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### **Education**

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- 2011** Indiana University, Bloomington IN  
**Master of Fine Arts**, Painting.
- 2006** International School of Painting Drawing and Sculpture, Umbria Italy.
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL  
**Bachelor of Fine Arts**, Painting.
- 2003** Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI  
**Associate Degree**, Graphic Design.

### **Solo and 2 Person Exhibitions**

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- 2020** *The Dying of the Light*, CJ One Gallery, New York, NY
- 2019** *Look But Don't Touch*, One River School of Art and Design, Larchmont, NY  
*Journey Of Small Shifts*, Forum @ St Ann and The Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** *Gates*, W83 Gallery, New York, NY  
*Gates*, Defend Brooklyn, New York, NY
- 2016** *Breaking the Fourth Wall*, Painting and Piano Performance with Craig Michael Davis, Spectrum NYC, NY NY
- 2015** *Dear Brooklyn*, RAM Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012** *Ben Cowan and Reed Esslinger, Local Emerging Artists*, WCC Gallery One, Ann Arbor, MI  
*Neighbors*, Gillock Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Neighbors*, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2011** *Branching Out*, Ann Arbor City Club, Ann Arbor, MI  
*Neighborhood View*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- 2009** *Marion Kryczka and Benjamin Cowan*, Gillock Gallery, Chicago, IL

### **Group Exhibitions**

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- 2023** *Future Fair*, 550 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2022** *Break of Day Edge of Night*, The Painting Center, New York, NY  
*Gotham Gothic*, 5-50 Gallery, Long Island City, NY  
*America Now*, Curated by Nicholas Cueva, New York, NY  
*Group Show*, Curated by Rupert Goldsworthy, New York, NY
- 2021** *Soaring Gardens Artist Retreat: Second Decade*, Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA
- 2020** *Nature Exhibition*, Curated by Yupin Pramotepipop, Bushwick Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** *Fool Me Once*, Robert Lange Studios, Charleston, SC  
Ground Floor Gallery, Affordable Art Fair, New York, NY
- 2017** *Alive*, Sojourn Arts and Culture, Louisville, KY  
*High Rock Tower*, Curated by Alex Sewell, Ess Ef Eff Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Arts to End Violence*, Ron Taylor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Drums on Paper 3*, Authorized to Work in the US Press, Ground Floor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Vive Benefit*, The Parlour Bushwick Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016** *Pivot Gallery Hosts Ess Ef Eff*, Pivot Gallery, New York, NY  
*Columbia Faith and Action Arts Panel*, Columbia University, New York, NY  
*Drums on Paper 2*, Authorized to Work in the US Press, Rabbit Hole Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015** *Ruach*, St Paul German Church in Chelsea, New York, NY
- 2014** *Finding Balance*, Deines Cultural Center, Russell, KS  
*Showcase #2*, Big Irv's, Brooklyn, NY
- 2013** *Mission Creep*, Big Irv's, Brooklyn, NY  
*Bob Ross Take Down*, Active Space Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012** *30x30*, Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2011** *Altered Ground*, University of Michigan Work Gallery, Ann Arbor, MI

- Master Pieces*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
*MFA Annual Show*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- 2010** *Visual Overload*, Fuller Gallery, Bloomington, IN  
*MFA Annual Show*, SOFA Gallery, Bloomington, IN
- 2009** SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Northern Trust, Chicago, IL
- 2008** *Fall Festival*, Around the Coyote, Chicago, IL  
*Barewalls*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
*Art On Track*, Art displayed on CTA train, Chicago, IL  
*Ox-Bow Winter Benefit*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Chicago Housing Authority Office, Chicago, IL
- 2007** *Barewalls*, SAIC, Chicago, IL  
Chicago Loop Alliance, Invitational Live Auction, Chicago, IL  
*Big Sky*, SAIC SUGS, Chicago, IL  
SAIC Off Campus Exhibitions: Slayton Research Partners, Chicago, IL  
Highland Park High School, Highland Park, IL
- 2006** “*Joseph Albers: To Open Eyes*” book release, Gallery One, Ann Arbor, MI  
*Undergraduate Exhibition*, SAIC, Chicago, IL

### **Bibliography**

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Western Colorado University Alumni Magazine, Published Jul 13, 2022
- The Brooklyn Review, Art Feature, 2018 Print Edition
- NeotericART, Ben Cowan on Dioxazine Purple by Matthew Ballou, MARCH 26, 2018
- Creators, VICE, “Immigrant Artist Creates Old School Photocopier Print Shows for Everyone”,  
Lorelei Ramirez, February 26 2017
- Fresh Paint Magazine, Issue 6, February 2015
- The Wall Street Journal, “Happy Trees,” David Shapiro, March 25, 2013
- The Labletter, Edition 15, 2013
- International Painting 2, Manifest Gallery, 2012
- The Washtenaw Voice, “Art Emerged,” Adrian Hedden, September 25, 2012
- Caroline Ewing, “Office Space,” F News Magazine, September 18, 2007
- Katrina Kuntz, “Is the Best Art in the Bathroom? A Short Review of the BFA Show,” F News Magazine, May 1, 2006

### **Professional Experience**

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- 2017—** United Scenic Artists, Local USA 829, **Scenic Artist**
- 2022** **Lecturer**, Western Colorado University, MA in Museum and Gallery Management program
- 2012-18** Jeff Koons **Painting Studio Assistant**
- 2015** Summer **Arts Instructor**, Crown Heights Summer Arts Camp, Brooklyn NY
- 2011-12** **Part Time Instructor**, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI  
Drawing II: Fall 2011, Winter 2012  
**Part Time Instructor**, Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn MI  
Painting: Fall 2011, Drawing I: Winter 2012
- 2009-11** **Assistant Instructor, Indiana University, Bloomington IN Painting 1: Fall 2010, Spring 2011**  
Landscape Painting, Beginning to Advanced: Summer 2010  
Drawing 1: Fall 2009, Spring 2011
- 2003** **Teacher Assistant**, Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor MI Internet Design: 2 sections Fall 2003

### **Additional Art Experience**

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- 2022** Visiting Artist and Annual Student Show Juror, February 2022, Western Colorado University
- 2018** The Moxy Downtown Hotel, Corridor Art Murals, New York NY
- 2015** The Renwick Hotel, Guest Room Art and Presidential Suit Murals, New York NY
- 2012** Ithaca Office Murals, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2011** Poster Presenter *Landscape Space Place Geography Conference*, IU, Bloomington IN
- 2006** Outdoor Mural for Joliet City Garage, Friends of Community Public Art, Joliet IL

### **Residencies, Awards and Grants**

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- 2017** Soaring Gardens, Laceyville Pennsylvania
- 2009-11** Indiana University Full Tuition Remission and Stipend