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## Education

2001	M.F.A.	Sculpture	University of Arizona
1998	B.F.A.	Sculpture	University of Kansas
1989-1992		Graphic Design	Missouri Southern State University

## Selected Exhibitions (Solo shows marked by \*)

2023	<i>*Chits &amp; Chats</i> , Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Missouri. <i>*Until the Sun Moves</i> , Crossroads Hotel Gallery, (Organized by Contemporary Arts Museum Houston), Kansas City, Missouri. <i>Sun Drinks White</i> , Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas. <i>11/11</i> , GCADD, Granite City, Illinois. <i>*Drifting</i> , The Center Motor Building, Center, Colorado.
2022	<i>*Adrift</i> , Epic Community Hall, Kansas City, Kansas. <i>Joy &amp; Other Feats of Strength</i> (upcoming), Charlotte Street Foundation Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri. <i>Astrologica</i> , The Nelle Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri. <i>*Chit-Chat</i> , Olive DeLuce Art Gallery, Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville, Missouri. (Upcoming)
2021	<i>*Drifting</i> , Salina Art Center, Salina, Kansas. <i>2021 Kansas City Flatfile &amp; Digitalfile Exhibition</i> , H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, Missouri.
2020	<i>Exhibit Number 6</i> , Holsum Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri.
2019	<i>FADS Faculty Showcase</i> , FADS Gallery, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.
2018	<i>*On the Bright Side</i> , Holt-Russel Gallery, Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas. <i>2018 Kansas City Flatfile Exhibition</i> , H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, Missouri.
2017	<i>*Partly Cloudy</i> , The Bunker Center for the Arts, Kansas City, Missouri. <i>*Fragments</i> , Eppink Gallery, Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas.

- 2016 *Summer Invitational*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2015 *\*The Space Between*, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas.  
*Round Trip: Mark Cowardin & Matthew Dehaemers*, La Esquina Gallery, Charlotte Street Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2014 *Four by Four: Midwest Invitational 2014*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri.  
*Angie Piehl & Mark Cowardin*, Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina.
- 2014 *Kansas City Flatfile Exhibition*, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*\*No Going Back*, Vergette Gallery, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.  
*\*What's Up?*, Gardiner Gallery, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
- 2013 *Summer Invitational*, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Local Earth*, Curated by PLUG Projects, City Ice Arts Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Chinese-US Sculpture Garden Achievement Exhibition*, Guangdong Museum, Guangdong, China.
- 2012 *\*Searching for a Toehold*, Commons Gallery, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.  
*Kansas City Collection II*, 360 Architecture, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*2012 Kansas City Flatfile Exhibition*, H&R Block Artspace, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Unearthed*, Greenlease Gallery, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*The Dannon Art Project*, Lawrence Art Center, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2011 *Between Thee & Me*, Greenlease Gallery, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Twist & Shout*, Leedy-Voukos Art Center, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Between Thee & Me*, Epsten Gallery, Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas.  
*Chain Letter*, Shoshana Wayne Gallery, Santa Monica, California.
- 2010 *\*(F)Utilities*, The Thornhill Gallery, Avila University, Kansas City, Missouri.  
*Small Sculptures, Large Concepts*, JCC Fine Art Gallery, Tucson, Arizona.  
*\*Ins & Outs*, Fine Arts Gallery, Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas.
- 2009 *\*From the Ground Up*, Epsten Gallery, Kansas City Jewish Museum of Contemporary Art, Overland Park, Kansas.  
*Art/Industry of Kohler Company*, 798 Gallery, Beijing, China.  
*Happy Tree Friends*, La Esquina, Kansas City, Missouri.

## Professional Experience

2015-Present Professor & Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, Photo & Film,  
Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.

2005-2015 Professor, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park,  
Kansas.

## Selected Bibliography (Reviews/Articles/Interviews)

- 2023 Elisabeth Kirsch, "Nature, Home and Relationships Inspire 'Sun Drinks White' Exhibit at Nerman Museum, *KC Studio Magazine*, July 2023.
- 2020 Skye Taniai, "Holsum Gallery and Exhibit #6", *ADF Webmagazine*, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 2018 Jamie Pellikaan, "*Local Artist Displays Sculptures in New Show*", The Orange, October 17, 2018.
- 2017 Alice Thorson, "Kansas City Sculpture", *KC Studio Magazine*, September/October 2017.
- 2015 Blair Schulman, "Three Solo Shows Reshape a Single Museum", *Hyperallergic.com*, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015.  
CFile Staff, "Exhibition: Mark Cowardin at the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art", *Cfileonline.org*, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- 2014 Camille Dautrich, "New biennial exhibit 'Four by Four' replaces MOAK at Art Museum", *Springfield News Leader*, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
Mary Kathryn Moeller, "It's All Up in the Air," *Art Focus Oklahoma*, January/February 2014.
- 2012 Theresa Bembnister, "Digging Mark Cowardin and Michael Krueger at the Greenlease", *The Pitch*, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.  
Dana Self, "Lawrence Artists offer a naturally unnatural exhibit," *The Kansas City Star*, March 7, 2012.
- 2010 Laura Spencer, "Artist Mark Cowardin Explores Impact of Overconsumption," *KCUR*, December 30, 2010.  
Adelila Ganson, "Absurd Links to People," *Review*, January 27, 2010.  
Cumbow, Allison, "Art Grant to Promote National Visibility," *The University Daily Kansas*, January 26, 2010.
- 2009 Nick Malewski, "Evidently It's Obvious," *The Kansas City Star*, December 24, 2009.  
Abby Rufkahr, "A Place Amongst the Trees," *Review*, April 3, 2009.