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### **Education**

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- 2011** Indiana University, Bloomington IN  
**Master of Fine Arts**, Painting.
- 2006** International School of Painting Drawing and Sculpture, Umbria Italy.  
  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts**, Painting.
- 2003** Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI  
**Associate Degree**, Graphic Design.

### **Professional Experience**

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- 2012-** Jeff Koons **Painting Studio Assistant**  
**2015** Summer **Arts Instructor**, Crown Heights Summer Arts Camp, Brooklyn NY  
**2011-12** **Part Time Instructor**, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI  
Drawing II: Fall 2011, Winter 2012  
Part Time Instructor, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn MI  
Painting: Fall 2011, Drawing I: Winter 2012
- 2009-11** **Assistant Instructor, Indiana University, Bloomington IN Painting 1: Fall 2010, Spring 2011**  
Landscape Painting, Beginning to Advanced: Summer 2010  
Drawing 1: Fall 2009, Spring 2011
- 2003** Teacher Assistant, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI Internet Design: 2 sections Fall 2003

### **Exhibitions**

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- 2017** *Alive*, Sojourn Arts and Culture, Louisville KY  
*High Rock Tower*, Curated by Alex Sewell, Ess Ef Eff Gallery, Brooklyn NY  
*Arts to End Violence*, Ron Taylor Gallery, Brooklyn NY  
*Drums on Paper 3*, Authorized to Work in the US Press, Ground Floor Gallery, Brooklyn NY
- 2016** *Pivot Gallery Hosts Ess Ef Eff*, Pivot Gallery, NY NY  
*Columbia Faith and Action Arts Panel*, Columbia University, NY NY  
*Drums on Paper 2*, Authorized to Work in the US Press, Rabbit Hole Gallery, Brooklyn NY  
*Breaking the Fourth Wall*, Painting and Piano Performance with Craig Michael Davis, Spectrum NYC, NY NY
- 2015** *Dear Brooklyn*, RAM Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Ruach*, St Paul German Church in Chelsea, New York, NY
- 2014** *Finding Balance*, Deines Cultural Center, Russell, KS  
*Showcase #2*, Big Irv's, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013** *Mission Creep*, Big Irv's, Brooklyn, NY  
*Bob Ross Take Down*, Active Space Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012** *Neighbors*, Gillock Gallery, Evanston, IL  
*Local Emerging Artists*, WCC Gallery One, Ann Arbor, MI *Neighbors*, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor, MI  
*30x30*, Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2011** *Altered Ground*, University of Michigan Work Gallery, Ann Arbor MI  
*Branching Out*, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor MI  
*Master Pieces*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*Neighborhood View*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN  
*MFA Annual Show*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- 2010** *Visual Overload*, Fuller Gallery, Bloomington, IN  
*MFA Annual Show*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- 2009** *Benjamin Cowan House Show*, Gillock Gallery Presents, Chicago, IL  
Marion Kryczka and Benjamin Cowan, Gillock Gallery, Evanston, IL  
Ben Cowan Paintings, The Arts Scene Gallery, Little Rock, AR

- Plein Air Et Al, Recent Paintings by Benjamin Cowan, James Hajicek, Jill Zylke, Chicago, IL SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Northern Trust, Chicago, IL
- 2008** *Ben Cowan*, Swirl Wine Bar, Chicago, IL  
*Milwaukee Avenue Art Walk*, Logan Square Neighborhood, Chicago, IL  
*Fall Festival*, Around the Coyote, Chicago, IL  
*Barewalls*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
*Art On Track*, Art displayed on CTA train, Chicago IL  
*Ox-Bow Winter Benefit*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
 SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Chicago Housing Authority Office, Chicago, IL
- 2007** Highland Park High School, Highland Park, IL  
*Barewalls*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
 Chicago Loop Alliance, Invitational Live Auction, Chicago, IL  
*Big Sky*, SAIC SUGS, Chicago, IL  
 SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Slayton Research Partners, Chicago, IL  
*Your Backyard*, Fuse Box Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2006** *Joseph Albers: To Open Eyes*, Gallery One, Ann Arbor MI *Undergraduate Exhibition*, SAIC, Chicago, IL

### **Bibliography**

- Creators, VICE, "Immigrant Artist Creates Old School Photocopier Print Shows for Everyone", Lorelei Ramirez, February 26 2017  
 Fresh Paint Magazine, Issue 6, February 2015  
 The Wall Street Journal, "Happy Trees", David Shapiro, March 25, 2013  
 The Labletter, Edition 15, 2013  
 International Painting 2, Manifest Gallery, 2012  
 Caroline Ewing, "Office Space," F News Magazine, September 18, 2007  
 Katrina Kuntz, "Is the Best Art in the Bathroom? A Short Review of the BFA Show," F News Magazine, May 1, 2006

### **Additional Art Experience**

- 2015** The Renwick Hotel, Guest Room Art and Presidential Suit Murals, New York NY  
**2012** Ithaca Office Murals, Ann Arbor, MI  
**2011** Poster Presenter *Landscape Space Place Geography Conference*, IU, Bloomington IN  
**2009** City Church, Sanctuary Triptych Painting Pair  
**2007** Urban Vineyard, Sanctuary Banner Series  
**2006** Outdoor Mural for Joliet City Garage, Friends of Community Public Art, Joliet IL  
**2005** Computer Lab Monitor and Peripheral Device Authorizer, SAIC, Chicago IL  
**2003** Computer Lab and Print Station Monitor, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI

### **Awards and Grants**

- Indiana University Full Tuition Remission and Stipend