

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.F.A., Painting, 1991
University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL

Certificate in Museum Studies, 1984
Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM

B.F.A., Painting, 1982
Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

Employment

Associate Professor, Department of Visual Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2009 - Present

Affiliate Faculty, Indigenous Studies Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2012 - Present

Director, Graduate Program, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, 2012-2019

Faculty, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM, 1999-2008

Solo Exhibitions (selected)

Constructed Places: Works on Paper, Albrecht Kemper Museum of Art, Saint Joseph, MO (2022)

Paper Histories, Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS (2022)

Halfway There, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO (2020)

Norman Akers: Printed Borders, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS (2019)

Norman Akers: Contested Territories, Percolator Art Space, Lawrence, KS (2015)

Survey, Mingenback Gallery, Lindsborg, KS (2013)

Starting Point, Alice Campbell Alumni Center, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
(2009)

New Works by Norman Akers, Lloyd Kiva New Gallery, Institute of American Indian Arts Museum, Santa Fe, NM (2008)

Contemporary Native American Art: Paintings by Norman Akers, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS (2007)

Strategic Structures, Fine Arts Center, Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, WY (2007)

Paintings and Monoprints, Jan Cicero Gallery, Chicago, IL (2002)

Monoprints, Jan Cicero Gallery, Project Room, Chicago, IL (2001)

Elks, Butterflies and Trees, Carl Gorman Museum, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA (2001)

Paintings, The Gallery, East Central University, Ada, OK (2000)

Two or Three Person Exhibitions (selected)

Works by Edgar Heap of Birds and Norman Akers, Inaugural Exhibition, Edgar Heap of Birds Family Gallery, Department of Visual Art, Lawrence, KS (2022)

Narrative Borders, Akers and Avrett, Hazel Modella Gallery, Stillwater, OK (2018)

Cause and Effect: Norman Akers and Hoka Skenandore, Berlin Gallery, Heard Museum Shop, Phoenix, AZ (2011)

Ways of Seeing, Berlin Gallery, Heard Museum Shop, Phoenix, AZ (2009)

Allegory + Process, Helix Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM (2000)

Group Exhibitions (selected)

The Exploding Native Inevitable, Bates College Museum of Art, Lewiston, ME (2023) *upcoming*

Native American Art Now, Sundaram Tagore Gallery, New York City, NY (2023)

Art on Paper 2023:47th Exhibition, Weatherspoon Museum of Art, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC (2023)

Convergence: Indigenous Exchange & Encounter, Craft Alliance, Saint Louis, MO (2023)

Voices From the Drum, First Americans Museum, Oklahoma City, OK (2023)

Still Standing: Social Commentary in Contemporary Native American Art from the J.W. Wiggins Native American Collection, Windgate Museum of Art, Hendrix College, Conway, AR (2022)

Myths of the West: Narrating Stories of the Land and People through Wichita Art Collections, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS (2022)

Traditions and Transformations: Modern and Contemporary Native Visions from the Horseman Foundation Collection, Horseman Foundation, Saint Louis, Missouri (online exhibition)
<https://www.thehorsemanfoundation.org/digital-exhibitions> (2022)

Un-Settling: A Story of Land Removal and Resistance, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH (2022)

Lawrence Collective: An RSG Group Show, Ruben Saunders Gallery, Wichita, KS (2022)

Allegories of Transformation, Pace Center, Parker, CO (2020)

Inspirations: Art for Storytelling, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS (2020)

Voices from the West, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Manhattan, KS (2020)

Conversations: Artworks in Dialogue | The Daniel E. Prall Collection, Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, Santa Fe, NM (2019 -2020)

Rural/Urban Invitational Art Exhibit II, Volland Store, Alma, KS (2019 -2020)

Monarchs: Brown and Native Contemporary Artists in the Path of the Butterfly, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS (2019)

Stories from the Land, Mingenback Gallery, Birger Sandzen Memorial Gallery, Lindsborg, KS (2019)

Revisions: Contemporary Native American Art, Snite Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (2019)

(RE)CLAIM: Indigenous Artist Reflect on Identity, Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO (2019)

In/Sight, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO (2018)

Native Lifeways on the Plains, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, TX (2018 -2019)

Contemporary Prints: A Selection of Recent Gifts to the Museum Collection, C.N. Gorman Museum, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA (2018)

Seekers, Mingenback Art Gallery, Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS (2018)

Native American Contemporary, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO (2018)

Plains Indian Art: Created in Community, Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK (2017)

Personal Journeys: American Indian Landscapes, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ (2016)

Platform, Lawrence Art Center, Lawrence, KS, (2016 -2017)

Enter the Matrix: Indigenous Printmakers, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, Norman, OK (2015 -2016)

An Evening of Redness in the West, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM, (2015)

Back Where They Came From, Sherry Leedy Contemporary Art, Kansas City, MO (2016)

Contemporary American Indian Art, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art, Johnson County Community College, Overland Park, KS (2014)

Sharing the Journey: Building the Oklahoma State University Museum of Art Collection, Oklahoma State University Museum of Art, Stillwater, OK (2014)

Bon a'Tirer: Prints from the MoCNA Collection, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM (2014)

Art from Indian Territory, All my Relations Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (2013)

Heartlines: Expressions of Native North American Art, Colorado University Art Museum, Boulder, CO (2013)

Indelible Impressions: The Politics of the Social in Contemporary Art, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN (2013)

50/50 Fifty Artists, Fifty Years, Museum of Contemporary Native Art, Santa Fe, NM (2012)

H2OK: Native Responses to Water Issues in Oklahoma, Mainsite Contemporary Art, Norman, OK (2012)

Indian Ink: Native Printmakers form the J.W. Wiggins Collection, Wiggins Gallery, Sequoya Research Center, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR (2012)

Heartfelt Reverberations, Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence, KS (2011)

Currents: Native American Forces in Contemporary Art, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO (2010)

Journey as Destination: Contemporary Native American Prints, Harwood Museum, Taos, NM (2010)

Native Impressions, Tamarind Institute Gallery, Albuquerque, NM (2010)

Speak for the Trees, Friesen Gallery, Seattle, WA (2010)

Mapping: Memory and Motion in Contemporary Art, Katonah Museum of Art, Katonah, NY (2010)

Currents: Native American Forces in Contemporary Art, Center for Visual Art, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Denver, CO (2009)

Here and There: Seeing New Ground, 516 ARTS, Albuquerque, NM (2009)

Personal Journeys: American Indian Landscape, Heard Museum North, Scottsdale, AZ (2009)

Into the Now From Then, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe, NM (2009)

Trend Meets Tradition, Cahoon Museum of American Art, Cotuit, MA (2008)

Pushing the Limits, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe, NM (2008)

Unlimited Boundaries: The Dichotomy of Place in Native American Art, Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, Albuquerque, NM (2007)

Miner's Canary, Center for Contemporary Arts, Santa Fe, NM (2005)

So Fine! Masterworks of Fine Art from the Heard Collection, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ (2003)

Native American Artists and Scholars: Speaking for Ourselves in the 21st Century, American Indian Community House Gallery, New York City, NY (2003)

Eiteljorg Invitational, New Art of the West 8, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN (2002)

New Paintings from Native America: Rewritings, Artfit Exhibition Space, Phoenix, AZ (2002)

Art in Two Worlds, Native American Fine Arts Invitational 1983-1999, Montclair Museum Art Museum, Montclair, NJ (2002)

Rock, Paper, Scissors: Recent Acquisitions of Fine Art from the Heard Museum, Heard Museum North, Scottsdale, AZ (2001)

Reopening the West, Rockwell Museum, Corning, NY (2001)

Who Stole the Tee Pee?, National Museum of American Indian Art, Gustave Heye Center, Smithsonian Museum, New York City, NY (2000)

Traveling Exhibitions (selected)

Art for a New Understanding Native Voices 1950s to Now, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR (curated, catalog) (October 6, 2018 - January 7, 2019)

Curators: Mindy Besaw, Candice Hopkins, Manuela-Well-Off-Man

Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM (January 25, 2019 - July 19, 2019)

Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC (August 29, 2019-January 12, 2019)

Brook Museum of Art, Memphis, TN (February 22-May 17, 2020)

Home: Contemporary Indigenous Artists Responding, (invited) (2018)

Walter and Dori Goldstein Music and Media Center, Penn State, University Park, PA (November 15,

2017-August 31, 2018)

The Sojourner Truth Library, SUNY, New Platz, New Platz, NY (January 2017)

Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Present Box Space, Boulder, CO (November 2017)

Re-Riding History: From the Southern Plains to Matanzas Bay, (invited) (January 2015 - October 2018)

The Trout Gallery, The Art Museum of Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA (June 1 - October 27, 2018)

Kenosha Public Museum, Kenosha, WI (March-April 2017) Edgewood College Gallery, Edgewood College, Madison, WI (January 25 - February 26, 2017)

Museum of the Great Plains, Lawton, OK (November 7, 2016 - January 8, 2017)

University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse, LaCrosse, WI (September 9 - 26, 2016)

The Art & Design Gallery, University of North Carolina-Pembroke, Pembroke, NC (April 22 - June 10, 2015)

Wright Museum of Art, Beloit College, Beloit, WI (March 13 - April 6, 2015)

Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, Flagler College, St Augustine, FL (January 16 - February 27, 2015)

"The Map is not a Territory" Parallel Paths: Palestinians, Native Americans, Irish, (2013 - 2016)

Santa Fe University of Art and Design, Santa Fe, NM

Tamastlikt Cultural Institute, Pendleton, OR

Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, MI

Multi-Cultural Arts Center, East Cambridge, MA

P21 Gallery, London, UK

Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA

The Jerusalem Fund Gallery Al Quds, Washington D.C.

Permanent Collections

Bates College Museum of Art, Lewiston, ME

Horseman Foundation, Saint Louis, MO

Forge Project, Gochman Family Collection, Taghkanic, NY.

Nelson Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City, MO

Library of Congress, Print Collection, Washington DC

Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

Arrowhead Stadium Art Collection, Kansas City, MO

Polsinelli Law Firm, Kansas City, MO

Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, KS

Art in the Embassies Program, U.S. Department of State, Yerevan, Armenia

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN

Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL

Fine Arts Center, Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, WY

Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, IN

Oklahoma State University Museum of Art, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK

Osage Nation Tribal Museum, Pawhuska, OK

Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ

Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Museum of Contemporary Native American Art, Santa Fe, NM

National Museum of the American Indian, Washington DC

New Mexico Museum of Art, Santa Fe, NM

Rockwell Museum, Corning, NY

Sinte Museum of Art, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Southern Plains Indian Museum, Anadarko, OK

Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO

Tweed Museum of Art, University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN

University of New Mexico Art Museum, Albuquerque, NM

School of Business, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, Santa Fe, NM

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- Benitz, Megan, "*Norman Akers: Constructed Place: Works on Paper*" and "*Heinrich Toh: Never As It Was*", p. 104. KC Studio, Kansas City, MO. (September / October 2022 Volume XIV, Issue 5)
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- Brandenburg, John. *"Artists Interpret Borders"*, The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, OK. (August 30, 2018)
- Frese, David. *"American Indian Artists Reflect on Identity in New Exhibit"*, pg. 26-27, KC Studio, Kansas City, MO (November/December 2018 Vol. X, issue 6)
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