

STEVEN LABADESSA

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EDUCATION

MFA, Painting ◦ **University of Pennsylvania** (Departmental Grants)

Post-Baccalaureate (2nd), Painting ◦ **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** (Scholarship)

Post-Baccalaureate (1st), Painting ◦ **School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** (Scholarship)

JD ◦ **Boston University, School of Law** (Scholarship)

BS *w honors*, Psychology ◦ **Brooklyn College CUNY*** (Scholarship)

BA *w honors*, Fine Arts (Drawing) ◦ **Brooklyn College CUNY*** (Scholarship)

**summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Scholars' Program, Dean's List (1986-90)*

ADDITIONAL STUDIES...

Painting ◦ **The Art Institute of Boston** (Lesley University)

Painting ◦ **SVA** (i.e., School of Visual Arts, NYC)

Painting ◦ **New York Academy of Art**

Anatomy/Pastel ◦ **The Arts Students' League of New York**

Writing ◦ **New York University**

Theatre Arts ◦ **H.B. Studios, NYC**

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

steven labadessa: luna, College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX 2021

steven labadessa: condemnation of memory, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, PA 2019

steven labadessa: damnatio memoriae, Elon University, Elon, NC 2019

la petite mort | portraiture | steven labadessa, Hardee Center for the Arts, Madison, FL 2018

steven labadessa: disenchantments, LaGuardia Galleries of Fine Art, New York, NY 2017

steven labadessa: hallucinatory realism, College of the Sequoias Art Gallery, Visalia, CA 2015

Steven Labadessa, Seminole State College, Sanford, FL 2014

steven labadessa: fairy tales, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL 2014

Steven Labadessa: severe beauty, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL 2009

Steven Labadessa: Composites, Furman University, Greenville, SC 2007

Steven Labadessa, Chadron State College, Chadron, NE 2005

Recent Work, Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ 2004

Steven Labadessa, Paintings, Firelands College (BGSU), Huron, OH 2003

twenty, Coker College, Hartsville, SC 2002

FEATURED EXHIBITIONS

-- (*two-person exhibition*), Burnell R. Roberts Triangle Gallery, Dayton, OH 2024

COPIC AWARD 2020, *traveling* Osaka, Tokyo & Yokohama (Kanagawa), Japan 2020-2021

HEAD, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Amherst, MA 2015

Think Art, Boston University, Boston, MA 2011

The Disciplines of Art: Drawing, MDH Fine Arts, New York, NY 2010

Dion, Kreydatus, Labadessa, MDH Fine Arts, New York, NY 2009

Severe Beauty (two-person exhibition), Ohio State University at Mansfield, Mansfield, OH 2009

Corpus Asunder (two-person exhibition), Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR 2009

Expression in Paint (two-person exhibition), San Joaquin Delta College, Stockton, CA 2008

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABRIDGED

- 2025** *Uncensored: The Art of Politics*, CFA Gallery, Valley City, ND
- 2024** *THRIVE: Beyond Surviving*, Taber Art Gallery, Holyoke, MA
Art Faculty Show, Endicott College, Beverly, MA
- 2023** *International FIKVA Award 2023*, Antwerp, Belgium
The Portrait Show 11, Modern Eden Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2022** *DYSTOPIA*, The Holy Art Gallery, London, Great Britain/UK
Pictures at an Exhibition, Brouhahaart Gallery, Sun Lung Wai, Lantau Island, Hong Kong
14th Annual Juried Show, Prince Street Gallery, NYC
- 2021** *Dark Fairytales*, Revolution Gallery, Buffalo, NY
small works, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2020** *Painting The Figure Now 2020*, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI (catalogue)
- 2019** *11th Annual National Figurative Drawing & Painting Exhibition*, Lore Degenstein Gallery, Selinsgrove, PA (catalogue)
Annual National Juried Exhibition, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI (catalogue)
Priority Mail, Ground Floor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Small Works 2019, Trestle Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018** *Delusional 2*, Jonathan Levine Projects, Jersey City, NJ
Raw, Indiana University Kokomo Art Gallery, Kokomo, IN
- 2017** *A Womb with A View*, Inner Space Gallery, Jersey City, NJ
- 2016** *Sacred & Profane*, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA (catalogue)
Flesh + Bone II, Hillyer Art Space, Washington, DC
75th Regional Exhibition, Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY
Transgender Realities, Wiseman Gallery, Grants Pass, OR
CLOSER, (SCENE) MetroSpace, East Lansing, MI (catalogue)
- 2014** *adjunct appendix*, Light Work, Syracuse, NY
- 2013** *Coburn Goes Small*, Coburn Gallery (Ashland University), Ashland, OH
Figure Now, Fontbonne University, Saint Louis, MO
12x12, Todd Art Gallery (Middle Tennessee State University), Murfreesboro, TN
- 2012** *Flora and Fauna: Narrative through Iconography*, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY
Forms of I.D., University of Southern Indiana, New Harmony, IN
- 2011** *Retina*, Buckham Gallery, Flint, MI
- 2010** *HEAD first*, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH (catalogue)
- 2009** *Paper Explorations*, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater, MA
Life Drawing Exhibition, Spiva Gallery, Joplin, MO
- 2008** *Summer Salon*, MDH Fine Arts, New York, NY
Painting as Presence (William Bailey, Juror), Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT
- 2007** *Submissions Show*, Sarah Bowen Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Art Faculty Show, Binghamton University Art Museum, Vestal, NY
RE/figure: gods + monsters (Invitational), Cazenovia College Art Gallery, Cazenovia, NY;
University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA
- 2006** *Speaking Figuratively (Invitational)*, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY
The Figure Considered ... (Invitational), Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY

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- 2005 *Night of 1,000 Drawings*, Artists Space, NYC
- 2004 *27th Annual Small Works Competition*, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC
Mid-Atlantic New Painting (Stephen Phillips - then Curator, Phillips Collection, Juror), Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA
- 2003 *Figure as Content (Painting Invitational)*, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
Mute, Cade Center for Fine Arts Gallery, Arnold, MD
- 2002 *National Prize Show* (Lisa Dennison - then Director, Guggenheim Museum, NY, Juror), Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA
28th Juried Show (Hugh Davies - then Director, San Diego Museum of Contemporary Art, Juror), Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA
- 2001 *The Future is Now*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE
National Prize Show (Maxwell L. Anderson - then Director, Whitney Museum, NY, Juror), Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA
Fox Family Show, Fox Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
Face Off, Betty Rymer Gallery, Chicago, IL
Current Work 2001, Rosenthal Gallery, Fayetteville, NC
24th Annual Small Works Competition, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC
- 2000 *National Competition*, Bowery Gallery, NYC 2000

AWARDS | HONORS ABRIDGED

- Finalist, *Titian Portrait Competition*, Belluno, Italy 2024
- Finalist, *International FIKVA Award 2023*, Antwerp, Belgium 2023
- Commended, *The Moth Art Prize 2022*, Cavan, Ireland 2022
- Finalist, *COPIC AWARD 2021*, Tokyo, Japan 2021
- Judge's Award, *COPIC AWARD 2020*, Tokyo, Japan 2020
- Honorable Mention, *3rd ANJE*, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI 2019
- Semi-Finalist, *BP Portrait Award 2019*, National Portrait Gallery, London, England 2019
- Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Fellowship, Visual Arts – Painting 2008
- Finalist, *For Art's Sake: A National Competition*, Prismacolor 2008
- Juror Award, *27th Annual Small Works Competition*, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC 2004
- First Place, *Family Show*, Fox Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2001
- Merit Award, *Current Work 2001: A National Competition*, Rosenthal Gallery, Fayetteville, NC 2001
- Juror Award, *24th Annual Small Works Competition*, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC 2001

BIBLIOGRAPHY

REVIEWS

- Jenkins, Mark, "In the galleries: Bodies that are more than flesh and bone," *The Washington Post*, 07/22/2016.
- Arias, Alexus, "Steven Labadessa: Hallucinatory Realism," *The Campus*, 11/05/2015.
- Liesse, Richard, "Finding Beauty: The Seminal Art of Steven Labadessa," *Harbinger*, 03/03/2014.
- Hendrix, Tiffany, "Corpus Asunder: Campbell Hall's Latest Installment Questions Gender & Society's Severe Standards of Beauty," *Western Oregon Journal*, 01/28/2009.
- Carter, Catherine, "Artists Probe Contemporary Issues through Traditional Methods," *The Standard-Times*, 03/02/2007, p. B3.

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Reitz, Alison, "Oh, My 'God'!: Exhibit Gives Form to the Divine and Horrific," *The Torch*, 02/22/2007.

Walker, Katie, "Artists Consider the Figure," *The Northerner*, 08/30/2006.

Johnson, Pat, "Rowan Faculty Show Comes to the Island," *The Sandpaper*, Vol. 30, No. 37, 09/15/2004, p. 20.

Sozanski, Edward J., "Vaulted Pleasures, if Not Vaunted Treasures," *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 05/26/2002, p. H09.

Warner, David, "School's Out. Art's Up," *Philadelphia Citypaper*, 05/24/2001, p. 24.

Hicks, Andrea, "Face Off," *F News*, 04/2001, p. 22.

Korotkin, Joyce, "Twenty-Fourth Small Works Exhibition," *The New York Art World*, Vol. 4, No. 7, 03/2001.

PUBLICATIONS

The Pasticheur: Literature, Art, & Ideas, Vol. 3:02, February 2025

The Moth, Issue 51, Winter 2022/3

The Madison Review, Vol. 48, Issue 1, Spring 2022

CANVASREBEL (Online), Stories & Insights, <https://canvasrebel.com/meet-steven-labadessa/>, 2022

Pigeon Review, Vol. I, Issue 02, Summer 2021

The Purposeful Mayonnaise, Vol. I, Issue I 2021

Painting the Figure Now 2020, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI 2020

11th Annual National Figurative Drawing & Painting Exhibition, Lore Degenstein Gallery, Selinsgrove, PA 2019

Third Annual National Juried Exhibition, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI 2019

Sacred & Profane, Arc Gallery, San Francisco, CA 2016

CLOSER, (SCENE) MetroSpace, East Lansing, MI 2016

Winter Tangerine Review, Volume 5 2016

Winter Tangerine Review, Volume 2 2014

DIALOGIST, Vol. I, Issue III 2013

Winter Tangerine Review, Volume 1 2013

HEAD first, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center 2010

Self, Ovenden Contemporary, UK (Beautiful Cariad Publishing) 2010

Blixt (Missouri Southern State University), vol. 3, Spring 2009

2009 Prismacolor Promotional Calendar, "For Art's Sake: A National Competition, 2008

Artifact (San Joaquin Delta College), #16, vol. 2, November 2008

G.W. Review (George Washington University), Fall/Winter Issue. 2006

Redivider (Emerson College), Spring Issue. 2005

LECTURES | PRESENTATIONS | PANELS

University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 2023

School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, Boston, MA 2021

College of the Mainland, Texas City, TX 2021

Elon University, Elon, NC 2019

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 2016

Open Figure Drawing, Inc., Syracuse, NY 2015

University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Pembroke, NC 2012

Boston University, Boston, MA 2011

Crowder College, Neosho, MO 2010

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Longwell Museum (Southwest Missouri Art Alliance), Neosho, MO 2009

Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY 2008

University of Tampa, Tampa, FL 2008

Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY 2006

Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY 2006

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA 2005

Firelands College (Bowling Green State University), Huron, OH 2003

Coker College, Hartsville, SC 2002

EXHIBITIONS JURIED

Student Art Exhibition, Lourdes University, Sylvania, OH 2014

30th Annual Student Competition & Exhibition, Coker College, Hartsville, SC 2002

GALLERY AFFILIATIONS

Modern Eden, San Francisco, CA

Revolution Gallery, Buffalo, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE ABRIDGED

Visiting Assistant Professor of Studio Art **Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, PA 2025-2026**

Foundations I-2D (Multiple Sections), Foundations II-3D (Multiple Sections), Drawing (Multiple Sections), Portrait Painting

Lecturer **School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University, Boston, MA 2021-2025**

Painting, Figure Drawing, Still Life Painting Workshop, Anatomy for Life Drawing, The Drawn Image (Hybrid), Drawing for Illustration and Figurative Art, Pastel Workshop, Figure Drawing Workshop

Instructor **Endicott College, Beverly, MA 2023-2024**

Drawing & Composition II, Drawing & Composition I (Multiple Sections)

Instructor **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Providence, RI 2021**

Drawing, Parts A & B (Multiple Sections) - Online (Asynchronous Delivery)

Lecturer **Lesley University, Cambridge, MA 2021**

Anatomy and Figure Drawing (Multiple Sections) - HyFlex (In-Person & Asynchronous Delivery)

Instructor **Quincy College, Quincy, MA 2021**

Drawing (In-Person)

Lecturer **SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 2020-2021**

2D Design (Multiple Sections) - Hybrid & Online (Synchronous & Asynchronous Delivery)

Instructor (Fall Semester Sabbatical Replacement) **Clarion University of Pennsylvania, Clarion, PA 2019**

Introduction to Drawing, Painting (Beginning & Advanced), Senior Seminar

Lecturer **Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 2018-2019**

Principles of Design I, Design I, Drawing for Visualization, Drawing, Figure Drawing

Instructor & Lecturer **Hearst Center for the Arts, Cedar Falls, IA 2017**

Acrylic Painting, Portrait Painting, Watercolour, General Art History ° All adult multi-level classes

Instructor (Sabbatical Replacement) **University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA 2016**

Drawing I, Painting I, Painting III, Undergraduate Studio: Painting, BFA Project I & II: Painting

Part-Time Faculty (One Year Appointment) **Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY 2014-2015**

Foundation Drawing

Adjunct Lecturer **Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI 2014**

Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced I & II Life Drawing

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Instructor **Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI** 2014

Acrylic Painting, Watercolour, Beginning Drawing, Continuing Drawing (Color Emphasis) ° All adult multi-level classes

Assistant Professor of Studio Art **University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne, IN** 2012-2013

2D Composition, Drawing, Advanced Drawing*, Painting*, Advanced Painting ° Includes graduate level*

Instructor **Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO** 2009

Figure Drawing Workshop

Assistant Professor of Drawing and Painting **Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO** 2008-2011

Beginning thru Advanced Drawing, Special Projects-Drawing, Figure Drawing, Beginning thru Advanced Painting, Special Projects-Painting, Water Based Media/Painting, Art Appreciation (Honors)

Visiting Artist in Painting (Academic Year) **Binghamton University (SUNY), Binghamton, NY** 2006-2007

Painting 1, Painting 2

Assistant Professor of Painting (Full Time, One Year) **Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ** 2004-2005

Color Theory, Drawing, Figure Drawing, Painting I - VII, Independent Studies (Painting)

Lecturer (Sabbatical Replacement) **Marywood University, Scranton, PA** 2002

Basic Drawing, Visual Concepts

Instructor **Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ** 2001-2004

Painting, Drawing, Figure Drawing ° All classes multi-level for adults

Teaching Assistant **University of Pennsylvania, School of Design, Philadelphia, PA** 1999-2001

Painting, Drawing (x2), Figure Drawing