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Education

- 2011 Master of Fine Arts, Ceramics
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL
- 2008 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ceramics, (Cum Laude)
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater, Whitewater, WI

Professional Experience

- 2011 Instructor, 202c-Introduction to Ceramics
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2010 Instructor, 202c-Introduction to Ceramics,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2009 Photography Lab Assistant, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2008 Gallery Assistant, New Wagner Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2007 Designed Business Logo for Stealth Robotics, Longmont, CO
- 2006-2008 Ceramics Studio Technician, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Honors/Awards

- 2011 Carey Orness Sculpture Award
Annual Graduate Exhibition
New Wagner Gallery, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- Purchase Award
Student Arts Competition
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2010 Wagner Potters Association Award
Annual Graduate Exhibition
New Wagner Gallery, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

- Purchase Award
Student Arts Competition
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2009 Purchase Award
Student Arts Competition
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
- 2008 Paoli Clay Co., LLC Award
Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Crossman Gallery,
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
- 2007 University of Wisconsin Whitewater Art Department Scholarship
Ceramics Award
- University of Wisconsin Whitewater Art Department Scholarship
Grinstead Arts Award
- Charlie Olson Ceramics Award,
Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Crossman Gallery,
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
- 2003-2008 Dean's List Honors (8),
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
- 2005 Honorable Mention, Annual Juried Student Exhibition, Crossman Gallery,
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater

Exhibitions

- 2011 Semiotic Systems; Ornamentation of Regret: MFA Thesis Exhibition
Mad Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- Annual Graduate Exhibition
Wagner Potters Association Award
New Wagner Gallery, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Buzz Spector
- Student Arts Competition
Purchase Award
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Timothy Waldrop Jr.

- 2010 40th Annual Ceramics Exhibition
Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI
Student Arts Competition
Purchase Award
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Sarah Frost
- Annual Graduate Exhibition
Wagner Potters Association Award
New Wagner Gallery, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Jo Stealy
- 2009 Student Arts Competition
Purchase Award
Morris University Center Gallery,
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Daniel Raedeke
- Annual Graduate Exhibition
New Wagner Gallery, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville
Juror: Lindsey Stouffer, Adjunct Lecturer, Washington University
- Clay and Context National Juried Exhibition
University Art Gallery, Indiana State University, Terra Haute, IN
Juror: Sherman Hall
- 2008 Soda Salt National IV
The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula MT
Juror: Jim Koudelka,
- NCECA Regional Student Juried Exhibition,
Pittsburg Center for the Arts, Pittsburg, PA
- Annual Juried Student Art Show,
Paoli Clay Co., LLC Award,
Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Juror: Dara Larson, Associate Professor of Art at Alverno College
- BFA Senior Exhibition
Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
- Best of the Best,
Roberta Avonn Fiskum Art Gallery
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater

2007 Annual Juried Student Art Show,
Charlie Olson Pretty Good Ceramics Award,
Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Juror: Benjamin D. Rinehart: Professor of Art Lawrence University

Scholarship Recipient Art Show,
Grinstead Arts Award,
Ceramics Award
Crossman Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

2006 UW-W Ceramics Exhibition, Invitational Group Exhibition,
Center Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Annual Juried Student Show, Crossman Gallery,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Juror: Frances Myers: Professor of Art at University of Wisconsin- Madison

2005 Annual Juried Student Show, Crossman Gallery,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Juror: Andrew Polk: Professor of Art at University of Arizona

Juried Student Exhibition, Young Auditorium Student Gallery,
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan,
Jared Janovec, Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey.*

2004 Juried Student Exhibition, Young Auditorium Student Gallery,
University of Wisconsin- Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan, Greg Porcuro,
Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey.*

Publications

2009 “500 Ceramic Sculptures: Contemporary Practice, Singular Works”
Lark Books, Asheville, NC

Collections

2011 Student Success Center, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

2010 Student Success Center, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

2009 Student Success Center, Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

2006 Chancellor’s Office, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater,
Student Art Association Collaborative prints

Technical Abilities and Skills

Ceramics

Hand building
Throwing
Slip Casting
Plaster Mold Making
Advanced Modeling
Clay and Glaze Calculation
Kiln Building Experience
Kiln Maintenance

Firing Experience

Wood firing, Soda Firing, Salt Firing, and Reduction Cooling, Glaze Reduction, Oxidation Firing, Raku

Sculpture

Small Bronze Casting
Rubber Mold Making
Wax Casting
Resin Casting
Sewn Forming
Found Object Re-contextualization
Glass Blowing
Lamp Worked Glass
Plaster Forming
Basic Wood Working
Mixed Media Assemblage

Curatorial Experience

- 2006 Co-Curator, Juried Student Exhibition,
Young Auditorium Student Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan,
Jared Janovec, Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey.*
- 2005-2006 Co-Curator, Volunteer, Young Auditorium Permanent Collection,
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
- 2005 Co-Curator, Juried Student Exhibition, Fall Exhibition,
Young Auditorium Student Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan,
Jared Janovec, Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey.*

Co-Curator, Juried Student Exhibition, Spring Exhibition,
Young Auditorium Student Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan,
Jared Janovec, Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey,
Karen-Sam Norgard.*

2004 Co-Curator, Juried Student Exhibition,
Young Auditorium Student Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
*Jurors: UW-W Faculty and Staff Members: Michael Flanagan, Greg Poraro,
Ken Kohberger, Michael Morrissey.*

Organizations

2009-2010 Wagner Potters Association Co-President

Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

2008- 2011 Wagner Potters Association, Member
Southern Illinois University- Edwardsville

2007-2012 NCECA, Member

2006-2008 Student Art Association, Member
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Ceramics Club, Member
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Community Service

2006 Student Art Association Printmaking Collaborative, Participant,
Chancellors Inauguration, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Sustenance: Art Auction Fundraiser, Volunteer and Artist Participant,
University of Wisconsin Whitewater, WI.

2006 Sustenance: Art Auction Fundraiser, Volunteer and Artist Participant,
University of Wisconsin Whitewater, WI.

2005 Volunteer Ceramics Guest Speaker, Parker High School, Janesville, WI

2003 Eagle Scout Project, Ice Age Trail, Janesville, WI
*Project included: organizing, mobilizing, managing of work crew(50 people) and supplies.,
Cleared 5 acres of land of debris (rocks, roots, trash, etc.), Planting of over 800 trees and
distribution of wild flower and prairies grass seeds.*

References

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