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## Education & Residencies

- 2018 **Hot Metal Artist in Residence** Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- 2015 **Master Metal Fabricator** Bennett Forgeworks, Ridgway CO
- 2014 **Artist in Residence** Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 **Emerging Artist in Residence** Salem Art Works, Salem NY
- 2013 **MFA** Sculpture, East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2010 **Intern Artist** GMW Artist Collaborative, Toledo OH
- 2010 **BFA** 3-D Studio Art: Sculpture & Glass, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH

## Professional Experience

- 2018 **Visiting Artist Workshop** *"Polishing Metal Castings: A Nightmare but Worth it"*  
University of Alabama Birmingham, Birmingham, AL
  - Adjunct Faculty** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
    - ART 113; 3D Foundations, Spring
  - Studio Technician** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
- 2017 **Steering Committee** NCCCIAP at SLoss Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
  - Faculty mentor** NCCCIAP Student Cupola Competition, Birmingham, AL
  - Adjunct Faculty** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
    - ART 113; 3D Foundations, Fall
    - ART 360/361; Sculpture 1, Spring
    - ART 464; Contemporary Theory in Sculpture, Spring
    - ART 492; Special Problems, Spring
  - Studio Technician** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
  - Teaching Assistant** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
    - Advanced Sculpture
  - Committee Member** Senior thesis committee in Sculpture BFA & Art BA candidates
- 2016 **Adjunct Faculty** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
  - ART 360/361; Sculpture 1, Fall
  - Studio Technician** University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
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- 2014 **Panel Discussion Artist** Western Cast Iron Art Conference, Laramie WY
  - Life After Art School
  - Lecturer of Art** Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction CO
    - 3D Foundations
  - Interim Gallery Director/Curator** Colorado Mesa Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO
- 2013-2015 **Metal Fabricator** Bennett Forgeworks, Ridgway CO

- 2013 **Workshop Instructor w/ Gary Humphreys** Salem Art Works, Salem NY  
 -Sculptural Welding  
**Foundry Technician/Assistant Foundry Director** Salem Art Works, Salem NY  
**Wood Shop Studio Monitor/Technician** East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2012 **Instructor of Record** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 -Design 1 (2D Design Foundations)  
**Demo Artist** 34<sup>th</sup> Tri State Sculpture Conference, Greenville NC  
 -Advanced TIG Welding  
**Workshop Instructor w/Hanna Jubran** Tri State Sculpture Conference,  
 Greenville NC  
 -Resin Bonded Sand Mold Making  
**Interim Instructor** PITT Community College, Winterville NC  
 -Art Appreciation
- 2011 **Instructor of Record** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 -Sculpture Survey  
**Panel Discussion Artist** National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Birmingham AL  
 -Traditional v Contemporary: Practices and uses for Iron Casting  
**Teaching Assistant** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 -Carl Billingsley, Advanced Sculpture
- 2010 **Teaching Assistant** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 -Hanna Jubran, Sculpture
- 2010- 2013 **Sculpture Studio Monitor/Tech** East Carolina University, Greenville NC

## Exhibitions

- 2018 **Intent: A Tool Show** (Juried) The Suraci Gallery, Scranton, PA  
**Foundry Invitational & River Exhibition** (Invitational) National Ornamental Metals  
 Museum, Memphis, TN  
**Solo Show at UAB Project Space** (Invitational) University of Alabama Birmingham, AL  
**Solo Show at Ameen Gallery** (Invitational) Nicholls State, Thibidoux, LA  
**Solo Show at ULM Art Department Gallery** (Invitational) University of Louisiana  
 Monroe, Monroe, LA
- 2017 **44<sup>th</sup> Annual Bi-State Art Competition** (Juried) Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS  
**Art on the Atlanta Beltline** (Competition) Atlanta Beltline, Atlanta, GA  
**NCCCIAP Steering Committee Exhibition** (Invitational) Trim Tabb Brewery,  
 Birmingham, AL  
**Portsmouth Outdoor Sculpture** (Curated) Arts and Culture Center, Portsmouth, VA  
**Yokna Sculpture Trail** (Juried) University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
- 2016 **ULM Sculpture Garden** (Juried) University of Louisiana Monroe, Monroe, LA  
**Insistent Objects** (Invitational) Greenhill Gallery, Greensboro MS  
**HAPA 2<sup>nd</sup> Outdoor Sculpture Competition** (Juried) Hattiesburg MS
- 2015 **FIRED: Iron** (Juried) Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada CO
- 2014 **SPACES** (Invitational) The Arts Council of Huntsville, Huntsville AL  
**Return of the Metalworker** (Invitational) The Art Center, Grand Junction CO  
**30<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Corner** (Juried-Honorarium) Grand Junction CO  
**Fresh** The Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO  
**Art in Public Places** (Juried) AiPP Arts Commission, Bristol TN

- Colorado Mesa University Faculty Exhibition** The Art Center, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 **POP Up Art Show** Salem Art Works, Salem, NY  
**Sculpture Salmagundi** (Juried-Honorarium) Imperial Arts Center, Rocky Mount NC  
**Art in Public Places** (Juried-Honorarium) AiPP Arts Commission, Bristol TN  
**Romancing the Labor** (Solo) Mother Earth Brewery Annex Building Gallery, Kinston NC  
**DownEast Sculpture Exhibition** (Juried) Pitt County Arts Council, Winterville NC  
**ARTsites** (Juried-Honorarium) Howard County Arts Council, Howard Co. MD
- 2012 **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Joyner Graduate Show** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
**Tri-State Sculpture Exhibition** Burroughs Wellcome Gallery, Greenville NC  
**26<sup>th</sup> Rosen Outdoor Sculpture** (Juried) Turchin Arts Center, Boone NC  
**Preyed Upon** (Invitational) Art Avenue, Greenville, NC  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual DownEast** (Juried) Emerge Gallery/Pitt County Arts Council Greenville, NC  
**ARTsites** (Juried-Honorarium) Howard County Arts Council, Howard CO. MD  
**Sculpture Outdoors Craven** (Invitational) Craven County Arts Council, New Bern NC  
**Sculpture on the Wall** Uptown Art Supply and Gallery, Greenville NC
- 2011 **ECU Sculpture Guild Gallery Show** Burroughs Wellcome Gallery, Greenville NC  
**Get Out and Go Somewhere** Mendenhall Student Center, Greenville NC  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Down East Sculpture** (Juried-Honorarium) Pitt County Arts Council /ECU,  
 Greenville NC  
**Detour** 311 Gallery, Raleigh NC
- 2010 **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Joyner Graduate Show** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Sculpture Exhibition** (Juried-Honorarium) Randolph Arts Guild,  
 Asheboro NC  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Outdoor Sculpture Park** Simpson Garden Park, Bowling Green, OH  
**BFA Graduate Juried Art Show** Williard Wankelman Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2009 **Outdoor Sculpture Park** Simpson Garden Park, Bowling Green OH  
**Bowling Green Community Center Art Show** Bowling Green Community Center,  
 Bowling Green, OH  
**Undergraduate Art Show** (Juried) Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2008 **BGSU Sculpture Club Exhibition** Student Union Gallery, Bowling Green OH  
**NOW OH** Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green, OH  
**Undergraduate Juried Art Show** Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2007 **BGSU Arts Village Art Show** Arts Village Gallery, Bowling Green OH
- 2006 **BGSU Arts Village Art Show** Arts Village Gallery, Bowling Gree, OH

## Awards & Honors

- 2017 **Project Funding** *"Industrial Oaf: Lifting Instability,"* Atlanta Beltline Proposal
- 2016 **Permanent Collection** "A Carpenters Dream" purchased for permanent collection with  
 the city of Madison Alabama  
**Permanent Collection** "Naturalism Cracked" accepted as part of the permanent  
 sculpture yard at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- 2013 **First Place** DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville NC  
**Second Place** DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville, NC
- 2012 **Deans Choice Purchase Award** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Exhibition, Greenville NC  
**Permanent Collection** Collaborative Sculpture: Cameron Art Museum, Willmington NC  
**Outstanding Student Achievement Nominee** International Sculpture Center

- Taylor Art Supply Scholarship** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
**Honorable Mention** DownEast Sculpture Exhibition, Greenville NC
- 2011 **Hanna & Jodi Jubran Graduate Scholarship** East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 2010 **Honorable Mention** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Graduate Show, Greenville, NC  
**Dominick and Elizabeth Labino, Art and Technology Award** B.F.A. Thesis Show,  
 Bowling Green OH
- 2009 **Glass Department Excellence Honorarium Award** Bowling Green State University,  
 Bowling Green OH  
**Best of Show;** BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH
- 2008 **First Place: 3D section** NOW OH, Bowling Green OH  
**First Place: 3D section** BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH  
**Honorable Mention** BGSU Undergraduate Exhibition, Bowling Green OH
- 2007 **First Place: 3D section** Arts Village Exhibition, Bowling Green, OH  
 2006 **Second Place: 3D section** Arts Village Exhibition, Bowling Green, OH  
 2005 **Eagle Scout** Troop 161, Euclid, OH

## Professional Activities

- 2017
- 2016 Iron Pour: **Furnace Captain**, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS  
 Open Studio public Aluminum Pour, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS  
 Bayou Farm Iron Pour, Nicholls State, Thibedeaux LA
- 2015 FIRED Community Iron Pour, Arvada Art Center, Arvada CO  
 Iron Pour: **Furnace Captain**, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction CO  
 Community Collaborative Iron Pour: **Crew Captain**, Center for the Arts, Crested Butte CO
- 2014 4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Western Cast Iron Art Conference: **Presenter/Mold line Captain**, University of  
 Wyoming, Laramie WY  
 2014 Rocky Mountain Blacksmithing Conference, Carbondale, CO  
 Fresh: CMU Faculty and Alumni Exhibition: **Curator**, The Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO  
 Alloy: Jewelry Metals Exhibition: **Curator**, The Union Gallery, Grand Junction CO
- 2013 Intercollegiate Iron Pour: **Assistant Organizer/Mold line Captain**, Salem Art Works, Salem NY  
 Glass Blowing Visiting Artist Workshop: **Organizer**, East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Tri-State Iron Pour workshop: **Furnace Captain**, Jim Gallucci Studios, Greensboro NC
- 2012 34<sup>th</sup> Tri-State Sculpture Conference: **Demo Artist/Presenter/Crew Captain**, Greenville, NC  
 Public Iron Pour Presentation: **Crew Captain**, Cameron Art Museum, Wilmington NC  
 Aluminum Fabrication Symposium: **Organizer**, East Carolina University, Greenville NC  
 Entrepreneurship in the Arts Conference, University of North Carolina, Greensboro NC  
 Tri-State Iron Pour Workshop: **Crew Captain**, Jim Gallucci Studios, Greensboro, NC  
 Sculpture Guild: **President**, Fall 2011-Fall 2013, East Carolina University, Greenville NC
- 2011 SLOSS National Iron Conference: **Presenter/Student Cupola Contest**, SLOSS Furnaces,  
 Birmingham AL  
 Sculpture Workshop Booth, Youth Arts Festival, East Carolina University
- 2010 National Iron Conference, Indianapolis Arts Center, Indianapolis IN
- 2009 SLOSS National Iron Conference: **Student Cupola Contest**, SLOSS Furnaces, Birmingham AL
- 2008 Sculpture Club: **President**, Fall 2008-Fall 2009, Bowling Green State University  
 Sculpture Club Student Union Gallery Art Show: **Curator**, Bowling Green State University  
 National Iron Conference, Indianapolis Arts Center, Indianapolis IN

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**Metal Casting;** iron, bronze, aluminum, brass, stainless steel

**Furnace Construction;** Intermittent Tap Cupola's, Intermittent Tap Cupolette's, Continuous Cupola, forced air natural gas and propane furnaces, Bio-Fuel furnace

**Welding;** MGAW, GTAW, STAW, Oxy-Ace, Brazing, Forge welding

**Metal Fabrication;** mild steel, aluminum, copper alloys, stainless steel

**Stone Carving;** granite, marble, limestone, soapstone

**Mold Making;** Metal: resin bonded sand, green/oil sand, loose sand, ceramic shell, Plaster investment

Non Metal: Plaster, Silicone, Alginate

**Metalsmithing;** small scale soldering, riveting, casting, finishing of non-ferrous metals

**Woodworking;** general construction, stretchers and frames, pedestals, fine carpentry

**Glass working;** hot and cold

**Basic Forging;** forge construction and operation, power hammer operation, basic forging skills

**Basic Maintenance and Repair;** plumbing, electrical, construction, internal combustion engines

**Pattern Making/Modeling;** Experience making wood, plaster, cast metal patterns

Clay, wood, plaster, wax, Styrofoam pattern modeling

**Computer Programs;** Microsoft Office, Photoshop & Illustrator, Google Sketch-up, Solid Works, Blackboard

## AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

USM Artist Guild (2016-present)

Rocky Mountain Blacksmiths Association (2014-present)

Western Alliance of Cast Iron Artists (2014-present)

Alzheimers Glass & Iron Project (2013)

International Sculpture Center (2012-present)

Tri-State Sculptors (2010-present)

ECU Sculpture Guild (president 2011-2012)

BGSU Sculpture Guild (president 2008-2010)