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Education

M.F.A. Sculpture, Virginia Commonwealth University, 2008

B.F.A. Sculpture and Painting, Tyler School of Art Temple University, 2006

Appointments

2019-Present: Assistant Professor, Sculpture and Expanded Media, Kent State University

2017- 2019: Full-time Instructor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

- Foundations Form & Space, Foundations Creative Thinking and Visual Practice, Graduate Sculpture Seminar

2016: Adjunct Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA

- Sculptural Fabrication

2014-2017: Full-time School of Art technician, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh,

PA

2016: MFA Mentor, Vermont College of Fine Art

2014-2010: Adjunct Professor, WCCC, Youngwood, PA

- 3D Design, 2D Design, Drawing, Portfolio Development, Art History

2013-2014: Adjunct Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

- Foundations Space Research

2012-2010: Adjunct Professor, Seton Hill University, Greensburg, PA

- 2D Design

2011-2012: Adjunct Professor, California University of Pennsylvania, California, PA

- Beginning Sculpture

2008-2010: Adjunct Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

- Art Foundations Space Research, Basic Sculpture, Electro Mechanical Kinetic Sculpture, Robotics, Metal Bending for Sculpture

Group Exhibitions

2018 Contemporary Venice - ITSLIQUID International, Venice, Italy

2018 *University of Arkansas Faculty Exhibition*, University of Texas Tyler

2017 *Shrimp Heaven Now*, University of Arkansas Sculpture Gallery, Fayetteville, AR

2014 *Pittsburgh Biennial*, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA

2013 *Upsodown*, Newton Center for Arts, Newton, MA

2012 *Touchstone Center for Crafts Faculty Exhibition*, Fallingwater, Mill Run, PA

- 2009 *For Lovers*, Kim Foster Gallery, NYC
- 2008 *One Hundred and Fifty Percent Elasticity*, Richmond, VA
- 2007 *Options*, Edison Place Gallery, Washington Project for the Arts Corcoran, Washington, DC
- 2007 *Company Picnic*, Metro Space Gallery, Richmond, VA
Introducing The Commonwealth Bricoleurs , University of Virginia, The Off Grounds Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- 2006 *Crises*, University of Pennsylvania, Annenberg School of Communication, Philadelphia, PA
- 2006 *Debate Team*, FAB Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA
- 2005 *Science Art Jam*, Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 *Eccentricity and the Human Touch*, WCCC Gallery, Youngwood PA

Lectures

- 2019 Public lecture, Kent State University, Kent OH
- 2019 Public lecture, University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg VA
- 2017 Artist talk, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
- 2017 Public lecture, WCCC, Youngwood, PA

Bibliography and Reviews

- 2014 Kurt Shaw, 'Pittsburgh Biennial', Trib Live
- 2007 Paul Brewer, *Options 2007*, WPA Corcoran
- 2007 *Perish the Thought*, Washington City Paper, Kriston Capps
- 2007 *Options*, Washington Post
- 2007 *Options 2007*, Thinking About Art

Professional Work Experience

- 2017 - present Art Foundations Committee, University of Arkansas
- 2018 - present MFA Thesis Committee Member, University of Arkansas
- 2017 - present MFA Critique Committee, University of Arkansas
- 2017 Art and Technology Visiting Artist, WCCC, Youngwood, PA
- 2016 International Sculpture Conference, vacuum-forming demonstration
- 2014 VCU National Portfolio Recruiter
- 2010 Virginia Museum of Art, art installer for Teresita Fernandez, Richmond, VA

- 2010 Reynolds Gallery, art installer and gallery assistant, Richmond, VA
- 2009 Studio Assistant for Amy Hautt
Studio assistant for Suntek Chung
Reynolds Gallery, art installer and gallery assistant, Richmond, VA
- 2007 Studio Assistant for Michael Jones Mckean, Richmond, VA
- 2006 Studio Assistant for Nathaniel Rackowe, Richmond, VA
Fabricator for Anderson Gallery, Richmond, VA

Publications

- 2014 Pittsburgh Biennial exhibition publication
- 2008 Curious, VCU press, edition 2, 2007
- 2007 Curious, VCU press, edition 1, 2007
- 2004 Artist Assistant for Janet Cardiff and George Bures Miller, *Pandemonium*,
Eastern State Penitentiary Historic Site, Philadelphia, PA