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Education

2001	M.F.A.	Sculpture	University of Arizona
1998	B.F.A.	Sculpture	University of Kansas
1989-92		Graphic Design	Missouri Southern State University

Selected Exhibitions (Solo shows marked by *)

- 2014 *Four by Four: Midwest Invitational 2014*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri. (Upcoming)
Angie Piehl & MarkCowardin, Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. (Upcoming)
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.
2010 Arboretum Sculpture Exhibition, Overland Park Arboretum, Overland Park, 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.
Of the Earth, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, Missouri.
- 2008 *10th International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition*, University of Hawaii Art Gallery, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Urban Suburban, Epsten Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas.
- 2007 **Wired*, DalArts, Kansas City, Missouri.
Human Presence, Gallery Centella, Tucson, Arizona.
**Flow*, Billington Library Gallery, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.
- 2006 **Plumbed*, 3-Floors Gallery, Springfield, Missouri.
Urban Suburban, Epsten Gallery, Overland Park, Kansas.
- 2005 *Ourchitecture*, Newport Art Museum, Newport, Rhode Island.
**Cyclical*, Ronald R. Miller Art Gallery, Meridian Community College, Meridian, Mississippi.
MSU Public Sculpture, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.
**The Power Plant*, Beth Allison Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2004 *Reunion: Mark H. Cowardin & Kiel E. Johnson*, Art & Design Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
Out in the Open, Avenue of the Arts 2004 Public Commission, Kansas City, Missouri.
University of Kansas Art Department Faculty Exhibition, Art and Design Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2003 *Teaching the Object*, The Arts Incubator, Kansas City, Missouri.
Loaded, The Bank Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri.
You Are Here, The Bank Gallery, Kansas City, Missouri.
**Water Works*, John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Professional Experience

- 2005-Present Associate Professor, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, Kansas.
- 2004 Sculpture Instructor, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.
- 2003-2004 Visiting Sculpture Instructor, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2002-2003 Sculpture Lecturer, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2002 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sculpture, Rockhurst University, Kansas City, Missouri.

Awards/Honors

- 2012 The Kansas City Collection 2, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2009 Art Through Architecture participating artist. Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2006 Art Selection Panelist, Blue Springs Public Art Commission, Blue Springs, Missouri.
Exhibition Juror, Lenexa Art League, Lenexa, Kansas.
H2 Oh! Public Art Competition, Blue Springs, Missouri.
- 2005 Faculty Sponsor of 2005 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Winner, International Sculpture Center.
- 2004 Mississippi Arts Commission Artist's Grant, Mississippi Arts Commission.

- 2002 Avenue of the Arts 2004 Public Art Project, Kansas City, Missouri.
 2002 Kansas Artist Mini Fellowship, Kansas Arts Commission.

Bibliography (Review/Articles/Interviews)

- 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 13th, 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.
- 2005 Robin Trafton, "Paint the Entire Town," *The Kansas City Star*, February 3, 2005.
- 2004 Lauren Airey, "Exhibition marks 'Reunion' for KU alumni," *The Lawrence Journal World*, October 24, 2004.
 Alice Thorson, "Everything and the Kitchen Sink," *The Kansas City Star*, May 20, 2004.
 Alice Thorson, "Ambitious Avenue of the Arts," *The Kansas City Star*, January 11, 2004.
- 2003 Alice Thorson, "Unlock and Load," *The Kansas City Star*, October 31, 2003.
 Matt Wycoff, "A Sense of Place," *Review*, Summer 2003

Visiting Artist, Residencies, & Conferences

- 2014 Visiting Artist, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma.
 Visiting Artist, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois.
- 2012 Visiting Artist, University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 2011 Visiting Artist, Savannah College of Art & Design Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2008 Old Guard/New Guard, Mid America College Art Association Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 2006 Preparing Future Faculty, Department of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.
- 2005 The Southern Conference on Cast Iron Art, Presenter: John Michael Kohler Arts/Industry Program, Birmingham, Alabama.
 Visiting Artist, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, Mississippi.
 Guest Lecturer: American Foundry Society: Mississippi State University Chapter, Mississippi State, Mississippi.
 Visiting Artist: Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 2002 Fourth International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art, Hamilton, New Jersey. Panelist: "The Role of Foundry Today".
 John Michael Kohler Arts Center's Arts/Industry program artist-in-residence at Kohler Co., Kohler, Wisconsin.