

# LEA BULT

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## EDUCATION

- 2012            **University of Michigan - Penny Stamps School of Art and Design**  
MFA in Painting
- 2005            **Kendall College of Art and Design**  
BFA in Photography

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017- present    **Adjunct Professor - Southwestern Michigan College,** Dowagiac MI  
Painting I, Drawing I
- 2015 - present    **Art Instructor - Krasl Art Center,** St. Joseph MI  
Drawing from Observation, Intro to Oil Painting,  
Continuing Drawing and Painting, Plein Air Painting
- 2015 - 2016       **Adjunct Professor (sabbatical replacement) - Albion College,** Albion MI  
Creative Process: Elements of 2D Design
- 2014            **Studio Mentor and Artist in Residence - Albion College,** Albion MI
- 2012 -2015       **Instructor - Ann Arbor Art Center,** Ann Arbor MI  
Intro to Oil Painting, Intro to Acrylic Painting
- 2012 - 2014       **Continuing Education Faculty – Washtenaw Community College,** Ypsilanti MI  
Painting I, Painting II, Foundation Drawing, Figure Drawing,  
Drawing and Painting in Plein Air
- 2013 - 2015       **Workshop Instructor – University of Michigan Museum of Art**  
Drawing from the Collection
- 2009 - 2012       **Graduate Student Instructor-**  
**University of Michigan School of Art and Design,** Ann Arbor MI  
Art and Design Perspectives: Society, Art and Design Perspectives: The Creators,  
BFA Thesis: Integrative Process
- 2010            **Workshop Instructor- The Greatmore Studios;** Cape Town, South Africa
- 2005            **Instructor of Art - Interlochen Center for the Arts,** Interlochen MI

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 - present    **Research Assistant - University of Notre Dame** South Bend IN  
I am currently conducting research in the arctic with the Department of Biology.  
Research illustrations will be used for a children's book about climate change.

## CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2017 - present     **Fun Squad Artist Collective**, Benton Harbor MI  
Artist collective founded by Nathan Margoni, Clement Teo and myself. Our mission is to activate overlooked spaces in Michiana with multimedia exhibitions featuring installation and participant interaction.
- 2017 - present     **The Out Center**, Benton Harbor MI  
The Out Center hosts 3-4 LGBT artists annually for a solo exhibition.
- 2014                 **The Northwest Ohio Community Art Exhibition (Juror)**  
Bowling Green State University; Bowling Green, OH
- 2013 - 2015        **Director of Exhibitions** - Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor MI
- 2009 - 2014        **Curator and Collaborator** - Gallery Project, Ann Arbor / Detroit  
Assistant Curator for various exhibitions in Southeast Michigan featuring national and international artists.
- 2011                 **Guest Curator** - Work Gallery, Detroit MI  
Curator for the exhibit, *Altered Ground*, which featured 15 national artists.

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016                 **Out of Sight** - The Out Center, Benton Harbor MI
- 2014                 **Hidden Cargo** - Bobbitt Visual Arts Center, Albion College, Albion MI
- 2012                 **Urban Vessels: MFA Thesis Exhibition** - Slusser Gallery, Ann Arbor MI

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018                 **40th Annual Juried Competition**  
Midwest Museum of American Art, Elkhart IN **Purchase Award**  
**Art and Social Justice** Colfax Cultural Center, South Bend IN  
**Juror's Award - Best in Show**  
**2018 West Michigan Area Juried Exhibition**  
Kalamazoo Institute for the Arts **Martin Maddox Prize for Imaginative Realism**  
**Michiana Area Annual Competition** Box Factory for the Arts,  
Benton Harbor MI  
**Fun Squad Presents: With Our Powers Combined**  
Ghost Light Theater, Benton Harbor MI  
**Fun Squad Presents: The Kids' Table** - Southwestern Michigan College  
**Faculty Exhibition** - Southwestern Michigan College, Dowagiac MI
- 2017                 **Fun Squad Presents: Inaugural Group Exhibition**  
Abandoned Warehouse, Benton Harbor MI  
**Krasl Art Center Annual Juried Exhibition** - Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph MI  
**People's Choice Award**  
**The Woman Show** - Carr Center, Detroit MI

- 2015 **Things Feel Heavy** - Tangent Gallery, Detroit MI  
**Pop X** - Liberty Plaza, Ann Arbor MI  
(Public exhibition featuring 10 national artists)
- 2014 **Unseen** - Vacant Factory, Eastern Market Detroit MI  
**Temp** - Ypsilanti Art Incubator, Ypsilanti, MI
- 2013 **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition** - Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago IL  
**Drones** - Vacant Factory in the Eastern Market, Detroit MI
- 2012 **Clandestine** - Work Gallery, Detroit MI  
**Annual All Media Juried Exhibition** - Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award**
- 2011 **Image as Metaphor Juried Exhibition** - Riverside Gallery, Ypsilanti, MI  
**Best in Show Award**  
**Annual Human Rights Art Exhibition** - South Texas College Art Gallery  
McAllen TX
- 2010 **Think Small Juried Exhibition** - Lawrence Street Gallery, Detroit MI  
**Best in Show Award**  
**State of the Union**  
Chicago Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago IL  
(Interactive performance piece involving several artists)  
**Aganza, Across the Continents** - Greatmore Studios, Cape Town South Africa  
**Thupelo 2010** - Greatmore Studios, Cape Town South Africa  
(Collaborative project with Thupelo artists and Cape Flats residents)
- 2009 **Annual Student Juried Exhibition**, Slusser Gallery Ann Arbor MI  
**Richardson Award**  
**Ann Arbor Artists Juried Exhibition** - University of Michigan League  
**Best in Show Award**
- 2006 - 2009 **Forth from its Hinges** - Artist Collective  
Various vacant locations in Ann Arbor, M
- 2005 **Wee** - Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids MI  
**Second Place Award**
- 2003 **Strength of a Community, Women Make a Difference  
(Fundraiser for Girl Scouts of America)**  
Kendall College of Art and Design; Grand Rapids, MI  
**People's Choice Award**
- 2002 **Undergraduate Exhibition**  
Michigan State University Museum of Art; East Lansing, MI  
**Foundation Recognition Award**
- 2000 **National Portfolio Day Exhibition** - Kendall Gallery; Grand Rapids, MI  
**Key Award -Portfolio, Regional Division**

## GRANTS

- 2015 **Leon Levy Foundation Grant** - MacDowell Colony / New York
- 2014 **Awesome Grant** - Awesome Foundation for the Arts and Sciences  
**Phillip C. Curtis Fellowship** - Albion College, Albion MI
- 2011 **Rackham Research Grant** - University of Michigan
- 2010 **Smucker-Wagstaff Grant** - School of Art and Design  
University of Michigan  
**International Research Grant** - University of Michigan
- 2009 **Richardson Award** - School of Art and Design, University of Michigan

## COLLECTIONS

- 2018 **Midwest Museum of American Art** Elkhart, IN

## RESIDENCIES

- 2015 **MacDowell Colony** - Peterborough, NH
- 2014 **Phillip C. Curtis Residency** - Albion College; Albion, MI
- 2010 **Visiting Artist Residency** - The Greatmore Studios, Cape Town South Africa

## PUBLIC LECTURES / ARTIST TALKS

- 2017 ***Exploring the Unseen with Art (Pecha Kucha Speaker Series)***  
Box Factory for the Arts Benton Harbor, MI
- 2014 ***Out of Sight: Slavery in America Today***  
Spring Arbor University 2nd Annual Human Trafficking Conference  
  
***Out of Sight: Slavery in America Today***  
Bobbitt Visual Arts Center, Albion, MI
- 2011 ***Slavery In America Today: A Creative Interrogation***  
Stamps Auditorium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2010 ***Creative Interventions: Thupelo 2010 - Cape Town***  
Guest Speaker Series, Ann Arbor Civic Center

## REVIEWS

- 2018 **Herald Palladium** *Fun Squad Ups the Art and Danger*  
[https://www.heraldpalladium.com/sight\\_and\\_sound/fun-squad-ups-the-art-and-danger/article\\_c04b7cc2-2589-508f-a494-db9c5611e302.html](https://www.heraldpalladium.com/sight_and_sound/fun-squad-ups-the-art-and-danger/article_c04b7cc2-2589-508f-a494-db9c5611e302.html)
- 2017 **Herald Palladium** *Artists Just Want to Have Fun*  
[https://www.heraldpalladium.com/features/artists-just-want-to-have-fun/article\\_19dab04d-b19d-5a50-a2f0-f7f954f2253c.html](https://www.heraldpalladium.com/features/artists-just-want-to-have-fun/article_19dab04d-b19d-5a50-a2f0-f7f954f2253c.html)
- 2015 **Sculpture Magazine** *In the Shadows*  
<http://blog.sculpture.org/2015/03/11/in-the-shadows/> 3 March 2015
- 2014 **Sentinel Tribune** *BGSU Exhibit Honors Late Blooming Artist*  
[www.sent-trib.com/arts\\_and\\_entertainment](http://www.sent-trib.com/arts_and_entertainment) 1 July 2014
- Albion Pleiad** *Artist in Residence Explores Human Trafficking in U.S.*  
[www.albionpleiad.com](http://www.albionpleiad.com) 17 February 2014
- 2013 **MLive** *Art Review: Ann Arbor Art Center Annual Exhibition blends established artists with new talent.* [www.mlive.com](http://www.mlive.com) 10 November 2013
- 2011 **Detroit News** *From Ruin to Beauty*, Thursday, 10 February 2011
- 2010 **AnnArbor.com** *Gallery Project Exhibit Examines What's Faux Real*  
[www.annarbor.com](http://www.annarbor.com) 10 August 2010  
**People's Post, Cape Town** *On Show*, 10 July 2010
- 2009 **Arts Lounge** *Change: Art Exhibition at Gallery Project*  
[www3.arts.umich.edu/lounge](http://www3.arts.umich.edu/lounge) 24 January 2009