Artist statement.

My father was the Holocaust survivor. Through his stories heard since I was a child, I developed a particular perspective on life. It can be characterized by an attitude of always siding with the underprivileged and marginalized, drawing a straight comparison between the millennia long persecution of Jews and present-day oppression of people of color, or a discrimination based on one's religion, gender or cultural background. I feel great empathy for victims of war conflicts and cannot stomach war rhetoric coming from politicians and others. The growing bigotry and racism across greater and greater populations are infuriating. When making art, these thoughts and feeling have always been present. They may express themselves through brutal treatment of materials, fragmentation of the human form, or obvious deletions or obfuscation of meaning.

My most recent work can be divided into two groups. From 2017 to 2019 I worked on relief "painting" and sculptures. I made them of cement, plaster, found objects, foam, sand, tar, and trash. In one way or another they always speak of some ambiguous trauma, inflicted on humans or nature.

And in 2019, after returning from an artist residency in Berlin, I became involved again with painting, working mostly large scale. I often start with something I see on the news, or something I read. I have made several paintings based on news photographs from the civil war in Syria, protests in the US, or images taken on the battlefields of WWI. When finished with a piece, I almost immediately detach from it, and begin a process of forming ideas and collecting materials for the next one. And the new work is always a response to the one just made. They follow one another like chain links. I am interested foremost in making, and not knowing the destination is my reward.

Resume.

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Education

1974 MFA Painting, Warsaw Fine Arts Academy, Warsaw, Poland

Employment

1983 - 2020 Professor, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI

1974 - 1983 Drawing and painting instructor, Warsaw, Poland

1974 - 1976 Graphic designer, stage designer and prop production, The Jewish Theatre of Warsaw

Awards

2019 CoGalleries AIR, Berlin, Germany

2019 Endowed Honorary Chair of Drawing, MIAD, Milwaukee

2017 Endowed Honorary Chair of Drawing, MIAD, Milwaukee

2016 Endowed Honorary Chair of Drawing, MIAD, Milwaukee

2015 Endowed Honorary Chair of Drawing, MIAD, Milwaukee

2015 AIR Le Parc, Pampellone, France

2013 One-year Sabbatical Leave, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee

2011 Professional Development Fund award (MIAD)

2011 Mary Nohl's Suitcase Fund award

2010 Mary Nohl's Fellowship for established artists, Milwaukee, WI

2004 One-year sabbatical leave, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI

2000 Milwaukee County Artist Fellowship, Milwaukee, WI

1995 One-year sabbatical leave, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee

1977 The Ministry of Culture stipend for emerging artists, Warsaw, Poland

Miscellaneous

Works in 2D and 3D media, sound and video.

Teaching experience at all levels of drawing, painting and printmaking.

Online bibliography available at www.dynerman.com

Exhibitions

Solo

2021 "One day at a time", Between the Galleries, Milwaukee, WI (May 2021)

2019 "oil and cement", Hawthorn Contemporary, Milwaukee, WI

2019 "Wunderkammer." Fata Morgana project space, Berlin, Germany

2017 "A teardrop can way a ton", paintings and prints, Hoax Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

2016 "Missiles and Snow Tracks" (with Lucas Ruminski), Hoax Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

2015 "Rio Te Amo", Apteka Sztuki Gallery, Warsaw, Poland

2014 "Memory Check", video installation, Festival of Jewish Culture, Warsaw, Poland

2013 "Vinyl Love", IMG Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2012 "Open Project", October 24, Apteka Sztuki Gallery, Warsaw, Poland

2012 "Transformers July 4, Test Gallery, Warsaw, Poland

2011 "Inventory" InNova Gallery, Mary Nohl's Fellowship, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2011 "Tra -La" Mary S. Byrd Gallery of Art, Augusta State, University, Augusta, GA

2010 "Coexist", Cedar Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2009 "Train Project", Union Gallery, UWM, Milwaukee, WI, USA

2007 "Figuratively Speaking", Union Gallery (with Rina Yoon), Milwaukee, WI, USA

2007 "UV drawings", Art Bar, Milwaukee, WI, USA

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Solo shows continued

- 2006 "The Beast Is Waiting" Layton Gallery, MIAD, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 2003 "If You can't think too well, don't think too much" River Level Gallery, MIAD, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 2000 Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA, USA
- 2000 Artemisia Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
- 1997 "Every Day I Hear You Scream", Layton gallery, MIAD, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 1995 Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 1988 Chiaroscuro Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
- 1985 Michael Lord Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 1984 Jewish Community Center Gallery, Milwaukee, WI, USA
- 1983 Inter Art Gallery, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1982 Inter Art Gallery, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1981 Korvetten Gallery, Gothenburg, Sweden
- 1991 Polish Artists' Union Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
- 1980 ART Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
- 1980 Nowa Gallery, Poznan, Poland
- 1980 BWA Gallery, Lublin (with Janusz Petrykowski and Lidia Serafin), Poland
- 1980 Nowy Swiat Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
- 1979 MDM Gallery, Warsaw (with Janusz Petrykowski and Lidia Serafin), Poland
- 1979 ART Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
- 1976 MDM Gallery, Warsaw, Poland
- 1974 Thesis show, Warsaw Fine Arts Academy, Poland

Group shows

USA

- 2020 "Art and Protest", Portrait Society Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 Layton Gallery, MIAD Faculty Show, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 Heggarthy Museum, "Mary Nohl's Fellows", Milwaukee, WI
- 2017 "Revolution", paintings, Redline Milwaukee Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2016 Bayview Gallery Night, Cedar Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2016 "Teachers", paintings, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee, WI
- 2014 "Self-portrait", photographs, Elephant Room Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 "Paper In Particular" Columbia College, Columbia, OH
- 2013 "Green Line", Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2013 "The Fastest Painter in Milwaukee Duel", Jenie Gao Gallery, Milwaukee
- 2013 "Two Thumbs Up. Six feet Under", IMG Gallery, Milwaukee
- 2012 SGCI Printmaking Show, Redline Gallery, Milwaukee
- 2012 "From the Top Shelve", Cissie Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee
- 2012 "Student and Faculty of the MIAD Printmaking Departmernt, Brooks Stevens Gallery, WI
- 2011 "Bay View Gallery Night", A.C.E. Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2011 "One-Hit Wonders", Jackpot Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2011 "Self-portrait", Elaine Erickson Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2010 "The return of Men", Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2010 MIAD Faculty Show, Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2010 "Ghost Show", NaBr Gallery and Small Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2008 MARN Show, Hotcakes Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2008 "The Return of Men" Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2007 Flux Design, Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 Flux Design, (three short videos), Milwaukee, WI
- 2004 "Contemporary Printmaking", Meramec Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO
- 2004 Wisconsin Biennial, UW Union Gallery, Madison, WI 2004 "Small Trasures",
- 2004 Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2004 "Return of Man", Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Group shows continued

- 2002 Joint Printmaking Show, Warsaw Fine Arts Academy –MIAD, Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, W
- 2000 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 2000 "Contemporary Expression", Gallery, Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN
- 2000 "Gifts for the 21st Century", SOHO20 Gallery, New York, NY
- 1999 Gallery Artists, Cissie Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1999 "Curator's Choice", Saint John's Uihlein Peters Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1999 "Cissie Peltz at Saint John's", Saint John's Uihlein Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1998 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1996 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1994 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1993 "State of the Art '93", Greater Boston's Northeast Trade and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
- 1993 "Inside/Out Still-life and Landscape", Peltz Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1993 Priva B. Gross International Exhibition and Competition, QCC Gallery, Bayside, NY
- 1993 "An Exhibition in Realism", Klara Kott von Storeh Gallery, Dexter, MI
- 1993 "The Body", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1992 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1992 "Contemporary Art on Canvas", Gallery on the Circle, Annapolis, MA
- 1992 "Eight Annual Works on Paper Art Exhibition", Vonlsser Gallery, Elign, IL
- 1991 "Wisconsin '91", Edna Carlsten Gallery, Stevens Point, WI
- 1991 "The Body Illuminated", Appleton Gallery of Art, Appleton, WI
- 1991 "Reflections on Light", Larson Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1990 "MIAD Faculty Show", Milwaukee, WI
- 1989 "Art Energized '89", Cudahy Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1989 Gallery Artists, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1988 Gallery Artists, Cudahy Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1988 "Wisconsin Directions", Cudahy Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1988 "Art in Work Environment", Milwaukee Art Museum cafeteria, Milwaukee, WI
- 1988 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1988 "Wisconsin Triennial", Madison Art Center, Madison, WI
- 1988 "Wisconsin Artists", Cudahy Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
- 1986 "MIAD Faculty Show", Layton Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

Europe

- 1993 "Reading from Ashes", Show commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, Merzig, Germany
- 1981 "IXth Biennial of Baltic Countries' Rostock, Germany
- 1981 "Warsaw Artists", Depolma Gallery, Dusseldorf, Germany
- 1981 "The International Exhibition of Painting", Sofia, Bulgaria
- 1977 "O Poprawe", travelling show, France
- 1977 Art Basel, Basel. Switzerland

Poland

- 1982 "Warsaw Artists", works from the SBWA collection, Warsaw
- 1981 Saint Cross Church, Warsaw
- 1981 "VIII th Festival of Fine Arts", Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw
- 1981 "The World", ART Gallery, Warsaw,
- 1980 "35 Years of Polish People's Republic", Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw
- 1979 "Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture", Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw
- 1979 "Warsaw Presentation of Emerging Artists", Jablkowski Brothers Gallery, Warsaw
- 1979 "The Presence of Art", KMPiK Nowy Swiat Gallery, Warsaw

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Group shows continued

- 1977 "Special Exposition", ART Gallery, Warsaw
- 1977 "VII th Festival of Fine Arts", Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw
- 1977 "III rd Warsaw Art Fair", Jablkowski Brothers Gallery, Warsaw
- 1977 ART Gallery, Warsaw
- 1976 "The Presentation of the Youth Section of the Polish Artists' Union', MDM Gallery
- 1976 "VI th Festival of Fine Arts", Zacheta Gallery, Warsaw
- 1976 "Generation XXX", MDM Gallery, Warsaw
- 1976 "The Academy of Fine Arts Debut", Old Guardhouse Gallery, Warsaw
- 1975 "O Poprawe", ZPAP Gallery, Warsaw
- 1975 "Warsaw in Art", Old Guardhouse Gallery, Warsaw
- 1975 "O Poprawe", Studio Gallery, Warsaw
- 1974 Thesis Show, Fine Arts Academy, Warsaw