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Biography

I am an artist, educator, and photographer living in Northeast Ohio. Through my artwork, I seek to elicit ideas addressing experiences of everyday life and the constructs of subjective knowledge by utilizing the means of making, the formal display, and the contemporary discourse regarding photographs. I received a 2017 Individual Excellence Award Grant from the Ohio Arts Council. In 2016, I was selected to execute a public art commission resulting in a 20ft. x 30ft. mural; awarded a Baie Ste Marie Residency in Nova Scotia, Canada; and selected as a winner of Life Framer's "Street Life" theme. My work has been exhibited via solo exhibition, curated group exhibitions, and juried group exhibitions. Magnum Photos photographer Bruce Gilden recently described my work as "visually distinct, and quite challenging" with "a depth of ideas." I began producing commercial photography in 1993, teaching college level photography courses in 1998, and have always made artwork. Born in Mississippi, raised in Northeast Ohio, I earned an AA from Lakeland Community College, a BA in Humanities from Ursuline College, and a MFA in Studio Arts from Maine College of Art.

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

2012 Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

2010 Bachelor of Arts in Humanities, Ursuline College, Pepper Pike, OH
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society (4.0 GPA)

1995 Associate of Arts, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

1996 Ohio University, Athens, OH (College of Fine Arts)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014- Present Part-Time Faculty, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH (Courses taught: Photography 1, Foundations Black and White Photography)

2013- Present Part-Time Faculty, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH (Courses taught: Photography 1)

1998- Present Part-Time Faculty, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH (Courses taught: Basic Photography, Basic Photography-Digital, Intermediate Photography, Advanced Photography, The Photo Story, Commercial Photography, Electronic Imaging 1)

2013-2016 Part-Time Faculty, Notre Dame College, South Euclid, OH (Courses taught: Photography 1)

2014 Part-Time Faculty, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH (Courses taught: Introduction to Photography)

2008-2010 Part-Time Faculty, Kent State University, Kent, OH (Courses taught: Photography, Photography 2, and Internship Seminar: Photo Illustration)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Art Practice- Honors & Professional Engagement

2018 Juror, 2018 Lorain County Community College Student Art Exhibit, Lorain

- County Community College, OH, March 24
- 2017 **Grant**, Ohio Arts Council, Individual Excellence Award 2017
- 2016 **Public Art Commission**, Sparx City Hop Building Mural, Downtown Cleveland Alliance & The Union Club, Cleveland, Ohio
- 2016 **Residency**, Baie Ste Marie Residency, New Edinburgh, Nova Scotia, Canada
- 2016 Josh Usmani, "New Mural of Clevelanders to be Unveiled During SPARX City Hop," *Cleveland Scene*, September 14, 2016
<http://www.clevescene.com/scene-and-heard/archives/2016/09/14/new-mural-of-clevelanders-to-be-unveiled-during-sparx-city-hop>
- 2016 Winner, Life Framer Theme: Street Life
- 2016 Selected Participating Artist, gARTen of eARThly Delights benefit, Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH
- 2016 Lecture/Presentation, The Union Club, Cleveland, OH, September 15.
- 2016 Juror, *Street Scenes Photo Contest*, Western Reserve Photographic Society, Kirtland, OH, November 9
- 2016 Juror, *Annual Speech, Music and Visual Arts Contest*, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, Lakewood, OH, March 16
- 2015 Juror, *Out of Place Competition*, Western Reserve Photographic Society, Kirtland, OH, March 24
- 2010 Lecture/Presentation, Cuyahoga Community College, Parma, OH, November 2
- Commercial Art Practice- Honors & Professional Engagement**
- 2007 Awarded Silver Addy, Addy Awards Competition, American Advertising Federation of Cleveland, OH
- 1991-Present Sole Proprietor/Photographer, Eric Vaughn Photography, Cleveland, OH
- 1991-2009 Contract Photographic Assistant, Cleveland, OH
- 1997-1999 First Assistant Photographer, Barney Taxel & Company, Cleveland, OH
- 1996-1997 Color Printing Darkroom Technician, KSK Color Labs, Solon, OH
- 1996 Color Printing Darkroom Technician, Midtown Imaging, Cleveland, OH

EXHIBITION LIST

- 2019 *Cleveland Print Room Members Show*, Cleveland Print Room at University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Cleveland, OH (Jurors: Hilary Gent, Owner, HEDGE Gallery, Cleveland, OH & Steven D. Standley, Chief Adm. Officer, University Hospitals Health System, Inc., Cleveland, OH)
- Resident's Select 2019*, YARDS Projects, Cleveland, OH (Curators: Residents of Worthington Yards, 725 Johnson Court, Cleveland, OH)
- 2018 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- CAN Triennial*, Collective Arts Network, Cleveland, OH (Curators: William Busta, William Busta Gallery, Cleveland, OH; Curlee Raven Holton, Exec. Dir. of David C. Driskell Center, & Sr. Artist-in-Residence, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, MD; Hilary D. Gent, Dir. of HEDGE Gallery, Cleveland, OH; Angelica Pozo, Artist, Cleveland, OH)
- Solo Exhibition**, *Fragments of the Everyday*, Valley Art Center, Chagrin Falls, OH
- 2017 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- Photo Now 2017*, Artists Archives of the Western Reserve at Gallery East of Cuyahoga Community College's, Eastern Campus, Highland Hills, OH (Juror: Aline Smithson, LENS CRATCH Magazine)

- 2017 *Waterloo Arts Juried Exhibition*, Waterloo Arts, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Anderson Turner, Director, School of Art Collection & Galleries, Kent State University)
- 94th *Annual Spring Show*, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA (Juror: William Wegman, MFA)
- Process + Place*, Charles Thomas Gallery at Maine College of Art, Portland, ME (curated by Dietlind Vander Schaaf, Dev. Officer of Maine College of Art)
- 2016 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- Public Art Commission**, Sparx City Hop Building Mural, Downtown Cleveland Alliance & The Union Club, Cleveland, Ohio
- Human/Nature*, Engine, Biddeford, ME (curated by Julie Kuceris Gray, MFA)
- THE PEER SHOW*, Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH (Jurors: Laura Ruth Bidwell, Co-Founder, Transformer Station, Cleveland, OH & Arnold Tunstall, Collections Manager, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH)
- PATTERN & DESIGN*, BAYarts, Bay Village, OH (curated by Shari Wilkins, Founder, Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH & Darrelle Anne Centuori, Ass. Director of Visual Arts Ed., Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH)
- Solo Exhibition**, *Cross Section*, Jean Bulicek Galleria at Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH
- 2015 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- Photo Now 2015*, Artists Archives of the Western Reserve at Gallery East of Cuyahoga Community College's, Eastern Campus, Highland Hills, OH (Juror: Dr. Unni Pulikkal, Ass. of Royal Photographic Society, London)
- Artwork selected for long-term display at Cleveland Tea Revival, Cleveland, OH
- Biennial Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Jurors: Nancy McEntee, Prof. of Photography, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH & Jonathan Wayne, Ass. Prof. of Photography, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH)
- The 6th Annual May Show at Lakeland*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Jurors: Lauren Davies, Gallery Director, 2731 Prospect Gallery, Cleveland, OH & Tom Huck, Art Curator, University Hospitals, Cleveland, OH)
- 2014 *The 21st People's Art Show*, The Art Gallery Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
- Western Reserve Open Photography Competition*, The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Diane Waggoner, Ph.D., Ass. Curator Dept. of Photographs, National Gallery of Art, Washington)
- Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2013 *Tri-C Faculty Art Exhibition Biennial 2013-2014*, Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition at Cuyahoga Community College Gallery East, Highland Hills, OH (Invitational)
- Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- Western Reserve Open Photography Competition*, The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Barbara Tannenbaum, Ph.D., Curator of Photography, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH)
- Biennial Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Charles J. Mintz)
- 2012 *Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts Thesis Exhibit*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME (Invitational)
- Artwork selected for long-term display at Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH

- The 20th People's Art Show*, The Art Gallery Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2011 *Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Kitty McManus Zurko, Dir. and Curator, College of Wooster Art Museum)
MFA Retrospective Exhibit, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME (Invitational)
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2010 *MFA Retrospective Exhibit*, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME (Invitational)
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2009 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
What's In Our Creative Pocket?, Celebrating the talents of the Lakeland Family of Visual Artists at The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
29th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Christopher Yates, MFA, Ass. Prof. and Chair of Foundation Studies, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH, **Juror's award**)
- 2008 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
28th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Justin Kronewetter, Dir. of Ross Art Museum, Delaware, OH, **The Architecture Award**)
- 2007 *27th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition*, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Marcella Hackbardt, Ind. Curator and Prof. of Studio Art, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH)
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2006 *Northeast Ohio Panoramic Photography Exhibit*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Andrew Russetti, Ind. Photographer, Cleveland, OH)
26th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Robert L. Palmer)
- 2005 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
25th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Pipo Nguyen-duy, Prof. of Photography, Oberlin, OH)
BLACK WHITE, The Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH (Invitational)
- 2004 **Two-Person Exhibition**, *Walls Wires Wells: Elements of a Relationship*, Pavanna Gallery, Cleveland, OH (with abstract and found object artist, Brenda Stumpf)
The 34th Annual J.C.C. Photography Show, The Jewish Community Center of Cleveland and the Beck Center for the Arts, Cleveland, OH (Juror: Catherine Evans, Chief Curator, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH, **Best in Color Award**)
24th Annual Six-State Photography Exhibition, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts at New Union Center for the Arts, Oberlin, OH (Juror: Ferdinand Protzman, Assistant to the President/Communications, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH)
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland,

- Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2003 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2002 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
Scribbles by Skaters, 1300 Gallery, Cleveland, OH (Invitational)
- 2001 **Two-Person Exhibition**, Michael Stefan Salon & Gallery, Willoughby, OH (with photographic artist, Jaime Kennedy)
Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 2000 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 1999 *Lakeland Community College Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Invitational)
- 1995 *Lakeland Community College Student Visual Arts Exhibit*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Dr. Bruce Cline, Prof. and Chair Photography Dept., Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, **Honorable Mention received**)
- 1994 *Lakeland Community College Student Visual Arts Exhibit*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Dr. Bruce Cline, Prof. and Chair Photography Dept., Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, **Honorable Mention received**)
Artwork selected for Lakeland Community College's permanent collection, Kirtland, OH
Photographer's Forum: Best of College Photography, Photographer's Forum Magazine, Santa Barbara, CA (Competition, **Published National Finalist**)
- 1993 *Lakeland Community College Student Visual Arts Exhibit*, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Dr. Bruce Cline, Prof. and Chair Photography Dept., Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, **Honorable Mention received**)
- 1992 *Photographer's Forum: Best of College Photography*, Photographer's Forum Magazine, Santa Barbara, CA (Competition, **Published National Finalist**)
Lakeland Community College Student Visual Arts Exhibit, The Gallery at Lakeland, Kirtland, OH (Juror: Dr. Bruce Cline, Prof. and Chair Photography Dept., Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, **1st Place Award for Portraiture**)

REFERENCES

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