

## STEVEN LABADESSA

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### EDUCATION

MFA, Painting ◦ University of Pennsylvania ◦ Departmental Grants

JD ◦ Boston University, School of Law ◦ Scholarship

BS & BA, Psychology and Fine Arts, *summa cum laude* ◦ Brooklyn College (CUNY) ◦ *Phi Beta Kappa*; Scholars' Program; Dean's List

Post-Baccalaureate, Painting ◦ School of the Art Institute of Chicago ◦ Scholarship

Post-Baccalaureate, Painting ◦ School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston ◦ Scholarship

Additional study: School of Visual Arts (SVA); New York Academy of Art; Art Students League (Anatomy/Pastel); New York University (Writing); HB Studios (Theatre)

### 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

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABRIDGED

**2026** *100 Miles: Juried Exhibition*, The Gallery at Penn College, Williamsport, PA (catalogue)

*Summer Digital Exhibition*. Penn Journal of Arts and Sciences (online), University of Pennsylvania

**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

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- 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  
*14<sup>th</sup> 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  
*75<sup>th</sup> 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
- 2005** *Night of 1,000 Drawings*, Artists Space, NYC
- 2004** *27<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Works Competition*, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC

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- 2004 *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  
*28<sup>th</sup> 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  
*24<sup>th</sup> Annual Small Works Competition*, 80 Washington Square East Galleries, NYC
- 2000 *National Competition*, Bowery Gallery, NYC 2000

### AWARDS | HONORS ABRIDGED

- First Place Award, *100 Miles: Juried Exhibition* — Williamsport, PA, 2026
- 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, *3<sup>rd</sup> 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, *27<sup>th</sup> 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, *24<sup>th</sup> 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, Alexis, "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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### REVIEWS *CONTINUED...*

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

Panel with Alan Gilbert (BOMB Magazine), Lore Degenstein Gallery, Susquehanna University, PA 2026

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

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Boston University, Boston, MA 2011

Crowder College, Neosho, MO 2010

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

*30<sup>th</sup> 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*

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

*Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced I & II Life Drawing*

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*