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## **EDUCATION**

*MFA* Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 2000

*Certificate in Teaching*, NCAD, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland, 1981

*Diploma - Fine Art*, National College of Art & Design, Dublin, Ireland. 1980

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024** *Dream Abstractions*, President's Office, UWG,  
*Fields of Recognition*, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA,
- 2023** *Dream Abstractions*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta
- 2021** *Essential Workers/ Out of Place*, Spalding Nix Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2017** *Above the Sea*, Green Fuse Gallery, Westport, Ireland
- 2016** *Laborious Conditions*, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 2015** *From the Sheeffry Pass*, Clifden Arts Week, Co. Galway, Ireland
- 2012** *New Paintings*, Cultural Art Center, Douglasville, GA
- 2009** *Presence: Votives and Portraits*, Arnold Gallery, Shorter College, GA
- 2004** *Votives*, Moving Spirits Gallery, Atlanta, GA,
- 2000** *Messages of Form*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA,
- 1994** *Paintings and Drawings*, French Embassy, Dublin, Ireland,

## **SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

- 2024** *Stand & Witness: Art in the Time of Covid-19*, David J Spencer Museum  
*UWG Faculty Exhibition*, Center for the Arts, GA  
*Irish Fest*, Roswell Cultural Arts Center, GA  
*I, We, and the Space Between*, GSU, Georgia Perimeter, Clarkson  
*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2023** *Art Fields*, Lake City, SC  
*Georgia Lawyers for the Arts Auction*, King Plow Center, Atlanta  
*Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA
- 2022** *Gathered V*, Museum of Contemporary Art Georgia, Atlanta, GA  
(curators: Krista Clark, Lucha Rodriguez, and Gregor Turk)
- 2021** *Ensemble*, Spalding Nix Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
*Hambridge Art Auction*, Atlanta, GA  
*MOCA GA Art Auction*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Atlanta, GA  
*Home*, Vault Gallery, Newnan, GA
- 2020** *Semblance*, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, GA  
(curators: Sarah Higgins and Art Papers)  
*Drawing Discourse*, University of North Carolina, Asheville, SC  
(juror: William Beckman)  
*All Terrain*, Spartanburg Art Museum, SC  
(Invitational)
- 2019** *Loss Redemption Grace*, EBD4, Atlanta, GA (**Best in Show Award**)  
(curators: Jerry Cullum and Teresa Bramlette-Reeves)
- 2018** *Fine Art Exhibition*, Callanwolde Arts Center, Atlanta, GA  
(curator: Stephanie Smith)
- 2017** *RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallaher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland

- 2016** Drawing Never Dies, Redline Contemporary Art Center, Denver, CO  
(curators: Daisy McGowan & Donald Fodness)
- RHA Annual Exhibition*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Gallaher Gallery, Dublin, Ireland  
(Invitational)
- 2015** *Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA
- 2014** *Eigse-Open Submission Exhibition*, Carlow Arts Festival, The Visual Carlow, Ireland
- 2013** *Fables of the Eco Future*, The Weave Shed Gallery, Hambidge Center, GA., curator Lisa Alembik
- 2012** *100at100*, Juried Alumni Exhibition, Ernest Welch School of Art and Design, GSU, Atlanta
- Studio Visit Magazine*, Volume Nineteen, Open Studios Press, Boston, MA
- National Small Oil Painting Juried Exhibition* – Wichita Center for the Arts, KA
- 2011** *Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Decatur  
(Best in Show Award)
- International Painting Annual*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- Valdosta National*, Valdosta State University, GA
- 2010** *Ashes to Ashes: Demise and Transformation*, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ
- 2009** *All Small Redux*, Dalton Gallery, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta GA
- 2008** *LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Museum, LaGrange, GA, curator Jeffery Grove
- 23rd Annual International Exhibition*, The University of Texas at Tyler, TX
- QX.net Nude International 2008*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
- 2007** *34th Annual Juried Competition*, Mazur Museum of Art, LA
- Juried Art Exhibit*, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC
- Small Wonders*, Maryland Federation of Art, Baltimore, MD
- WCAGA, Annual Exhibition*, Stone Mountain, GA
- PAINT* South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA,
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Juried Fine Arts Show*, Douglasville, GA
- 2006** *Domestic Tensions-Axis of Longing*, Gay Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI  
(curator: Jeanne Nemeth)
- 2005** *Northern National Art Competition*, Nicolet College, WI

- 1997** *Vital Chords - Land, Identity and Myth in Contemporary Irish Art*, Sturgis Library Gallery, Kennesaw State University, GA
- 1995** *Iontas - Small Works*, Touring Exhibition: Sligo Art Gallery, Ormeau Baths Belfast, and R.H.A. Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- 1994** *Eigse*, Carlow, Ireland
- Arnotts National Portrait Award Exhibition*, Ireland
- Oireachtas*, Guinness Hop Store Gallery, Dublin, Ireland
- Treg'Aquarelle*, Britany, France

## **AWARDS & GRANTS**

- 2023** *Life Drawing Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin Ireland
- Painting Workshop with Siobhan O'Callaghan*, RHA, Dublin, Ireland
- 2nd Place*, Art Fields Portrait Competition, Lake City, Georgia, USA
- 2020** *Faculty Research Grant* University of West Georgia \$5,000
- 2019** *Best in Show - Loss, Redemption, Grace*, EBD4, Atlanta, GA  
(jurors: Jerry Callum & Teresa Bramlette-Reeves)
- 2013** *Faculty Research Grant*, University of West Georgia \$1500
- 2012** *Hambidge Fellow*, Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts, GA,
- 2011** *Best in Show*, Decatur Fine Arts Exhibition, Dalton Gallery, Atlanta, GA,
- 2008** *Merit Award, Valdosta National*, Valdosta State University, GA,
- 2007** *Purchase Award, LaGrange National Biennial*, LaGrange Museum, GA
- Honorable Mention -Juried Art Exhibit*, Bascom-Louise Gallery, Highlands, NC
- 2006** *Merit Award – PAINT*, South Shore Art Center, Cohasset, MA
- Third Place*, National Fine Arts Exhibition, Douglasville Arts Center, GA,
- Second Place*, National Fine Arts Exhibition, Douglasville Arts Center, GA
- Faculty Research Grant*, University of West Georgia \$1,000
- 1999** *Joseph Perrin Award*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA,

**1996** *Irish Rep*, Cesis Annual International Watercolor Symposium, Latvia

Irish Arts Council Travel Grant to Latvia

## **OTHER Professional Engagements, Artist Talks & Publications**

**2024** *Artist Talk*, David J Sencer Museum, CDC,

*Mary Stanley Studio* visit with the Young Collectors Club

*Essay by Nathan Rees, Fields of Recognition*, Catalog, Vault Gallery Press

*Review by Jerry Cullum - Cullum's Notebook*, ArtsAtl Feb 7

*Curator: I, We, and the Space Between*, GSU, Georgia Perimeter, Clarkston, GA

*Artist Interview, Speaking of Art, City Lights WAB*

**2023** *Artist interview - live on Instagram* with Spalding Nix Fine Art

**2021** *Artist interview - live on Instagram* with Spalding Nix Fine Art

**2020** *Review by Shelly Dansy, Semblance*, ArtsAtl, August 14

**2017** *Review by Aidan Dunne, RHA Annual Exhibition*, Irish Times, May 30<sup>th</sup>

**2012** *Artist Talk*, Cultural Arts Center, Douglasville, GA

**2009** *Artist Talk*, Conrad Wilde Gallery, Tucson, AZ

*Artist Talk*, Shorter College, Rome GA

**2004** *Artist Talk*, LaGrange College, Department of Art, GA

## **RESIDENCIES & WORKSHOPS**

**2023** *Life Drawing Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin Ireland *Figure Painting Self-directed Sessions*, Royal Hibernian Academy, Dublin, Ireland

**2006** *Timothy Hawksworth Life Drawing Residency*, Morristown, NJ, USA 2006

## **COLLECTIONS**

La Grange Museum of Art, La Grange, GA, USA

King and Spalding, Atlanta, GA USA

Irish State Collection, Dublin, Ireland

French Embassy, Dublin, Ireland

Latvian State Collection

Figgis Collection, Dublin, Ireland

## **TEACHING ENGAGEMENTS**

*Professor Emerita*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2023 - current

*Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2019- 2022

*Associate Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2008- 2019

*Assistant Professor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2003-2008

*Limited Term Instructor of Art*, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2003-2008

*Visiting Instructor of Art* Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, 2000-2001

*Student Assistant*, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, 1998-2000

*Instructor of Life Drawing*, Stillorgan Senior College, Dublin, Ireland, 1989- 1996