

EDUCATION

M.F.A. Ceramics (additional work in Art History)

Northern Illinois University 2006-2009

Full Tuition Scholarship - 2007-2009

Graduate Colloquial Grant - 2009

B.A. – History, Minor in Art

Winona State University 1988-1992

Art Department Scholarship - 1988-1990

EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty

Illinois Institute of Art, 2010 - Present/Schaumburg IL

Subjects taught: Survey of Art History I & II, History of Graphic Design, History of Illustration, Image Manipulation, Fundamentals of 2D Design, Fundamentals of 3D Design, Observational Drawing, Life Drawing, Color Theory, Art Direction

Support and mentor students including a large number of first generation college students. Participate in Recruitment efforts presenting at Open Houses and AI After Dark events. Committee work in Fundamentals Curriculum Development and Committee on Student Success. Focus in classes and in committee work is on student retention and success.

Visiting Professor

DeVry University, 2012 - Present/ Online

Subject taught: Humanities, Contemporary Fine Arts

Supports and mentors students from diverse geographical and cultural backgrounds including many international students, adult learners and actively deployed military personnel. Focus is on creating a rich and engaging online learning experience with special interest in serving first generation college students and adult learners.

Studio Art Practice, Self-Employed

2009-present

In addition to art and design skills, this entrepreneurial venture requires extensive organization, planning, marketing, keen eye for diversification of revenue streams, as well as excellent communication and networking skills.

Adjunct Faculty

Waubensee Community College, 2010-2011/Sugar Grove IL

Subjects taught: 2D Design, 3D Design, Humanities, Art Appreciation.

Adjunct Faculty

Moraine Valley Community College, 2010/ Palos Hills

Subjects taught: Ceramics (Hand built Sculpture)

Focus quality design, conceptual development, physical properties and historical context of medium.

Adjunct Faculty

Northern Illinois University - School of Art, 2010/DeKalb, IL

Subjects taught: Ceramics (Hand Built Sculpture/Wheel)

Focus quality design, conceptual development, physical properties and historical context of medium. Special attention to studio safety teaching students to use large equipment and hazardous materials.

Administrative Assistant

Swank Motion Pictures, 1994-2007/ Elmhurst IL

Responsible for support in Management and Operations. Duties included capturing data and providing analysis on productivity statistics as well as scheduling appropriate levels of support in operational areas. Additionally, provided support in customer service, maintaining payroll, and purchasing operational supplies.

ASSOCIATIONS

Batavia Artists Association/current

College Art Association/1998-2000, 2007-2010

International Sculpture Center/2008-2012

National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts/2007-2010

AWARDS

2016

Faculty Member of the Quarter

2012

Honorable Mention, Water Street Studios Summer Group Show

Juried by Lelde Kalmite

2011

Honorable Mention, Water Street Studios Summer Group Show

Juried by Lisa Gloria

2010

Honorable Mention, Water Street Studios Winter Group Show
Juried by Steve Sherrell

2007

Third Place, Revisiting Japanese Prints, NIU Art Museum - Artist Responses to Ukiyo-e Prints
from the Richard F. Grott Family Collection
Juried by Helen Merit

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009

Twisted & Bound, Pleasant Street Gallery, DeKalb IL

CURATORIAL WORK

2017

Catalogue in the Key of C, Aurora Public Arts Council, Aurora, IL

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

2017

SCAC Invitational, St. Charles IL

2016

Retrospective, Aurora Public Arts Council, Aurora IL

2015

Systems and Intuition, Fermilab, Batavia IL

2011

Touch, Create With Curtis, Batavia IL

Opening Gala, Batavia Fine Art Center, Batavia IL

JURIED/GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2014

Process, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Juror: Tempest Hazel
Carbon, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Juror: Jess Mott Wickstrom

2013

Winter Group Show, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Juror: Lelde Kalmite

2012

Energy, Fermilab Art Gallery, Batavia, IL

neXt Gallery, St. Charles IL

Fall Group Show, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Juror: Stacy Boris

2011

neXt Gallery, St. Charles IL

Summer Group Show, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Juror: Lisa Gloria

Fall Group Show, Water Street Studios, Batavia IL, Corey Postiglioni, Juror

2010

DreamCycles, Aurora Arts Commission, Aurora IL, Jurors: Rena Church and Stephen Lowery
Winter Group Show , Water Street Studios, Batavia IL. Juror: Anke Loh

2009

Departures, Chicago Arts District Exhibition Space, Chicago IL
Pin Up, Gallery 214, DeKalb IL

COLLABORATION/INSTALLATION

2009 Mountain: A Force of Faketure, Beverly Arts Center, Chicago IL

2008 Unpacked/Offset, with Gabriel Bizen-Akagawa, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb IL

SYMPOSIUM

Presented: "Ritual Implements of the Taino People", NIU Art History Symposium

CULTURAL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Gallery Committee, Art Institutes, Schaumburg, IL 2015-current

Gallery Committee, Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL, 2011-2014

ArtFlow - Art Education for low income children, Batavia, IL, 2012

ARTWorks Instructor, Aurora Public Arts Commission, Aurora, IL, 2009 - Dual credit art
program through Waubensee Community College and the City of Aurora

Counselor, The Ulster Project, 1988-1990, Peace Project - forging non-sectarian bonds
between youth from Northern Ireland