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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 with Peter Scheidt, 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 *Art Mail: Winsor Newton,* Saatchi Gallery, London, UK
100 Miles: Juried Exhibition, The Gallery at Penn College, Williamsport, PA (catalogue)
Digital Exhibition, *Penn Journal of Arts and Sciences*, University of Pennsylvania

2025 *Uncensored: The Art of Politics,* CFA Gallery, Valley City, ND

2024 *THRIVE: Beyond Surviving,* Taber Art Gallery, Holyoke, MA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS ABRIDGED *CONTINUED…*

	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
2005	*Night of 1,000 Drawings,* Artists Space, NYC

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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

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, *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

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REVIEWS *CONTINUED…*

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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

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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

LECTURES | PRESENTATIONS | PANELS *CONTINUED…*

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
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

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE ABRIDGED *CONTINUED…*

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

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