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**EDUCATION**

- 1990           **MFA**   Yale School of Art  
1987           **BFA**   Rhode Island School of Design

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023           **SoloS – 11<sup>th</sup> Annual International Solo Exhibition Online**, Exhibizone, Canada  
2019           **The Andrews Gallery**, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
2016           **Smith Family Gallery**, Zarrow Center, University of Tulsa School of Art, Tulsa, OK  
2015           **Martin Art Gallery**, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA  
2014           **St. Claude Gallery**, University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA  
                  **Derryberry Gallery**, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN  
2009           **McCarthy Gallery**, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA  
2008           **Alice & William Jenkins Gallery**, Winter Park, FL  
2007           **Eleanor D. Wilson Museum**, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA  
                  **List Gallery**, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA  
                  **The Andrews Gallery**, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
2003           **St. Joseph's University**, Philadelphia, PA  
2002           **William Carey College on the Coast**, Gulfport, MS  
2001           **Hackett/Freedman Gallery**, San Francisco, CA  
1999           **Halsey Gallery, Peninsula Fine Arts Center**, Newport News, VA  
                  **Community Council for the Arts**, Kinston, NC  
1998           **Lyons Wier Gallery**, Chicago, IL  
                  **Hollins University**, Roanoke, VA  
1996           **Second Street Gallery**, Charlottesville, VA  
                  **Northern Kentucky University**, Highland Heights, KY  
                  **Central Piedmont Community College Art Gallery**, Charlotte, NC  
1995           **First Street Gallery**, New York, NY

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024           **Czong Institute for Contemporary Art Museum**, "Portrait 24,"  
                  Soeul, Korea 10049  
                  **Robert & Elaine Stein Galleries at Wright State University**, "Drawing from  
                  Perception, Invention, and Memory, Dayton, OH, 1/16/24 – 3/8/24  
2023           **Blue Koi Gallery Online Exhibition**, "Figurative International 2023,"  
                  September 2023  
                  **Exhibizone Juried Online Exhibitions**, "Elements," 9/1 - 10/31/23  
                  **Prescott Art Gallery**, "Sonic Expressions," Yavapai College, Prescott, AR,  
                  9/1 - 9/30/23  
                  **VCUart Try-me Art Space**, "2023 SECAC Juried Exhibition," Richmond, VA,  
                  9/29 - 10/30/23  
2021           **Hoyt Art Center**, "Midwest Paint Group and Guests: Self-Portraits,"

- New Castle, PA
- 2020 **Exeter Gallery**, "Call Back: Artists Inspired by American Musical Traditions," Baltimore, MD  
**Cade Gallery of Art**, "Call Back: Artists Inspired by American Musical Traditions," Arnold, MD  
**Linda Matney Gallery**, "Guest Artists," Williamsburg, VA
- 2019 **Taubman Museum of Art**, "Midwest Paint Group and Guests: Self-Portraits," Roanoke, VA
- 2018 **Stanek Gallery**, "The Cake that Survives It's Eating," Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 **Dutoit Gallery**, "Midwest Paint Group and Guests: Self-Portraits," Dayton, OH
- 2015 **The Andrews Art Gallery**, "A Feast of Planes," The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
**Greenhill Center for North Carolina Art**, "Self-Portraits by NC Artists," Greensboro, NC
- 2014 **Smith Family Gallery**, "Painted Faces," Zarrow Center of Art and Education, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK  
**Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts**, School of Fine Arts Gallery, "Observation and Invention: The Space of Desire," Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 **Federation of Canadian Artists Gallery**, "Annual International Representational Exhibition," Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
**The Grunwald Gallery of Art**, "Kinsey Institute Juried Exhibition," Indiana University, IN  
**New York Academy of Art**, "TRIBECA Ball," New York, NY  
**B.J. Spoke Gallery**, "Expo 32," Huntington, NY
- 2012 **Greenhill Center for North Carolina Art**, "Home Work: Domestic Narratives," Greensboro, NC  
**Bowery Gallery**, "2012 National Competition," New York, NY
- 2010 **The Painting Center**, "Small Works Invitational," New York, NY  
**101 Gallery, Miami**, FL
- 2008 **Gross McCleaf Gallery**, "Rooms & Voices," Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 **Gallery 115**, "Five Painters of Poetic Narrative," Greensboro, NC  
**Weatherspoon Museum of Art**, "Eyelevel: Self-Portraits from the Permanent Collection," Greensboro, NC
- 2005 **SoFA Gallery of Art**, "Human Measures," Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
**Gallery 115**, "UNCG Art Department Exhibition," Greensboro, NC
- 2004 **Concord Art Association**, "Realist Painters," Concord, MA
- 2003 **The Andrews Gallery**, "Interior Dialogues," The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
**Gross McCleaf Gallery**, Philadelphia, PA
- 2002 **Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts Museum**, "Imaginative Affinities: Echoes of Edwin Dickinson in Contemporary American Painting," Philadelphia, PA
- 2001 **San Jose Institute of Contemporary Art**, "Introductions South," San Jose, CA  
**Concord Art Association**, "Paintings by Painters from Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Washington, DC," Concord, MA  
**Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art**, "The Figure: Another Side of

- Modernism," Staten Island, NY
- 2000 **Greenhill Center for North Carolina Art**, "Painters Series," Greensboro
- 1999 **Springfield Museum of Art**, "Watercolor USA 1999," Springfield, MO
- Delaware College of Art & Design**, "Ecstasy & Silence," Wilmington, DE
- 1998 **Hackett/Freedman Gallery**, San Francisco, CA
- Lyons Wier Gallery**, "Navy Pier Chicago Art Expo," Chicago, IL
- National Academy Museum**, "173rd Annual Exhibition," New York, NY
- Boyden Gallery**, "Embodied Fictions," St. Mary's College,  
St. Mary's City, MD
- 1997 **Weatherspoon Art Gallery**, "Art on Paper," Greensboro, NC
- Bowery Gallery**, New York, NY
- Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art**, "Triad Artists Exhibition,"  
Winston-Salem, NC
- Community Council for the Arts**, "16th Annual National Competition,"  
Kinston, NC
- Bradshaw House Gallery**, "Winter Show," Birmingham, AL
- F.A.N. Gallery**, "Winter Show," Philadelphia, PA
- 1996 **Weatherspoon Art Gallery**, "Art on Paper," Greensboro, NC
- Bradshaw House Gallery**, "Selected Artists from the NYC National Academy of  
Design," Birmingham, AL
- Regina Quick Art Center**, "National Academy Museum 171st Exhibition,"  
St. Bonaventure University, Olean, NY
- Thomas Walsh Art Gallery**, "National Academy Museum 171st Exhibition,"  
Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT
- F.A.N. Gallery**, Philadelphia, PA
- Kismet Gallery**, "Savoir-Faire International Art Competition,"  
San Jose, CA
- National Academy Museum**, "171st Annual Exhibition," New York, NY
- Muscarella Museum of Art**, "American Drawing Biennial V," The College of  
William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
- The Chrysler Museum of Art**, "Irene Leache Memorial Exhibition,"  
Norfolk, VA
- Greenhill Center for North Carolina Art**, "White Columns Gallery at  
Greensboro," Greensboro, NC
- Allentown Museum of Art**, Allentown, PA
- 1995 **F.A.N. Gallery**, Philadelphia, PA
- Weatherspoon Art Gallery**, "Art on Paper," Greensboro, NC
- Kingston Gallery**, "New Art 95," Boston, MA
- Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art**, "The Triad Fantastic,"  
Winston-Salem, NC
- Maryland Federation of Art Gallery on the Circle**, "Art on Paper,"  
Annapolis, MD
- 1994 **American Academy of Arts & Letters**, "Invitational Annual Grants  
Competition," NYC
- Gallery 84**, New York, NY
- 1993 **Bowery Gallery**, New York, NY
- 1992 **Muranushi/Lederman Gallery**, "Ten Steps," New York, NY
- Washington University**, "New Faculty Show," St. Louis, MO

- 1990 **Washington University**, "Biennial Faculty Show," St. Louis, MO  
**Yale University**, New Haven, CT  
**Rhode Island School of Design**, "Juried Alumni Exhibition,"  
Providence, RI
- 1987 **Rhode Island School of Design**, Providence, RI

#### AWARDS & HONORS

- 2014 **UNCG Exhibition Subsidy**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- 2013 **Research Assignment**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro,  
Greensboro, NC
- 2007 **Frances Niederer Artist-in-Residence and Grant**, Hollins University,  
Roanoke, VA  
**Off-Campus Assignment**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro,  
Greensboro, NC
- 2006 **Highlighted Researcher**, College of Arts & Sciences Website, University  
of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
- 2003 **Research Assignment**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro,  
Greensboro, NC
- 1999 **Museum Purchase Award**, "Watercolor USA 1999," Springfield Museum  
of Art, Springfield, MO
- 1998 **The John Koch Prize for the Best Figurative Painter Under Age 35**,  
"173rd Annual Exhibition," National Academy Museum  
**Summer Research Excellence Grant**, University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro, Greensboro, NC
- 1997 **Juror's Award**, Kinston Community Council for the Arts, Kinston, NC
- 1996 **The John Koch Prize for the Best Figurative Painter Under Age 35**,  
"171st Annual Exhibition," National Academy Museum  
**Honorable Mention**, "Irene Leache Memorial Exhibition," Chrysler Museum of  
Art, Norfolk, VA
- 1995 **Juror's Award**, Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA  
**Summer Research Excellence Grant**, University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro, Greensboro, NC  
**Juror's Award**, Maryland Federation of Art Gallery on the Circle,  
Annapolis, MD  
**New Faculty Grant**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, NC
- 1994 **American Academy Invitational Grants Exhibition**, American Academy  
of Arts & Letters, New York, NY
- 1990 **Elizabeth Canfield Hicks Award**, "Outstanding Achievement in  
Drawing & Painting from Nature," Yale School of Art
- 1987 **Joseph L. Lefevre Award**, "Outstanding Achievement in Drawing & Painting,"  
Illustration Department, Rhode Island School of Design

#### CITATIONS AND REVIEWS OF ARTWORK

- 2018 **Documentary Film/Video: "Michael Ananian, Perception + Imagination in  
Narrative Painting,"** YouTube, Philadelphia, PA, Filmmaker: John Thornton,

<https://youtu.be/5iEhxTiBHv0> or  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iEhxTiBHv0>

- Stanek Gallery, "The Cake that Survives It's Eating" Group Exhibition Film, YouTube** Philadelphia, PA, by Philadelphia filmmaker: John Thornton, PA: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH\\_Rqi7Ba14](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH_Rqi7Ba14)
- 2015 **The Canvas and the Visage: "Painted Faces" at the Zarrow Center in Downtown Tulsa**, StudioTulsa on FM 89.5, Tulsa Public Radio, Curator Mark Lewis Interviewd about "Painted Faces" Exhibition at The Zarrow Center, Tulsa, OK, by Rich Fisher, March 19, 2014, <https://www.publicradiotulsa.org/post/canvas-and-visage-painted-faces-zarrow-center-downtown-tulsa#stream/0>  
**"Art News with Maxx Foxx,"** WMUH, FM 91.7, Muhlenberg College Radio, Interview about "On Looking" Solo Exhibition at Martin Art Gallery, Allentown, PA, by Maxx Foxx  
**"On Looking: Artist Michael Ananian,"** Martin Art Gallery, Solo Exhibition Catalog  
**"Self-portraits: Art world's first 'Selfies' on display at Greenhill,"** Greensboro News and Record "Go Triad" Magazine, by Bruce Buchanan
- 2014 **"Musings: Lehigh Valley Arts Salon,"** WDIY, FM 88.1, Lehigh Valley Public Radio, Interview about "On Looking" Solo Exhibition at Martin Art Gallery, Bethlehem, PA, by Maxx Foxx  
**"The Figure: Painting, Drawing and Sculpture,"** Book, Rizzoli, and NY Academy of Art by Donald Kuspit (Author), Margaret McCann (Editor)  
**"Observation and Invention: The Space of Desire,"** Exhibition Catalog, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts
- 2011 **"Drawing: Space, Form, & Expression, 4th Ed,"** by Enstice & Peters, Prentice Hall, Ananian Drawings, pages 211, 281, 282
- 2009 **American Artist Magazine,** "Telling a Story with Casein: The Paintings of Michael Ananian," by John Parks, 9/2012 Issue
- 2008 **Orlando Sentinel,** "Paintings Give Voice to an Intriguing Tale," by Philip Bishop, 12/14/08  
**Broad Street Review,** "Rooms & Voices at Gross McCleaf Gallery," by Andrew Mangravite, 1/19/2008
- 2007 **Hollins University Alumni Magazine,** "Art that Tells a Story," Summer 2007  
**Philadelphia Inquirer,** "Swarthmore College," by Victoria Donahoe, 3/18/2007  
**Winston-Salem Journal,** "Gallery Brings Together a Show of Provocative Creations," by Tom Patterson, 7/15/2007  
**Weatherspoon Museum of Art,** Brochure/Guide, "Eyelevel: Self-Portraits from the Permanent Collection Exhibition," 2/25/2007
- 2006 **"Human Measures,"** Web Essay by Tim Kennedy, Indiana University Bloomington, 4/2/2006
- 2003 **Philadelphia Citypaper.net,** "Summer Invitational," by Lori Hill Philadelphia, PA, July 2003  
**Philadelphia Inquirer,** "The Season When New Talent Blooms," by Edward Sozanski, 8/1/2003  
**"Drawing: Space, Form, & Expression, 3rd Ed,"** by Enstice & Peters, Prentice Hall, Ananian Drawings, pages 211, 281, 282
- 2002 **The Mississippi Sun Herald,** "The Human Figure Two Ways," by Jean Prescott,

- 1/27/2002
- 2001 **Where Magazine-San Francisco, CA**, "Artistic Introductions: Michael Ananian & Kyle Staver," by Nicole Meoli, 7/2001 Issue
- 2000 **San Francisco Best Magazine**, "Art Galleries: Michael Ananian," 7/2001 Issue
- Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art Exhibition Catalog**, "The Figure: Another Side of Modernism"
- Winston-Salem Journal**, "Nontraditional Ways," by Tom Patterson, 6/19/2000
- Greensboro News & Record**, "At Greenhill Summer Belongs to Painters," by Cathy Gant-Hill, 6/16/2000
- 1999 **Winston-Salem Journal**, "Colorful Potpourri," 11/7/1999
- Springfield Art Museum Exhibition Catalog**, "Watercolor USA 1999," 6/1999
- 1998 **Greensboro News & Record**, "UNCG Professor Wins Figure Painting Honor," 10/5/1998
- Americian Artist Magazine**, "Embodied Fictions," by Jeff Carr, 9/1998 Issue
- Chicago Sun Times**, "Ananian's Self-Portraits Stress Sight," by Magaret Hawkins,
- New American Paintings Catalog Competition**, Open Studio Press, 6/1998 Southern Edition
- National Academy Exhibition Catalog**, "173rd Annual Exhibition"
- Boyden Gallery Exhibition Catalog**, "Embodied Fictions," by Jeff Carr, St. Mary's College, 2/22/1998
- 1997 **Winston-Salem Journal**, "Unconventional: Works in Huge Weatherspoon Art on Paper Exhibition," by Tom Patterson, 12/14/1997
- Winston-Salem Journal**, "Show Featuring Triad Artists Glows with Diversity at SECCA"
- 1996 **Greensboro News & Record**, "32nd Weatherspoon Art on Paper is Spare, Compelling," by Jacqueline Humphrey, 11/21/1996
- Weatherspoon Art Gallery Exhibition Catalog**, "Art on Paper," by Douglas Dreishpoon
- Cincinnati City Beat**, "Rude Awakenings," by Kim Crause, 8/29/1996.
- Charlottesville Weekly**, "Impasto You Can Sink Your Teeth Into," by Kathleen Sloan
- Winston-Salem Journal**, "White Columns at Greenhill," by Patterson, 2/18/1996

## COLLECTIONS

**Pennsylvania Academy for Fine Arts Teaching Collection**, Philadelphia, PA

**Martin Art Gallery**, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA

**Eleanor Wilson Museum of Art**, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA

**Weatherspoon Museum of Art**, Greensboro, NC

**Springfield Museum of Art**, Springfield, MO

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2019 **Presenter**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Banjo Gathering Conference, "Banjo Inspirations for the Artist," Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA
- Curator**, Gatewood Gallery at the University of NC at Greensboro, Solo Exhibition of "Conversations" by Philip Geiger and Scott Noel
- Curator**, Gatewood Gallery at the University of NC at Greensboro, Solo

Exhibition of "Short Stories" by David Campbell  
**Visiting Artist**, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
2018 **Curator**, Gatewood Gallery at the University of NC at Greensboro, Solo  
Exhibition of Equitation: Paintings and Drawings," by Elise Schweitzer  
2016 **Visiting Artist**, University of Tulsa School of Art, Tulsa, OK  
2015 **Visiting Artist**, Muhlenberg College, Allentown, PA  
2014 **Guest Curator**, University of New Orleans St. Claude Gallery, "The  
Figure & Narrative Exhibition," New Orleans, LA  
**Visiting Artist**, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN  
2013 **Visiting Artist**, Virginia Technological University, Blacksburg, VA  
2012 **Visiting Critic**, New York Academy of Art, New York, NY  
**Visiting Artist**, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH  
2008 **Visiting Artist**, Crealde School of Art, Winter Park, FL  
2007 **Artist-in-Residence**, Frances Niederer A-I-R, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA  
**Visiting Artist**, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA  
**Juror**, "Expressions 2007 Exhibition," Martinsville, VA  
**Visiting Artist**, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, VA  
2006 **Visiting Artist**, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK  
**Visiting Artist**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
2004 **Visiting Artist**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN  
1995 **Visiting Artist**, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

1994-Present **Professor**, University of North Carolina at Greensboro  
1993-1994 **Instructor**, Fontbonne College, St. Louis, MO  
**Instructor**, St. Louis Community College System, St. Louis, MO  
1992-1993 **Instructor**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

#### **ART-RELATED JOB EXPERIENCE**

1990-1992 **Art Preparator**, Richard L. Feigen and Company, NYC