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### EDUCATION

2008 M.F.A., Sculpture, Minneapolis College Of Art And Design, Minneapolis, MN.  
2000 B.F.A., Fine Art, Magna Cum Laude, Rank 3/103, and Department Award. Alfred University & The New York State School Of Ceramics Art & Design, Alfred, NY.  
Minor, Biology, Alfred University, Alfred, NY  
Minor, Art History, The NY State School Of Ceramics Art & Design, Alfred, NY.  
1996 High school education with a concentration in visual art, The Rudy And Lola Perpich Minnesota Center For Arts Education, Golden Valley, MN.  
Attended the University of Minnesota for Calculus and Chemistry.

### TEACHING

2014 - Present Designing Curriculum & Teaching, Star Academy, Bloomington MN.  
(Classes designed and taught; Exploring the Universe, Making Comics, Biomimicry, Gardening, Structures, Claymation Animation, Micro & Macro, The Art of Seeing. Open Art, Experiencing Science, Materials Making & More)

2014 - Present Painting Instructor. Cork And Canvas, Minneapolis, MN

2011 - Present Life Long Learning Instructor, Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.

2008 - Present Adjunct Instructor, Fine Arts Department and Entrepreneurial Studies Department, Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Minneapolis MN.  
(Courses Taught: Biological Systems (2009, 2011 – Present), Creative and Critical Thinking (2006, 2010, 2016-present), 3D Foundations (2008-2013, 2016 – present), Visual Journals (2012), Working the Collections (2009, 2011), Futures (2005, 2008, 2015))

2015 Things That Fly, Logan Park, Minneapolis, MN.

2009 - 2010 Dinosaurs in Space, Phipps Center For The Arts Youth Program, Hudson, WI.

2008 - 2011 Adjunct Instructor, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN. (Course Taught: Orientation To Art & Design)

2007 Teacher's Assistant, Minneapolis College Of Art And Design (Courses taught: 3D Foundations (2007) *Futures* (2003-2009) *Creative & Critical Thinking* (2003-2009))  
Raku Workshop "Out Of The Ashes", Lakeville. MN. (Teaching Raku, content and symbolism)

2005 Evolution Workshop, the Children's Museum, Minneapolis, MN. (3-day workshop about Evolution to aid in their development of a future Children's Museum Production dealing with Darwin & theories of Evolution.)

2001 – 2011 Educator, Science Museum Of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN.  
(Classes designed, developed and taught interdisciplinary art and science related topics: - Visually demonstrating and expressing science for students age 3 to 12: • Curriculum I've individually designed: • Big Bang and Other Cosmic Adventures • Biology in a Bottle • Build a Jurassic World • Candle Making • Chemistry of Clay • Crystal Growers • Earth, Sea, and Sky • Evolution ("Bio Detectives") • Invent an Alien • Jewelry Maker's Workshop; science of material, • Make Your Own Art Supplies • Plant Genetics • Scientific Illustration • Tsunamis, Tornadoes, Earthquakes, Volcanoes • Whales and Dolphins..... and more)  
(Classes I have taught and developed inspired by prior courses: Ancient Egypt Camp •

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Bio Base Camp • Bio-Med • Camp Currie: A Science Camp for Girls → Women Scientists' History, and the Science they innovated • castles and Dragons • Circus Maximums • Coral Reefs • Dinosaur Theater Art installation • Egyptian Treasures • Great Space Camp • Making Miniatures: Miniature Furniture and other doll house items • Monsters to Mermaids • Oceans Art Installation • Pirates and Princesses • Roller Coasters • Spy Masters • Stylin Science • Tropical Rainforests • Weather Camp-in and More)

- 2000 Instructor, Como Education Summer Camps, Como Zoo, St. Paul, MN.  
(Developed & taught classes for 4-8 year olds combining biology & art. summer.)
- 1999 Tutoring, Contemporary Issues And Debate, Alfred University:  
(Fall semester tutor about Modern and Post Modern Art Movements and its artists.)
- 1998 Sculpture Instructor, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN. (A weeklong summer course for kids in beginning hand building.)

### AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS

- 2009 Nominated for MUSIC DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR, College music journal, National. NYC, NY
- 2008 Nomination for MCAD Outstanding Student Achievement In Contemporary Sculpture Award. International Sculpture Center. Minneapolis, MN.  
Featured Artist, The Highlander Newspaper, St. Paul, MN.  
Featured Artist, PCAE Visual Arts Department Open Show, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007 MFA Mid-Program Merit Scholarship, Minneapolis College of Art & Design  
Minneapolis, MN  
Best In Category, Grand Forks Art Festival, Grand Forks, ND.
- 2005 Best In Show, Mt. Scott Art Center 'Summer In Winter' Art Show, Portland, OR.  
(\$2,000.00 Purchase award)
- 2000 Alfred Departmental Award, Best in mixed media department for my installation work, NY State School of Ceramics Art and Design, Alfred, NY.
- 1996 Alfred University Presidential Scholarship: Alfred, NY.
- 1996 Commemorative Piece: The Rudy and Lola Perpich Center for the Arts; Golden Valley, MN. (Competition to make a commemorative piece in memory and thanks to Rudy Perpich)

### SOLO & 2 PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 **(Pending) Solo Exhibition** Exploring Indicator Species, Vine Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 **Solo Exhibition**, SPECIMINES Smallest Museum St. Paul, MN  
**Two-Person Exhibition**, Abbi A Allan & Lindsey Kahn: *"The Strange the Beautiful & the Strong"* Larson Art Gallery, U of M St. Paul, MN
- 2010 **Solo Exhibition**, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Coonrapids, MN
- 2009 **Two-Person Exhibition**, Accumulations: Death By A Thousand Cuts, Abbi Allan & Ben Reed, Gallery 13, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2008 **Solo Exhibition**, AT PIZZA LUCE: Minneapolis, MN.

### EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, MCAD Biennial, Minneapolis, MN  
**Group Exhibition**, BIRD IS THE WORD Art in Bloom, MIA. Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, Vine Arts Members Show. Minneapolis. MN  
**Group Exhibition**, LUNATION: 28 days of darkness and light printing project.  
Ivy Arts. Minneapolis. MN
- 2014 **Selected Group Exhibition**, Small Favors Exhibition: The Clay Studio,

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- Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 **Group Exhibition**, Lunation: 28 days of darkness & light printing project. St. Paul, MN
- Group Exhibition**, If We Could Exhibition at Tuck Under Gallery, Minneapolis, MN. Installation *"Cherubs reflecting on the New Virtual Vision of cost-worthy ventures through an Executive Committee's report on an outside Consultant's Presentation on Strategic Rearrangement of Institutional Advancement in a PowerPoint to be Prezi-App-Podcast for a Soap-Box Elixir"*.
- 2013 – 2015 **Group Exhibition / Performance**, Cinco De Mayhem at CO Exhibitions, Minneapolis, MN
- 2012 **Selected Group Exhibition**, Free Candy, Milwaukee Cityside Plaza – Milwaukee, WI
- Selected Group Exhibition / Solo Exhibition** in the Overlook Gallery at Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI.
- 2011 **Three-Person Exhibition**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Exhibition – solo section - 801, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2011- 2015 **Selected Group Exhibition / Performance**, Monster Drawing Rally, Midway Center for the Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010, 2011 **Group Exhibition**, College of Visual Arts Faculty Show, St. Paul, MN
- 2010 **Selected Group Exhibition**, Game Day, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Minneapolis, MN
- Group Exhibition**, Between Spaces/Spaces Between, Art Center of St. Peter. St. Peter, MN.
- Selected Group Exhibition**, A Healing Art Exhibit: Hudson Hospital and the Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
- Group Exhibition**, Faculty Show, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, Foot In The Door, Minnesota Institute of the Arts
- Group Exhibition**, Specimens, Minneapolis, MN
- Group Exhibition**, Faculty Show, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, In The Heart, Minneapolis, MN
- Selected Group Exhibition**, Enter Hear: Pillsbury House Theater Fundraiser – one of the 3-featured artists for the Auction, Mpls. MN.
- 2009 **Selected Group Exhibition** Art Biologic, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY
- Group Exhibition**, Faculty Show, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, 13 Vs. Summer Funk, Gallery 13, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2008 **Group Exhibition**, Faculty Show At The College Of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, Position And Imposition: MCAD Faculty Responds to Politics, Minneapolis, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, MFA Thesis Show At The Soap Factory: Minneapolis, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, PCAE Visual Arts Department Open Show And Sale: Minneapolis, MN.
- 2007 **Group Exhibition**, In Ordinary Time: Gallery 148, Minneapolis, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, Open Format At Whittier Gallery: Minneapolis, MN.
- Selected Group Exhibition** Chambers Burnet Gallery; 'Get Started; Works by MCAD MFA Students': Minneapolis, MN.
- Group Exhibition**, MFA Print Portfolio Show, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2005 **Selected Group Exhibition** New Jersey Center For Visual Arts International Juried Show, Summit, NJ.
- Selected Group Exhibition** Mt. Scott Art Center; 'Summer In Winter' Group Show, Portland, OR.
- 2003, 2004 **Selected Group Exhibition** Minnetonka Center For The Art's Holiday Sale,

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- 2000 Minnetonka, MN.  
**Group Exhibition**, BFA Exhibition: A three room solo installation, Mixed Media. Alfred, NY.  
**Selected Group Exhibition**, Phipps Center For The Arts; Focused Women, Hudson, WI.
- 1997, 1998 **Selected Group Exhibition**, Alfred University's summer Show (May-August): Alfred, NY. Competitive
- 1997 **Selected Group Exhibition**, Freshman Foundation Art Show, Alfred, NY.
- 1994 – 1996 **Curated And Exhibited Shows At The Rudy And Lola Perpich Minnesota Center For Arts Education. Golden Valley, MN.** ((1996) Graduation show, Senior Show. (1995) Senior Plaster and Junior First Semester Show, Independent Art Work and Jewelry Show, Senior Summer Portrait Show, Junior Summer Show. (1994)• First Semester Show, Junior Portrait Show.)

### PUBLIC ARTS WORKS

- 2007 – 2010, 2012 Cannon Valley Trail Commemorative Wall Structure. Welsh Village. MN. (\*in process of upgrades and repair due to weather, 2012.)
- 2009 Mears Park Holiday Display. Assisted in the construction Kinji Akagawa's illuminated animals., St. Paul, MN.

### TEACHING: WEB PRESENCE

- 2011 Collections: <http://collections-mcad-smm.blogspot.com/>  
Orientation To Art & Design (Spring 2011) <http://oadspring2011.blogspot.com/>  
Biosystems <http://biologicalsystemscourse.blogspot.com/>
- 2010 3d Foundations <http://3dwithabbi.blogspot.com/>  
Orientation To Art & Design <http://oad-fall2010-sectb-and-c-allan.blogspot.com/>  
Orientation To Art & Design <http://cva-oad-spring2010.blogspot.com/>  
Orientation To Art & Design <http://oad-examplesallan.blogspot.com/>
- 2010 Creative & Critical Thinking <http://creativecriticalthinking.blogspot.com/>
- 2009 Hybrids Of Art And Science <http://hybridssofarandscience.blogspot.com/>
- 2009 Biosystems: <http://bio-systems-mcad-bsvis.blogspot.com/>

### GUEST LECTURES & SPEECHES

- 2012 Evolution single cell to oxygen and the importance of Biomes, for Aesthetics of Sustainability, MCAD. MN
- 2011 Beakers & Brush: Art & Human Evolution, Science Museum of MN, St. Paul. MN  
MCAD Conversations: Public Art, Good and Bad, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2010 Evolution: 3-hour lecture, Q/A, & discussion about Evolution, for the Biosystems course at MCAD  
Creative Time Management lecture to freshmen at the College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN.
- 2009 Anoka Ramsey Community College Visiting Artist Lecture. Coonrapids, MN.  
WAM Chatter (Pecha Kucha): "Is It Right For An Artist To Manipulate Life?", In response to Eduardo Kac: Natural History of the Enigma; Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN.  
Guest Lecturer for "Presentations and Debate"; MCAD, Minneapolis, MN  
Guest Lecturer for "Reading for Ideas: Art, Science, and Imagination", MCAD, Minneapolis. MN
- 2000 The Ninth Annual H.O. Burdick Memorial Lecture In Biology: Alfred, NY.  
March 14, 2000: Gave the introduction for Dr. Ana Soto on the topic of hormone mimicking chemicals.

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### COLLECTIONS

- 2010 Anoka Ramsey Community College Great River Valley Permanent Collection. Anoka, MN.
- 2007 Print Portfolio; Space Between - Between Spaces. Weisman Art Museum At the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. MN.

### ALBUM COVERS, MUSIC PARTICIPATION

- 2009 H.O.F. limited edition 7". Minneapolis, MN.  
(The photos and drawing on the Polaroid's),
- 2005 Scorned LP – back side of the album cover, Drawing, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2003 Minneapolis Punk Rock "When Hell Freezes over" compilation, Minneapolis, MN  
Bread and Water LP, Dallas, Texas.
- 1998 Code 13 ep - photography on the 7". Minneapolis, MN.

### CURRATION

- 2011 Co-Created For Human & Environmental Sustainability Exhibition:  
MCAD, SMM, and Hand in Health at the Science Museum of MN., St. Paul. MN  
Theories and Tessellations, Working The Collections. Curated show of student art/science work from the Minneapolis College of Art & Design's Collections class at the Science Museum of MN. St. Paul, MN
- 2010 Visualizing The Future. Curated show of student work on imagined and designed future technologies. Science Museum of MN. St. Paul, MN.
- 2009 HYBRIDS Curated show of student art/science work from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design's Collections class at the Science Museum of MN. St. Paul, MN

### VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2016 - Present KFAI – Radio host of Abbi and Ollie present: Vortex Radio Vortex.
- 2015 - Present Vine Art Center member. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2008 – Present Faculty Senate, Senator of Vis/BS and Adjuncts, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 - 2015 Alumni Board For The Minneapolis College Of Art And Design
- 2003 –2012 Host Of Dart Gun Radio At KFAI On-Air DJ and Engineer for an open format rock show. Minneapolis, MN.
- 2003 – 2007 Co-Host Of Local Sound Department on KFAI: On-Air DJ for a Local music.
- 2000 – 2012 Music Director At KFAI. Talking to record promoters, library, tracking, and top 30 for the station.  
Pledge Drives at KFAI. Participate in the bi-annual pledge drives and record sales to support the station
- 2000 – 2003 Co-Host For Radio Riot at KFAI. On-Air DJ playing punk music from around the world.
- 1999 – 2003 Extreme Noise. Volunteer at a collectively run records store. Minneapolis, MN.
- 1998 – 2000 Music Director at WALF, Alfred, NY.
- 1996 – 2000 Radio DJ On Dart Gun Radio, Alfred, NY.
- 1994 – 1996 Art Aid AT The Minnesota Center For Arts Education: Golden Valley, MN.  
Organizing and maintain gallery and art studios for the visual art department. Typing, inventory, and ordering supplies. Gave tours to perspective students and teachers.

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### REPRESENTATION IN GALLERIES

2010- present Celebrations Fine Art, San Diego, CA  
2002 – Present Visions Fine Art Gallery: Sedona, AZ.  
2009 Silken Wood, Warwick, NY  
Celebrations Fine Art, San Diego, CA  
Golden Feather, Hammonton, NJ.  
Mark Wildlife, Pequea, PA.  
2008 Laurel Gallery, Richmond, VA.  
Stewarts' Gallery, Coldwater, MI  
2007 Daniela's Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ.  
2007 - 2013 Your Art's Desire, Minnetonka, MN.  
China Treasures, Wayzata, MN.  
2005 - 2006 Phillips Gallery Of Fine Arts, San Jose, CA.  
2004 – 2009 Collector's Fine Art, Las Vegas / Montelago, NV.  
2004 Gallery 319, Santa Monica, CA.  
2003 – 2005 Collector's Fine Art, Kona, HI.  
Collector's Fine Art, Kauai, HI.  
Artifacts Gallery, Cambria, CA.  
Di Sorrento, Las Vegas, NV.  
Sierra Gallery, Zephyr Cove. CA.  
2003 – 2004 Kauai: The Hyatt Regency Kauai, Kauai, HI.  
2003 – 2004 Water's Edge Gallery, Rancho Mirage, CA.  
2003 Delimidi Fine Art, Milwaukee, WI.  
Fingerhut Gallery, Carmel, CA.  
2001 - 2004 Opening Night, Minneapolis, MN.  
2001 – 2003 Tallulah's On Main, Rock Hall, MD.  
2001 – 2002 Accent Gallery, Ocean City, NJ.  
Artlines Graphics, Minneapolis, MN.  
Avalon Arts, White Bear Lake, MN.  
2001 Morristown Antiques, Morristown, NJ.  
2000 – 2001 Art Resources Gallery, St. Paul, MN.  
1995 – 1996 M.J.L. Impressions, International Market Square. Minneapolis, MN.

### RETAIL and WHOLESALE SHOWS: Weekend long events

2016 Eagan Art Festival  
Carpenter Nature Center  
Grand Forks Art Festival  
Powderhorn Art Fair  
Vine Art Center Holiday sale  
2008 Buyers Market (Rosen Group), Philadelphia, PA.  
2007,2008 Fall Into The Arts: Edina, MN.  
Grand Forks Art Festival: Grand Forks, ND.  
2006-'08, 2011, 2016 Highland Art Festival: St. Paul, MN.  
2006, 2007 Minneapolis College Of Art And Design Art Sale: Minneapolis, MN.  
2001, 2002, 2007 Ring Around The Arts: Apple Valley, MN.  
2001, 2002, 2006, 2016 Stone Arch Festival: Minneapolis. MN.  
2001, 2002, 2003 Wholesale Buyers Market Rosen Group: Philadelphia, PA.  
2001 Madison Holiday Art Show, Madison, WI.  
Mound 2001 Festival, St. Paul, MN.  
1999-2002, 2007-'08, 2016 Afton Art In The Park: Afton, MN.

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1995 First Afton Art Crawl: Afton, MN.

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2014 Judge for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Uptown Art Fair, Minneapolis, MN.  
2008 Judge For 3d Scholastic Arts Awards. Minneapolis, MN.  
2006 – 2007 Damico's And Son, Server at Restaurant. Minneapolis, MN.  
2001 Northern Prairie Tile Center, Production in making hand made tiles, Minneapolis, MN.  
2000 – 2001 Wedge CO-OP: Packaging and dish washing. Minneapolis, MN.  
1999 Northern Clay Center, Materials And Maintenance Technician, Minneapolis. MN.  
Kept the classroom glazes in stock and mixed, reprocessed clay, bagged the student's work, loaded kilns, etc.  
1994 – 1996 Gallery Coordinator, Minnesota Center For Arts Education, Golden Valley, MN.  
Visual Art Department gallery coordinator. Delegated jobs, curate

### **SKILLS**

- Visualizing science
- Instruction / teaching: Preschool to adults.
- Creating creative curriculum that engages through visual expressions and accessing individual learning styles through a variety of interpretation.
- Sculpture and building: Ceramics, clays, metal, paper, mixed media, light
- Installation
- Illustration
- Painting
- Radio Engineering, hosting and creating cohesive music playlists
- Research
- Understanding of Biology
- Understanding of the Cosmos
- Gardening
- Curating student work
- Dissection
-