

EDUCATION

Master of Art Education (M.A.Ed.) – December 2014

University of Georgia (UGA), Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA (USA)

Certificate in Nonprofit Management – May 2014

University of Georgia (UGA), School of Social Work, Athens, GA (USA)

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (B.F.A.), Photography – May 2007

School of Visual Arts (SVA), New York, NY (USA)

Foreign Language Skills - Portuguese, Spanish, and French

Computer Skills - Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Entourage), Adobe (Acrobat, Photoshop, Bridge), Prezi

WORK EXPERIENCE

Arts Outreach Coordinator

**Steffen Thomas Museum of Art
Buckhead, Georgia**

February 2015 – February 2016

- Worked closely with the Museum Director and Curator in planning and developing the museum's various programs and outreach efforts. Collaborated with the Director, teachers and artists to build program curricula and coordinate projects. Responsible for writing grants, assisting with fundraising and event production. Also assisted Curator with installing exhibits, museum tours and docent program.

Project Coordinator

**Partnership with Athens Regional Library System
Athens, Georgia**

April - May 2015

- Created outreach program in partnership with the Athens-Clarke County Library System and Pinewoods Community Library, to develop and promote ongoing shadow puppetry program with an important Hispanic community (Pinewoods) in Athens; establishment of a bilingual (Spanish/English) shadow puppetry workshop/production involving the collaboration of local artists/teachers and volunteers that tied in literacy through storytelling related to the students' heritage (ages 5-15). Financed through grant funding from AthFest Educates.

Art Education Assistant

**Lyndon House Arts Center
Athens, Georgia**

August 2014 - January 2015

- Assist Art Education Specialist with outreach, program development, event planning, grant writing and fundraising. Assist art instructors with class registration process, curriculum prep for afterschool programming and organizing studios. Also teach various annual programs, workshops and camps that engage K-12 students.

Program Art Teacher

**Lyndon House Arts Center
Athens, Georgia**

May 2013 – August 2015

- Taught art during spring and summer sessions to students ages 4-11. Responsible for developing weekly themes, lesson-planning, project development, classroom management and engaging students in daily projects shown in weekly group exhibits. Developed and implemented an 8-week photography and writing program with middle-school students. Responsible

for weekly lesson plans, weekly project development, classroom management, and collaborated with students on exhibition planning.

Preschool Art Teacher

**Arrow
Athens, Georgia
May 2013 – June 2014**

- Taught art to preschool students ages 2-4 years old. Responsible for developing weekly themes, lesson-planning, project development, classroom management and engaging students in daily art projects.

Art Teacher

**La Scuola Primaria G. Mancini
Cortona (AR), Italy
March - April 2013**

- Developed an art lesson unit exploring art and emotion for the 2nd grade while in Italy studying abroad through the University of Georgia Study Abroad Program. Along with my co-teacher, we created lesson plans and taught in Italian to non-English speakers to develop a large-scale art project in collaboration with the elementary school and community. The students exhibited their work in a group show with the entire elementary school.

Museum Docent

**Georgia Museum of Art
Athens, Georgia
September - December 2012**

- Trained with the GMOA Curator of Education and Community Docents and led student and public tours. Led an Athens-Clarke County field trip tour with large groups of 5th grade students, prepared activities and exhibit-inspired art projects. Also planned and led a tour during the Museum's Student Night event. Developed a tour and teaching packet for middle and high school students.

Art Teacher

**Pushp Niketan School
Dhampur (UP), India
January - May 2011**

- Collaborated with school art teacher on curriculum and development for elementary and middle school classes. Implemented a photography course with the 5th grade focused on reflective writing and storytelling, as well as a large mural created in collaboration with 3rd-5th grade students. Developed a large-scale multi-media installation made from recycled materials with the 7th grade. Collaborated with students to curate an exhibition of their work for the community on the school premises.

Substitute Teacher

**The Atlanta Progressive Preschool
Atlanta, Georgia
August - December 2010**

- Taught small group classes in a Waldorf inspired preschool. Assisted lead teacher with class management, organizing classroom, and implementing curriculum. Helped create provocations to engage students in the learning process.

Program Educator

**The Clifton School
Atlanta, Georgia
June - August 2010**

- Taught large groups of up to 30 preschool students in the Reggio Emilia summer program. I collaborated with 3 other teachers in development of curriculum, class management, and group art projects. In charge of leading individual group centers and creating provocations, and engaging students with environment.

Long-term Substitute Art Teacher

**Woodward Academy
College Park, Georgia
March - June 2010**

- Taught high school photography, ceramics, design, and drawing to groups of up to fifteen students at a time; continued with the teacher's curriculum and lesson plans provided. Students worked with various alternative photographic processes, and black and white printing in the darkroom; design course worked with collage and printmaking; drawing and ceramics courses covered the fundamentals of the medium through various projects.

Art Teacher

**Novo Horizonte – Organization for Educational Reinforcement
Rio de Janeiro (RJ), Brazil
January - March 2010**

- Assisted current teachers at the NGO, in the community Morro da Formiga in Tijuca, RJ. Worked with students ages 5-15 in groups of 10-20 at one time. Developed collaborative art projects that included restoring and painting a mural together, engaging in educational activities, and art activities.

Photography Teacher

**Association for Educational and Cultural Development (AEC-TEA)
Capim Grosso (BA), Brazil
August - December 2009**

- Taught 5 different classes to students of all ages (adolescent – adult) in conjunction with Ponto de Cultura of Bahia state grant. Collaborated with the Project Coordinator and prepared lesson plans for both beginner and advanced courses. Taught technical exercises on field trips, led slide discussions and group critiques. Taught students to use Microsoft MovieMaker to create videos, and collaborated with students to curate an exhibition in the town square.

Photography Teacher

**Center for Pan Asian Community Services, Inc. (CPACS)
Chamblee, Georgia
February - May 2009**

- Taught a semester-long after-school program that used photography to explore concepts of community with diverse students from Sequoia Middle School at WonderRoot Community Arts Center in East Atlanta. Taught basic elements of photography using traditional darkroom methods and led group discussions. Exhibited student work at Eyedrum in Atlanta in fundraising efforts for the program.

Gallery Assistant

**Opal Gallery
Atlanta, GA
February 2008 - July 2009**

- Assisted Gallery Director in operations and customer service during business hours, organized client data entry, aided with monthly show preparation, photographed openings, and supervised occasional events at the gallery.

Assistant Photo Editor

**Turner Broadcasting Systems, Inc.
Atlanta, GA
November 2008 - August 2009**

- Assisted the Image Management Department with edits of shoots from networks such as CNN, TNT, TBS, TruTV. Filled out work orders, delivered client needs and archived shoots. Also assisted with general tasks, created PowerPoint presentations, collaborated with other editors on shoots, and assisted the department with archiving needs.

Photo Coordinator

**Atlanta Magazine
Atlanta, GA
August - December 2007**

- Assisted in editing photography for featured stories, coordinated photo shoots, acted as liaison between the magazine and photographers, worked with Photoshop on images featured in upcoming issues, worked closely with the design and editorial team on achieving best photography, handled all photo/art research, as well as assisted in maintaining art budget for monthly issues.

Assistant Photo Editor & Photographer

**The Village Voice
New York, NY
January 2007 - June 2007**

- Assisted the Photo Editor in preparing the photographic layouts for each issue, edited final proofs for featured articles, re-touched images, organized database, and photographed various editorials for publication.

PUBLICATIONS + MEDIA

- 2015 Featured Artist on Light Leaked
- 2015 ATLToDo, *Close* Review
- 2015 Flaggpole, *AthFest Educates Grantee Brings Shadow Puppetry to Pinewoods*
- 2015 Lake Oconee News, *One to Three* Review
- 2015 Lake Oconee News, GA
- 2015 Morgan County Citizen, GA
- 2014 FLAUNT Magazine: Robotripping Feature
- 2014 Featured artist on BOOOOOOOM
- 2014 WonderRoot Artist PodCast Interview
- 2013 Featured Photographer on Feature Shoot
- 2010 Spraygraphic, Artist Interview
- 2008 Access Atlanta, Group Show Review
- 2008 Access Atlanta, Solo Show Review
- 2008 Slow Exposures Magazine
- 2008 *Blender* Magazine
- 2007-08 *Atlanta* Magazine
- 2007 *Village Voice*
- 2007 Featured portfolio and member, FJORD online artist space
- 2007 Conscientious, "Contemporary Photographers"

EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 *Instruction: Artwork by Lyndon House Arts Center Faculty*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens, GA
- 2015 *Up Close*, an INSIDE OUT exhibition with students from the Crossroads School, Madison, GA
- 2015 *One to Three: Works by Nicole Akstein, Greg Strelecki & Angelina Bellebuono*, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, GA
- 2015 *Cada Heroe Tiene Una Historia*, Student Shadow Puppetry performance, Pinewoods Library, Athens, GA
- 2015 *28th Annual Printmaking & Book Arts Juried Student Exhibition*, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA
- 2015 *Close*, joint show with Meredith Kooi, curated by Chanel Kim, Kibbee Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 *Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation (OCAF) Small Works Juried Exhibition*, OCAF, Watkinsville, GA
- 2014 *Lyndon House 39th Juried Exhibition*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens, GA
- 2014 *Student Juried Exhibition*, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA
- 2014 *Between Passages, Solo Show*, WonderRoot Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2014 *Close Up: Portraits by Athens area Youth*, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA
- 2013 *Group Show*, NAEA Student Exhibition, Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA
- 2013 *On Community: Photographs and Writing by Athens area Youth*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens, GA
- 2012 *The Imaginary Million* in conjunction with WonderRoot, MOCA GA and Kennesaw State University's Zuckerman Museum of Art
- 2012 *LIFE IS BUT A DREAM*, The COOP House, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 *Home + Land*, Gallery Café, Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, Atlanta, GA
- Slow Exposures*, Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, Zebulon, GA
- 2009 *Print Studio Group Show*, Serenbe Photography Center, Palmetto, GA
- CPACS Project student show, Eye Drum, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 *Sylvania; No. 37*, Opal Gallery, Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, Atlanta, GA
- KA-CHUNK*, Group show, Opal Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- Slow Exposures*, Zebulon, GA
- Group Exhibition*, Library Coffee Co., Atlanta, GA
- 2007 *Mentor Show*, The Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
- 2006 *Solo Show*, West Egg, Atlanta Celebrates Photography Festival, Atlanta, GA
- Solo Show*, Salon Next, Atlanta, GA
- 2004 *Group Show*, Starbucks Coffee, New York, NY
- 2003 *Scholastic Art Awards Exhibition*, Woodruff Arts Center, Atlanta, GA

PRESENTATIONS + WORKSHOPS

January 2015 // Georgia Association of Museums & Galleries (GAMG) Conference presenter for Steffen Thomas Museum of Art

March 2015 // Kibbee Gallery, Atlanta GA – Artist Talk with Meredith Kooi on joint exhibition, *Close*

March 2014 // Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA – Artist visit and presentation of featured artwork in the gallery with students

November 2013 // Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA – Applied Project Student Exhibition

February 2014 // University of Georgia – Applied Project Student Exhibition in the Art Education Gallery

October 2013 // University of Georgia Art Education Student-Teacher Training – Presentation of Applied Project and on Teaching to Multicultural Students

June 2013 // J.W. Fanning Institute of Leadership, Athens GA – Co-taught art component of the Leadership Without Limits program with migrant youth using photography to explore identity and culture

May 2013 // Duke University, Center for Documentary Studies workshop with Dr. Katie Hyde – *Portraits and Dreams: Literacy Through Photography* – Methodologies in using photography and narrative in the classroom to explore concepts of community.

AWARDS + HONORS

2014-15 AthFest Educates Grant Recipient in collaboration with Athens-Clarke Country Library, Athens, GA • Jane Willson Scholarship & Cortona Program Stipend, University of Georgia Cortona Studies Abroad 2013 • School of Visual Arts Mentor Show Participant 2007, New York, NY • Scholastic Art Award 2003, Silver Key recipient for Portfolio & Individual Prize, Atlanta, GA