate, standard investment

Plasma torch, rotary tools, drill press, chop saw

Welding: MIG, TIG

Forging: steel

Indoor and outdoor Installation

Public sculpture: design, construction, and installation

Assemblage

Wood Shop Certified

### **Digital Fabrication**

3D Printing: MakerGear (PLA), Ceramic, FormLabs: Resin & Castable Wax

Software: Fusion 360, Simplify 3D, Octoprint, Meshmixer

### **Printmaking**

Woodcut: reductive, multiple block

Wood engraving

Linoleum

Intaglio

Screenprint

Monotype

### **Ceramic**

Wheel throwing

Hand building

Glazing

Additive and reductive techniques

### **Textile**

Fabric Dye

Hand and machine stitching

Embroidery