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### **Education**

2000            *Northwestern University*, Evanston IL - MFA Painting, June 2000  
1992            *Columbus College of Art and Design*, Columbus OH – BFA, May 1992

### **Employment**

2025-present    *Instructor*, Basic Drawing  
                      McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL  
2003-2024       *Faculty* – Advanced Painting, Intermediate Drawing, Portfolio  
                      American Academy of Art, Chicago  
2002-2003       *Instructor* - 2-Dimensional Design, Basic Drawing  
                      Triton College, River Grove, IL  
1999-2000       *Instructor* - Basic Painting, Basic Drawing  
                      Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
1998-2000       *Teaching Assistant*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2025            *Shimmering Tale*, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco  
2023            *Morality Play*, Engage Projects, Chicago  
2018            *Might and Main*, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco  
2017            *I Love Humanity This Much*, Linda Warren Projects, Chicago  
2016            *Paintings*, The Ohio State University, Lima  
                      *Paintings*, University Club of Chicago  
2014            *Enlightened?*, Linda Warren Projects, Chicago  
                      *Enlightened-NYC*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
2013            *SUPER-ficial* (catalogue), South Shore Arts Center, Munster IN  
2012            *American Metal*, Lyons Wier Gallery NYC  
2010            *Apocalypse*, Linda Warren Gallery, Chicago  
2008            *Fresh*, Lyons Wier-Ortt, NYC  
2006            *Civic-minded*, Gescheidle, Chicago  
2005            *Recent Paintings*, Dolby-Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco  
                      *Recent Work*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
2004            *Deflated*, Gescheidle, Chicago,  
2003            *New Paintings*, Gescheidle, Chicago  
                      *New Paintings*, Dolby-Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco  
2002            *Dreams*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
2001            *Colorforms*, Gescheidle, Chicago  
                      *Cast*, Northern Indiana Arts Association, Hammond, IN

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

2025            *Daydream*, Unveil Gallery, Irvine, CA  
2024            *Ikigai: A Journey of Purpose*, Engage Projects, Chicago  
                      *Weighted Blanket*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, curated by Gwendolyn Zabicki  
                      *Hyperreal*, Blue Spiral 1 Gallery, Asheville, NC  
2023            *Soap Opus*, Rockford University (Two-person exhibition, scheduled March)  
                      *Blue Space*, Engage Projects, Chicago  
2022            *Arts and Conversations*, Engage Projects, Chicago/Palm Beach FL  
2021            *Atomic #13*, Vertical Gallery, Chicago, curated by Joseph Renda  
                      *As Clean As We've Been*, Cleaner Gallery, Chicago, curated by Nina Rizzo  
                      *Evanston+Vicinity Biennial*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL  
2020            *Toys*, Blue Spiral 1 Gallery, Asheville, NC  
                      *77<sup>th</sup> Annual Salon Show*, South Shore Arts Center, Munster, IN

## Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)

- 2019 *Work at Play*, ZG Gallery, Chicago  
*6-Year Anniversary Show*, Vertical Gallery, Chicago
- 2018 *Warhol: Icon and Influence*, Lubeznik Center, Michigan City, IN
- 2017 *Toy Box*, Illinois State Art Museum, Lockport, IL, curated by John Lustig  
*It's Not Funny*, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, Rochester NY (April)  
*Luminance*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*Can't Lose*, Metropolitan Capital, Chicago  
*GAME ON!*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati OH
- 2016 *Summer Session*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*Chicago Paints*, Ohio University, Athens OH
- 2015 *Hybrid's Paradise*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston IL Curated by Sergio Gomez  
*Roots*, Linda Warren Projects, Chicago  
*The Mayfair Exhibition*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC
- 2014 *National Contemporary Painting Exhibition*, Weatherhead Gallery  
University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne, IN  
*Art Miami*, Lyons Wier Gallery  
*Summer Session*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*MIA in MIA*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC
- 2013 *Art Miami*, Lyons Wier Gallery
- 2012 *Dallas Art Fair*, Lyons Wier Gallery  
*Art Pad SF*, Lyons Wier Gallery
- 2011 *Here and Now*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC
- 2010 *Angels*, KunzVisGonzales, Chicago, IL  
*Midnight Snacks: Chicago*, 1366 Space, Chicago  
Curated by Brian Hubble, Amie Cunat, Travis Wyche
- 2009 *Pulse Miami*, Lyons Wier Gallery  
*Endless Summer*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*Another Damn Good Painting Show*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*Upscale/Downsized*, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green OH.  
*The Art Of Play*, Dolby Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco  
*Playing Around*, Brattleboro Museum, Brattleboro, VT.  
*ArtChicago*, Linda Warren Gallery.  
*Pulse New York*, Lyons Wier-Ortt.
- 2008 *ArtChicago*, Linda Warren Gallery.
- 2007 *Ground Breaking: New Space, New Perspective*, Lyons Wier-Ortt, NYC  
*Unseriously/Serious*, Linda Warren Gallery, Chicago  
*ArtChicago*, Linda Warren Gallery.  
*Representation 2007*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, NYC
- 2006 *10 Years – A Retrospective*, Dolby-Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco
- 2005 *Domestic Disturbance*, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL  
*Sinister*, Tarble Art Center, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- 2004 *The Reflected/Refracted Self*, Carl Hammer Gallery, Chicago  
*The Artist as Collector*, Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster, IN (catalogue)  
*American Realism*, Plus One Plus Two Galleries, London  
*Meat Market*, Lyons Wier Gallery, NYC  
*Fantastical Memories*, NURTUREart Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
Curated by Bridget Parris
- 2003 *Group Show*, Dolby-Chadwick Gallery, San Francisco

## **Selected Group Exhibitions (continued)**

- 2002      *Here and Now*, Cultural Center, Chicago (catalogue)  
*Harboring Beauty*, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago  
*Art Chicago*, Gescheidle Gallery  
*San Francisco International Art Exposition*, Gescheidle Gallery
- 2001      *Snowglobe Invitational*, Gescheidle, Chicago  
*Pin-up*, Lyonswier Gallery, NYC
- 2001      *Welcome to My Dollhouse*, Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Chicago  
*Subject Matters*, Standard Gallery, Chicago (catalogue)  
*Artists/Alumni*, Block Museum, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL (catalogue)  
*Narrative Sampler*, Lyonswier Gallery, Chicago
- 2000      *Les Chemical Carnales*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago  
*Shake the Coat*, North Park University, Chicago  
*Union League Civic and Arts Foundation Scholarship Exhibition*, Chicago
- 1999      *Union League Civic and Arts Foundation Scholarship Exhibition*, Chicago  
*Votive Offerings*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago

## **Juried Exhibitions**

- 2015      *Art By America*, jurors: James Yood, Ginny Voedisch, The Art House, Chicago
- 2004      *Exhibition of American Art*, juror: James Rondeau  
            Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
- 2003      *Young Painters Competition*, juror: Buzz Spector, Miami University, Oxford, OH  
*60<sup>th</sup> Annual Salon Show*, juror: Michael Rooks  
            Northern Indiana Arts Association, Munster, IN
- 2001      *15th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Juror: Dana Miller, Nexus Gallery, NYC  
*Narration: Emblem and Sequence in Contemporary Art*, Juror: Robert Taplin  
            Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT

## **Public Art**

- 2020      Chicago Transit Authority, Installation Montrose Blue Line Station  
            *Windy City Odyssey*, Ten Glass Panels

## **Awards**

- 2023      Individual Artist's Grant, \$6000, Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago IL
- 2020      *Alexandra Gardner Riddle Award \$500*, South Shore Arts Association, Munster, IN
- 2016      *Finalist-Manifest Prize*, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2015      *Juror's Award \$1,000*, The Art House, Chicago
- 2003      *Juror's Award \$500*, Northern Indiana Art Association
- 2001      *Finalist award \$700*, Illinois Art Council
- 2000      *Scholarship \$4,000*, Union League Civic and Arts Foundation, Chicago  
*Scholarship \$1,000*, The Eugene Myers Graphics Artist's Program
- 1999      *Scholarship \$5,000*, Union League Civic and Arts Foundation, Chicago
- 1998-2000      *Teaching Assistantship*, Northwestern University, Evanston IL
- 1988      *Scholarship \$4,000*, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus OH

## Reviews

- 2025 *Shimmering Tale*, Chris Cosnowski, Dolby Chadwick Gallery  
Hugh Leeman, [Roborantreview.com](#)
- 2020 *Artists showcased virtually at South Shore Arts 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Salon Show*  
Philip Potempa, [Chicago Tribune.com](#)
- 2017 *Top V. Weekend Picks (6/22-6/28)*, Bad at Sports.  
*RoCo's Exhibit Approaches Serious Subjects With Merry Media*  
Rebecca Rafferty, [RochesterCityNewspaper.com](#)
- 2015 *Seeing the Art for the Trees*, Philip A. Hartigan, Hyperallergic
- 2014 *Portrait of the Artist: Chris Cosnowski*, Maria Girgenti, [NewCity.com](#)  
Jason Founberg, [Chicagomag.com](#), "21 Art Gallery Exhibits to See in Chicago"  
[New American Paintings.com](#). "Must See Painting Shows: March"
- 2012 Oscar A. Laluyan, *Arte Fuse*, "The Luster of Metal and a Little Monster"  
*Arts Observer*, "'American Metal': Chris Cosnowski's Trophies Symbolize More Than Athletic Victory"  
*Soalife.com*, "Momento: Chris Cosnowski's American Metals"  
[New American Paintings.com](#). "Must See Painting Shows: March"
- 2011 Philip McCluskey, *Scallywag and Vagabond*  
"Here and Now at the Lyons Wier Gallery"
- 2010 Phil Morehart, *Chicago Journal*, "Smiling Through the Madness"
- 2008 *Lifting Faces.com*
- 2006 Flavorpill CHI, online review, "Civic-minded"
- 2005 Myrna Petlicki, *Diversions*, "A Male View of 'Domestic' Life"  
Michael Leaverton, *SF Weekly*, Top Calendar Stories
- 2004 Fred Camper, *Chicago Tribune*, "Look into the mirror, and what do you see?"
- 2003 Margaret Hawkins, *Chicago Sun Times*, Gallery Glance
- 2002 Mario Naves, *New York Observer*, "Stand up painter"  
*New York Sun*, "Toy Story"  
Alan Artner, *Chicago Tribune*, Here and Now
- 2001 Margaret Hawkins, *Chicago Sun Times*, "Boys and Their Toys"  
John Brunetti, *New Art Examiner*, Welcome to My Dollhouse  
Margaret Hawkins, *Chicago Sun Times*, Welcome to My Dollhouse
- 2000 Cara Glatt, *Hyde Park Herald*, "Chemical brothers: an arresting exhibit"
- 1999 Cara Glatt, *Hyde Park Herald*, "Art as devotion and sacrament"

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- 2015 International Painting Annual 4, Manifest Gallery
- 2013 *New American Paintings*#107, Midwest Edition (cover image)
- 2011 Malorie R. Medellin, *ChicagoLawyerMag.com*, "Using Office Art to Convey A Firm's Culture"
- 2008 *Big Mind*, Dennis Genpo Merzel, Tricycle
- 2006 *The Edge of Realism*, American Art Collector, December 2006  
Christine Newman, *Open House*, Chicago Magazine, August 2006
- 2004 *A Spotlight on Living Artists*, Crow Woods Publishing
- 2002 *New American Paintings* #35, Midwest Edition (cover image)

## **Lectures**

2024	Artist's talk, Weighted Blanket, Heaven Gallery, Chicago
2023	Artist's talk, <i>Morality Play</i> , Engage Projects, Chicago
	Artist's talk with Maria Tomasula, moderated by Brian Gillham, Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Chicago
2022	Artist's talk moderated by Jennifer Armetta, Engage Projects, Chicago
2021	Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver CO
2018	University of North Texas, Denton, TX
2017	Artist's talk moderated by James Yood, Linda Warren Projects, Chicago
	SEA Conference, Lisle, IL
2016	South Suburban College, South Holland, IL
2014	Artist's talk, Linda Warren Projects, Chicago
	Queens Library, Jamaica, NY
2013	Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
2010	McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
2005	Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
2002	Bennington University, Bennington, VT

## **Commissions**

2019	Kirkland & Ellis, Washington DC
2017	Kirkland & Ellis, Houston
2009	Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago

## **Collections**

Beth DeWoody, NYC  
John Cain, Crown Point, IN  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, Houston, San Francisco, Washington DC