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STUDIO PRACTICE

I pursue a multifaceted studio practice that is driven by extensive research and hands on experience. A materials and process intensive approach has led to ease and familiarity of a wide range of tools and materials. I have a great flexibility in learning new skills and have a great aptitude in working with my hands. I welcome the challenge of a dynamic work environment that engages my interest in creative problem solving and hands on production.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- 10 years independent studio practice focused on working with sculptural materials, specific areas of concentration include:
 - Mold making: silicones, polyurethanes, plaster, alginate
 - Casting: wax, foam, paper, plaster, resin
 - Soldering
 - Welding
 - 3d printing
 - Modeling
- Numerous freelance consultations in areas relating to wax working, mold making and casting.
- Passion and interest in learning process and about materials.
- Experience in shop and manufacturing settings.
- Comfortable in an industrial environment.

EDUCATION

BFA State University of New York at New Paltz- Magna Cum Laude.....2007

Continued Education

- **Level 1- Entry Welder** *Ulster Boces* Port Ewen, NY..... 2016
- **Digital Design and Fabrication Certification** *SUNY at New Paltz* New Paltz, NY.....2014-2015
- **Unusual 3D paper Techniques** *Arrowmont School of Craft* Gatlinburg, TN.....2012
- **Sculptural Paper Making** *Women's Studio Workshop* Rosendale, NY.....2011
- **Teaching Encaustic Training Course** *R&F Handmade Paints* Kingston, NY.....2009

EMPLOYMENT

R&F Handmade Paints Kingston, NY.....2009- Present

Workshop Director

Instructor

Production Inventory Manager (2010-2013)

Freelance (varied).....2007-Present

ArtCraft Kingston, NY.....2008-2009

General processing and customer assistance

Women's Studio Workshop Rosendale, NY.....2007-2008

FREELANCE WORK EXPERIENCE

Silicone Body Casting Workshop | 10th international Encaustic Conference | Truro, MA.....June 2016
Commissioned Mold and Castings | Ingrid Lisowski | Stone Ridge, NY.....April 2014- September 2016
Encaustic Assemblage Workshop | R&F Handmade Paints | Kingston, NY.....December 2015- Present
Administrative assistance | Lisa Pressman | Kingston, NY2015- Present
Technical Consultation | Arlene Shechet | Woodstock, NYJanuary, 2015
Sculptural Wax Workshop | R&F Handmade Paints | Kingston, NY April2011-2015
Presenter | 7th International Encaustic Conference | Truro, MA.....June 2013
Visiting Artist Workshop | Alginate Body Casting | Loomis Chaffe School, Windsor, CT.....September 2012
Studio Assistance | Christy Rupp | Saugerties, NY.....June-August 2012

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 Encaustic and Handmade Paper Workshop | R&F Paints and Women's Studio Workshop | Kingston, NY..... July 2012
 Sculptural Wax Techniques Workshop | 6th International Encaustic Conference | Truro, MA..... June 2012
 Mold making for Paper Casting Workshop | Women's Studio Workshop | Rosendale, NY July 2011
 Private Instruction | Pamela Blum | Kingston NY..... September-November 2010
 Cataloguing and organization | Talia Bahara | Esopus, NY.....Summer, 2009
 Commissioned Mold | Maria Reidelbach | Accord New York..... July 2009
 Teaching Assistant | SUNY New Paltz- Fine Arts Department | New Paltz, NY..... January 2007-May 2007

AWARDS

Women's Studio Workshop Rosendale, NY- *Scholarship*.....2010, 2013
Arrowmont School of Craft Gatlinburg, TN- *Scholarship*.....2012
Campus Auxiliary Services SUNY at New Paltz, NY- *Scholarship*.....2007
Sculpture Magazine: Crossroads Cincinnati, OH- *Scholarship*.....2006

EXHIBITIONS

Daydreamers *The Gallery at R&F Handmade Paints* Kingston, NY.....November 2008-2014
BAU 100 *Beacon Artist Union* Beacon, NY.....May, 2013
Ornamental Too *Roos Art* Rosendale, NY.....December, 2012-2011
Kingston Sculpture Biennial *Art Society of Kingston* Kingston, NY..... June 2009
BFA Thesis Exhibition *Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art* New Paltz, NY..... May 2007
Sssuper Spectacular Sculpture Show *Smiley Art Gallery* New Paltz, NY..... September 2006
Women's Issues and Women's Rights *Collective Space* New Paltz, NY..... October 2005