

Education

2012-2016: University of Western Ontario. Studio-Based Ph.D. in Art and Visual Culture.

2009-2011: University of Saskatchewan. Master of Fine Arts.

2000-2006: Concordia University, Montreal, PQ. Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Awards

- 2019 **Ontario Arts Council:** Exhibition Assistance.
- 2018 **Canada Council for the Arts:** Project Grant - Research Creation
- 2018 **Ontario Arts Council:** Artist Grant - Research Creation
- 2016-2013 **SSHRC CGS Doctoral Award.**
- 2016 **SSHRC Canadian Storytellers Challenge Top 25 Finalist.**
- 2016 **Lynne Lionel Scott Scholarship in Canadian Studies.** Western University.
- 2012 University of Western Ontario **Chair's Entrance Scholarship.**
- 2010/11 University of Saskatchewan **CGS Masters Thesis Scholarship.**
- 2009 **SSHRC Masters Graduate Scholarship.**

Teaching

- Sessional Professor: **FINA 3001/3005, Advanced Studio**, School of Design and Visual Art, Georgian College, Barrie, ON. Fall/Winter terms, 2017 through to 2020 academic calendar.
- Sessional Professor: **MUSM 1007, Educational Programming and Delivery**, School of Design and Visual Art, Faculty of Museum Studies. Georgian College, Barrie, ON. Fall/Winter terms, 2017-2020.
- Sessional Professor: **MIT2601A and MIT2601B Intro to Video Production and Theory.** Faculty of Information and Media Studies. Western University. Winter, 2017 / Fall, 2017.
- Sessional Professor: Department of **Art and Visual Culture, Western University:** 2016: **VAS 2104A Drawing Explorations** and **VAS 2204A Intro to Drawing.** Fall, 2016 / Winter, 2017.
- Academic Teaching Assistant Experience
 - 2015/16: **Honours Studio Seminar. VAS 2282 A.** Teaching Assistant for Kim Moodie.
 - 2014/15: **Advanced Sculpture and Installation. VAS 3320.** Teaching Assistant for Kelly Jazvac.
 - 2013: **Advanced Drawing: VAS 3300 A.** Teaching Assistant for David Merritt.
 - 2012/13: **Drawing Explorations: VAS2104 A/B.** Lead Instructor.

Recent Scholarly and Professional Activities

- PUBLIC Journal: Forthcoming. Contribution of Artist Project pages in upcoming special edition guest curated by Carla Taunton and Leah Decter. Fall, 2021.
- Seminar and Panel Presentation: **"Performing Sovereignty from Palestine to Canada"** Mikinaakominis/TransCanadas Conference 2017, May, Toronto, ON.
- Seminar and Panel Presentation: **"Decolonial Cultural Practices: Advancing Critical Settler Methodologies."** UAAC Conference 2016, Oct 28-30, Montreal, PQ.
- Seminar and Panel Presentation: **"Indigenization, Settler Methodologies, and Intergenerational Responsibility."** CATR Conference/Congress 2016, May 28-31, Calgary, AB.
- Currently on **Board of Directors and Education Committee** for Quest Art, MCC, Midland, ON., Jury member for various show selections and exhibition installation at McLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON. and Orillia Museum of Art and History, Orillia, ON.
- Co-author of academic journal paper in **Space and Culture.** (Ekers, M, and Farnan, M., (2010). **Planting the Nation: Tree Planting Art and the Persistence of Nationalism.** *Space and Culture*, 13(1). 95-120).

Visual Artist Exhibition History

- 2021** (*upcoming*) **Canoe Fight: From Reverence to Redress.** Solo Exhibition. MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON. March 2021 (rescheduled for July, 2021).
- 2021** (*upcoming*) **Gardenship and State.** Group Exhibition. Museum London, London, ON. January 2021 (rescheduled for Sept. 2021). Curated by Jeff Thomas, with project organization by Patrick Mahon. Contributing artists and scholars include Ron Benner, Jamelie Hassan, Andres Villar, Ashley Snook, Michelle Wilson, Joan Greer, Patrick Mahon, Sean Caulfield, Lori Blondeau, Paul Chartrand, Adrian Stimson, Quinn Smallboy, Sharmistha Kar, Mark Kasumovic, Mary Mattingly, Amelia Fay, and Tom Cull.
- 2020** (*postponed*) **School of Badger.** Project Residency. In collaboration with Lori Blondeau, and Adrian Stimson. Siksika, AB. July, 2020.
- 2019** **Canoe Fight: From Reverence to Redress.** Solo Exhibition. PAVED Arts, Saskatoon, SK. Sept 19 to October 19, 2019.
- 2019** **Pilgrims of the Wild and Once Were Pilgrims.** Video Screening and Public Performance. Nuit Blanche, Saskatoon, Sk. Sept. 28th, 2019. In collaboration with Lori Blondeau and Adrian Stimson.
- 2018** **From Food to Monument: Northern Retellings:** Offsite performance and gallery exhibition with Aylan Couchie, Leah Decter, and Lisa Myers. Curated by Jill Price. Quest Art Gallery, Midland, ON. Oct, 2018 - Jan. 2019.
- 2017** **Unsettling.** Group exhibition with Basil Alzeri, Lori Blondeau, Duorama (Paul Couillard and Ed Johnson), Terrance Houle, and Lisa Myers. Curated by Bojana Videkanic. Video Installation of **Pilgrims of the Wild** (with Lori Blondeau and Adrian Stimson). Doris McCarthy Gallery, U of T Scarborough. June 22 - Oct. 21, 2017.
- 2017** **Re-enact.** Group exhibition with Krista Belle Stewart, Sarah Ciurysek, Meryl McMaster, Emma Nishimura, and Elinor Whidden, Curated by Renée van der Avoird. McLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON. July 6 - October 29.
- 2016** **Once Were Pilgrims.** New performance work with Lori Blondeau and Adrian Stimson. IPAC's **10/10 Two Story Anniversary Exhibition and Performance Festival.** @ The Mann Art Gallery, Prince Albert, SK. Sept 16, 2016. Group exhibition running from Sept 15 to Oct 30th, 2016.
- 2016** **Pilgrims of the Wild.** Video Screening. Urban Shaman, Media Gallery. Winnipeg, MB. Sept. 5th to Oct. 27th, 2016.
- 2016** **Representing Wilderness: Community, Collaboration, and Artistic Practice.** Ph.D. Dissertation Exhibition. McIntosh Gallery, Western University, London, ON. June 3-25.
- 2015** **Searching for Grey Owl.** IPAC's **Two Story Cafe,** The Indigenous Peoples Art Collective, @ The Mann Art Gallery, Prince Albert, SK. Sept 26, 2015. Performance work and Artist talk.
- 2015** **N2N: Widening the Narrows.** Orillia Museum of Art and History, July 6 - Sept. 26, 2015. Curated by Matt McIntosh and Wanda Nanibush. Group show with Michael Belmore, Nadia Myre, Travis Shilling, and Osvaldo Yero.
- 2015** **Mammo'wiiang To Make Change.** AGSM: The Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Brandon, MB. May 21 - June 30, 2015. Curated by Jaimie Isaac and Leah Decter. Group show with Ayumi Goto, Cheryl L'hirondelle, Adrian Stimson, Scott Benesiinaabandan, Paul Zacharias, and Peter Morin.

- 2014** *The New Canadian Naturalist*. Solo exhibition. Quest Art, Midland Cultural Centre, June 13th - August 31st, 2014. Midland, ON.
- 2014** *On the Subject of Becoming Animal*. Solo exhibition. gallerywest. January 1-28, 2014. Toronto.
- 2012** *Toon Town*. Screening of *The Beaver goes Logging*. PavedArts. Saskatoon, SK. November 2-17, 2012.
- 2011** *The New Canadian Naturalist*. MFA Thesis Exhibition. Gordon Snelgrove Gallery. Saskatoon, SK. October 10th to 21st.
- 2011** *The Fifth Annual Two Story Café. IPAC*. The Indigenous Peoples Artist Collective. Prince Albert Arts Centre, Prince Albert, SK. Video screening of *The Legend of Bison Hughey*. October 1st, 2011.

Recent Professional and Teaching Activities outside the College/University System

- Ongoing role as **Studio Assistant** for **John Hartman** www.johnhartman.ca
 - duties include canvas preparation, documentation, shipping, and administration. Assist on large works and commissions.
- Ongoing role teaching weekly art classes for the MacLaren Art Centre in Barrie, ON. Recent classes include **Portfolio Development** program for young artists, the **W-Edge** after school youth drop in class, **Art Masters** program for 6-12 year olds, and Adult Education **Experimental Drawing**. Also teaching studio-based Adult Education classes for Quest Art School and Gallery, Midland, ON.
- **Over 25 years experience working in B.C. Silviculture Sector**. Employed from 1997 to present, by Zanzibar Holdings Inc. North Vancouver, B.C. Phone #604-818-6301. Continue work as tree planter, supervisor, and company driver whenever possible.
- **Interim Curator**, Quest Art School and Gallery, Midland, ON.
 - April 15 to July 15th, 2017. Oversaw the production of three locally-based shows, and the curation of nationally acclaimed Ted Fullerton exhibition, *Sign, Symbol, and Space: All in the Family*, June 23rd to August 20th, 2017.