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EDUCATION

- 2018 MA Candidate, Art Education with Emphasis in Special Populations, Moore College of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 MFA, University of California Davis, Davis, California
- 2013 BA, Art History, Criticism & Conservation, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 BFA *cum laude*, Alfred University, Alfred, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Community Engaging Artist, The University City Arts League, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 Teaching Artist in Residence, The Spiral Q Puppet Theater, Philadelphia, PA
Teaching Assistant, Art Appreciation & Performance Art, UC Davis
- 2015 Graduate Student Researcher, Pottery and Throwing, UC Davis
Teaching Assistant, Sculpture & Introduction to Photography UC Davis
Undergraduate Advisor, Basement Gallery, UC Davis
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Intermediate Painting & Ceramic Sculpture
- 2013 Instructional Technician in Art, Community College of Philadelphia, PA
Art Instructor, Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 Ceramics Instructor & Assistant Artist, Mural Arts Program, Philadelphia, PA
Assistant Teacher, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
Guest Art Maker, Asian Arts Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 Pottery Workshop Leader, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 Assistant Director of Crafts, Rodney Scout Reservation, Sisel County, Maryland
Instructor of Pottery, Leatherwork, Basketry & Tinkering, Sisel County, Maryland
- 2007 Assistant Teacher at The Clay-Mobile Arts Outreach Program, Philadelphia, PA

TECHNICAL ARTS EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Maintenance Technician, Crane Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Production Designer at Squeezebox Design Collective, Philadelphia, PA
Assistant of Museum Preparatory, Manetti Shrem Museum of Art, Davis, CA
Ceramic Mold Designer, For Shiva Ahmadi
- 2015 Art Lab Safety Monitor, Davis, CA
- 2014 Ceramics Facility Safety Monitor, Davis, CA
- 2013 Ceramic & Technical Advisor, Clayfingers Pottery, Kerala State, India
Ceramic Lab Technician, Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
Carpenter & Puppet Maker, The Spiral Q Puppet Theater, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 MSDS Cataloguer, Tyler School of Art Ceramics, Philadelphia, PA
Scenic Carpenter & Stage Hand, Bristol Riverside Theater, Bristol, PA
- 2011 Interim Ceramic Technician, The Clay Store, Alfred University Alfred, NY
- 2010 Assistant Technician, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
Kiln Building Intern, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University

2009 Ceramic Production Specialist & Mold Designer, Goff Creek Pottery, Howard
Production Assistant, Bennett Clay Fish, Arkport, NY

WORKSHOPS

2016 Symposium; Ethics in Social Arts Practice, Philadelphia, PA
2013 Healing Childhood Traumas With Arts Education, Philadelphia, PA
2011 Electronic Microcontrollers & Animated Theater, Anderson Ranch
Wood Fire Kiln Building Course, Watershed Center Ceramic Arts

STUDIO ASSISTANTSHIPS

2010 Ceramic Formulation Assistant for **Walter McConnell**, Alfred, NY
2009 Studio Assistant for **Angie To**, Alfred, New York

DIGITAL DESIGN EXPERIENCE

2012 Graphic Designer for Six and Four Performance Tour, Based out of Alfred, NY
2011 Graphic Designer for Alfred University Clay Club, Alfred, NY

CURATORIAL

2017 Bold Expressions, Sacramento Fine Arts Center
2014 The Ceramics Sideshow, Philadelphia, PA
2013 Artists of Various Sundrys, Alfred New York

OTHER ARTS EXPERIENCE

2015 Art Studio Hiring Board Graduate Representative, UC Davis
Assistant for the Endowed Betty & Wayne Theobald Lecture Series, UC Davis
2008 Assistant & Student Worker, Community College of Philadelphia, PA

BUILDING EXPERIENCE

2016 Historic Restoration Retrofit & Project Manager, Philadelphia, PA
2006 Millworker & Tradesman with J. Strong Building, Philadelphia, PA
2005 Apprentice at Square One Tile, Philadelphia, PA
2004 Intern at S.J. Thomas Contracting, Philadelphia, PA

GRANTS/AWARDS & HONORS

2016 Freemond Gadberry Award
UC Davis Graduate Thesis Exhibition Honorable Mention
Tosa Award Nominee
UC Davis Department of Art Studio Graduate Fellowship
2015 Freemond Gadberry Award
First Year Show Honorarium
UC Davis Department of Art Studio Graduate Fellowship
2014 UC Davis Department of Art Studio Graduate Fellowship
2013 UC Davis Art Studio Provost Fellow Elect
2011 Cité International Des Arts Fellow, Awarded travel to Paris France
Dean's List New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University

- Anderson Ranch William Randolph Hearst Scholarship
- Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts Kiln God Award
- Peters Valley Craft Center Scholarship
- Professional Development funds from the Dean, Alfred University
- Awarded Travel Funds from the Department of Ceramics, Alfred University
- Alfred University Ceramics Grant
- 2010 Alfred University Ceramics Grant
- Dean's List New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
- 2009 Community College Art Founders Award
- Phi Theta Kappa National Honors Society
- Alfred University Ceramics Grant
- Dean's List New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University
- 2008 Community College of Philadelphia NCECA Travel scholarship
- Doris Weis Art Memorial Scholarship

PUBLICATIONS & PRESS

- 2017 Catalogue ZI, Diverse & Domestic Universe, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2016 The Aggie, "UC Davis MFAs Hold Major Exhibitions in The Sacramento Area"
- 2014 Jakarta Contemporary Ceramics Biennale Periodical, "Three Ring Bacchanalia"
- 2013 Bona Press, Kickstarter Success, "Roaming Homes"
- 2012 Lark 500 Prints on Clay, "The Traveling Vacuum Cleaners Salesman"
- 2011 AU News, 2012, "The Finger Lakes College in Paris"
- 2009 Alfred Grinding Room, Editors Choice for Raw Materials Formulation

COLLECTIONS

- 2013 Please Touch Museum
- 2010 Community College of Philadelphia

RESIDENCIES

- 2014 Zona Imaginaria, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 Clayfingers Pottery, Kerala State, India
- Jatiwangi Art Factory, West Java, Indonesia
- 2012 Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 Cité International Des Arts, Paris, France
- Watershed Center for Ceramic Art, Newcastle, Maine

VOLUNTEERING

- 2015 Third Space Art Collective, Davis, CA
- 2014 Viola Street Community Garden, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 Exhibition Preparator, Cultural Canvas, Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 2012 Art Educator, Build-A-Bridge International, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 Arbor Day Plantings, Clark Park, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 Public Health Volunteer, Philadelphia PA

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Outer City, A Space, Philadelphia, PA
- 2014 Land Ark, Slatters Court, Davis, CA
- 2012 Flying Fish boats! The Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 Matches Made in Heaven, Tyler school of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2010 Menagerie, Senior Thesis Exhibition, Alfred, NY

SHOWS, EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES

- 2017 Small Favors, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016 De Paul Auction For The Homeless, Philadelphia, PA
- Jerks Productions October Spectacular, Philadelphia, PA
- Linked, PAFA, Philadelphia, PA
- Tube Circus, Sacramento, CA
- Having Happened, Verge Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- The Cocktail Party Dilemma, Embark Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 Art & Soul, Philadelphia, PA
- Mental Throughs, Third Space Art Collective, Davis, CA
- Subject to Change Sacramento, CA
- UC Davis Writers and Artist Collaboration Project, Davis, CA
- The Ceramic Sideshow Showcase, TB9, Davis, CA
- UC Davis Art/Language Collaboration Project
- 2014 White Line Fever, Davis, CA
- Silicone Valley Arts Fair, San Mateo, California
- Roaming Homes, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 Indonesian Contemporary Ceramic Biennial, Bandung, Java, Indonesia
- Fort Kochi Biennial, Kerala State, India
- Taylors Fight, Fundraising Campaign for Cancer Patient Taylor Watkins
- 2012 Please Touch Museum Permanent Collection
- Go West, a Kinetic interactive tent installation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2011 The Fantastic Hats of Bathomas the Magnificent, Online hat gallery project
- 2010 Open Studio Tours, La Cité Internationale Des Arts
- Jersey Shore Clay National, MT Burton Gallery, Surf City, New Jersey
- Rittenhouse Arts Festival Exhibitor, Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 Profile, Chelsea Hotel, NY, NY
- Smashatoria, Alfred, NY
- Items of Artisans, Alfred, NY
- To Many Mouths, Performance piece Curated By Laura Zelda Smith, Alfred, NY
- Container Glass as a Raw Material, Philadelphia, PA
- 30 Years of Ceramics at the Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA
- The Ceramics Side Show, Philadelphia, PA
- Ultimate Chatter, Alfred, NY

Internal Affairs, NYSCC, Alfred, NY
Kiln Technicians Showcase, NYSCC, Alfred, NY
2007 Work featured at Vix Emporium, Philadelphia, PA
2006 Community College of Philadelphia Student Annual, Philadelphia, PA

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Pennsylvania Art Education Association
- College Art Association
- NCECA
- Build-A-Bridge
- Phi-Theta-Kappa