

Robert J. Fitzgerald

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Education

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Master of Fine Arts Candidate

September 2016 – Present

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Post-Baccalaureate in Studio Art

December 2013

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
M.A. Community Arts

August 2010

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
B.S. Urban Planning, Dean's List

June 1989

Professional Experience

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

September 2016 – Present

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Assisting Professor Nick Tobier with art classes and programming at Detroit Community School and Brightmoor Maker Space

Studio Assistant

- Assisting Graduate Director Osman Kahn with 3D modeling.

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

September 2011 – August 2016

Teaching Assistant

- Assisted in teaching of introduction to Sculpture, Curriculum Development

Studio Technician

- 3D Shop Technician and Monitor

East Baltimore Development Incorporation, Baltimore, MD
AmeriCorps

September 2009 – August 2011

Community Artist-in-Residence

- Designed and coordinated the production of a community garden serving over 100 students and seniors
- Wrote social justice curriculum and facilitated art classes, worked with 50+ K-8 grade students at the East Baltimore Community School

International Medical Corps, Mbita, Kenya
United States Peace Corps

August 2004 – October 2006

Counselor

- Trained by Kenya Ministry of Health as an HIV/AIDS tester and counselor
- Designed and launched a nationally profiled advertising campaign: www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3ncUjTZGB8, “Kenya Project Launch”
- Implemented Life Skills workshops for Kenyan Public School Teachers
- Coordinated HIV education sessions for Peace Corps sponsored gender development camp reaching over 200 young women

Business Advisor

- Established a successful village-based clean water supply
- Implemented and managed a USAID awarded grant for a solar powered community health center
- Collaborated on grant and island reforestation project with United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Awards - Fellowships - Residencies

- 2018 Smucker Wagstaff Graduate Award, The University of Michigan
- 2017 Paul D. Coverdell Return Peace Corps Fellowship, The University of Michigan
Ionia Center for Arts and Culture Residency, Kefalonia, Greece
- 2016 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts Award, Brandeis University
Smucker Wagstaff Graduate Award, The University of Michigan
- 2014 Joan Lincoln Sculpture Award, Chautauqua Institute
Chautauqua School of Art Summer Residency
- 2013 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts Award, Brandeis University
Chautauqua School of Art Summer Residency, Full Scholarship
- 2012 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts Award, Brandeis University
- 2010 Maryland Institute College of Art, Community Arts Grant
- 2007 Harvard University GSD Summer Program, Full Scholarship

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 *Immerse*, Ionian Center for the Creative Arts, Kefalonia, Greece
- 2016 *In Search of...*, Pollack Projects, Waltham, MA
Pokemon Holiday, Pollack Projects, Waltham, MA
Utopia Estate, Chapels Pond, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 1st Year MFA Student Exhibit, Ann Arbor, MI
Big Ten Print Exchange, Columbus, OH
SEA(S) Exhibition, Ionian Center for the Arts, Kefalonia, Greece
Exploring Spatial Awareness, Triangular Projects, Kefalonia, Greece
Global Photo Showcase, The Ross School of Business, The University of Michigan
- 2016 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2015 *Pull*, UM Wynwood Gallery, Miami, FL
The Golden Apple Performance Piece, The Lowe Art Museum, Miami, FL
- 2014 *New Works*, CAS Gallery, Miami, FL
Chautauqua Student Art Exhibition, Fowler Kellogg Art Center, Chautauqua, NY
- 2013 *Boston Young Contemporaries*, 808 Gallery, Boston, MA
Chautauqua Student Art Exhibition, Fowler Kellogg Art Center, Chautauqua, NY
Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts. Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
PB/Thesis Show, Dreitzer Gallery, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2012 Leonard Bernstein Festival of the Creative Arts. Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
Prospect I: Thesis Show, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- 2011 *Introductions / 2011*, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
This Is What We Do, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2010 *AmeriCorps Artists Engage*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
15 Art Actions, MA Thesis Show, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2009 *Enter/Face*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Plastic Fantastic Camera Show, Harvey Milk Center, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 *New Visions in Photography*, Café Havana, San Francisco, CA
- 2004 *Plastic Fantastic Camera Show*, Harvey Milk Center, San Francisco, CA
- 1998 Spring Show, 32 Dudley Gallery, Venice, CA

Additional Professional Experience

The Party Staff, Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA

February 1994 – August 2004

Human Resources Director

- Interviewed, screened and trained over 800 temporary employees providing hospitality service in upscale corporate events
- Created and executed classes in event management and leadership
- Awarded Employee of the Year based on proven performance and dedication

Landscape Designer: Thompson Residence, Los Angeles, CA

2008

Selected Publications

Paige Cooperstein, "Fitzgerald Finds Sculpture Material in Lake Weeds," The Chautauqua Daily, Chautauqua, NY, July 18, 2013. 10.

Rachel Hughes, "Post Bacc Exhibit Impresses Viewers," The Justice, Waltham, MI, April 8, 2013. 14.

Alex DiSilva, "New York Showcases Student Talent," The Justice, Waltham, MI, September 27, 2011. 9.

Ed Gunts, "MICA Program to Merge Art Activism in East Baltimore," The Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, MD, July 26, 2010. 1.

Rita Tinina, Interview, Nation Television (NTV), Nairobi, Kenya, March 26, 2006.

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3ncUjTZGB8>, "Kenya Program Launch"