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EDUCATION

2018 MA, Urban Studies and Community Arts, Eastern University, St. David's, PA
2010 MFA, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
1985 BA, Graphic Design & Studio Art, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017 *Imagined Landscapes*, Pennswood Gallery, Newtown, PA
2008 *Recollections*, McInnis Gallery, Eastern University, St. David's, PA
2007 *Monotypes*, Redpoint Gallery, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1995 *Watercolors II*, Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1994 *Watercolors I*, Centre Culturel Francais Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia

GROUPS EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Up Against a Wall*, Awbury Arboretum Cope House, Philadelphia, PA
2020 *Fall Group Show*, Schmidt/Dean Gallery, Cherry Hill, NJ
2020 *Fellowship of PAFA Alumni 2020*, Hot-Bed Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2019 *Downriver in the Multiverse, 2019*, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2019 *Camden: Past, Present Future Exhibition*, Rutgers' Stedman Gallery, Camden, NJ
2018 *West Wing Art Collection*, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA
2018 *Art is Ageless*, NewCourtland Senior Community at St. Bart's, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Fame 2017*, Philadelphia Academy of the Fine Arts Alumni Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2017 *Q Artist Group Show*, Spiral Q Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2015 *Holiday Show*, Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *Dear Fleisher*, Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *American Batik Design*, Alleira Gallery, Jakarta
2014 *Group of Four Mural Artists*, The Hall at Crane Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2014 *Philadelphia Artists*, Gallery of the Chambers of Commerce, Philadelphia, PA
2013 *American Batik Design Exhibit*, Mandarin Oriental Hotel, Washington D.C.
2013 *Score & Slip*, Marguerita Hagan & Pierre Trombert Studios, Philadelphia
2013 *Backpack Gallery Installation*, 30th Street Station, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *PAFA Artists*, Studio Christensen Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *Selected Works*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA
2010 *MFA Student Exhibit*, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia
2001 *The Figure Drawn*, Leeds Central Gallery, Leeds, England
2000 *Pelukis Dari Bandung*, Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
1999 *Tasikmalaya Artist Group*, Gedung Kesenian Gallery, Tasikmalaya, West Java, Indonesia
1998 *Tasikmalaya Artist Collective*, Surya Gallery, Pangandaran, West Java, Indonesia
1984 *Selected Works*, Southern Illinois University Gallery, Edwardsville, IL, US

AWARDS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & OPPORTUNITIES

2017/18 *Philadelphia Unity Cup Art Grant*, City of Philadelphia
2017 *Shared Interest Grant for Artists*, Elysian Fields and Little Baby's Ice Cream
2017 *NewCourtland Fellowship*, Center for Emerging Artists, Philadelphia, PA
2016 *Call for Pennsylvania Artists*, 4 paintings purchased by the Philadelphia Convention Center Authority
2014 *2014 Art & Change Award*, Leeway Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
2013 *American Batik Design Competition 2013*, 1st Place Winner, Indonesian Embassy, Washington D.C.
2007 *Monotype Demonstration*, Red Point Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia

COMMISSIONS

2021 *Illustrations for interactive Camden Mural Expansion display*, City Hall, Camden, NJ

- 2016 *Large historical mural for the Camden County Historical Museum, Camden, NJ*
 2014 *Redesign & repainting of Lily Yeh's "Magic Garden" mural, Village of the Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia, PA*
 2012 *Window scrim murals for the Septa Substation on 13th & East Passyunk Avenue, Philadelphia, PA*
 2011 *Illustrations for the Shot Tower Park signage for Philadelphia Parks & Recreation*
 2006 *Illustrated teaching aids, Elementary School Literacy program in Aceh, Indonesia*
 2005 *Coloring book for Acehnese children during the Asian Tsunami relief efforts, Indonesia*
 2002 *Two murals for Dine China Restaurant, Leeds, UK*
 2002 *Three murals for Little Tokyo Restaurant, Leeds, UK*

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2018 Artist Videos at Pennsylvania Convention Center, <http://www.paconventionart.com/artists/donna-backues>
 2017 *"Lily and the Batik Dragon"*, By Donna Backues, 2017
 2016 Interview on Metro TV, Jakarta, Indonesia, July 22. *"Donna bantu anak kehilangan trauma"*
 2016 RADAR Television News, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia. *"Donna bule asal usa ajak anak lawan trauma"*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrocV6mS8Wo>
 2016 Article in Radar Tasikmalaya, July 19. *"Murid di Madrasah Ikuti Workshop Art Camp for Health"*
<https://www.radartasikmalaya.com/berita/baca/9716/murid-di-madrasah-ikuti-workshop-art-camp-for-health.html>
 2016 Voice of America Feature Video, *"Donna Backues: Seniman Batik Amerika di Philadelphia"*
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_S1CYBp9Sqk
 2015 Article in the South Philly Review. Chenevert, B. 2015, March 5. *East Passyunk Crossing Gets Artsy*:http://www.southphillyreview.com/news/features/East_Passyunk_Crossing_gets_artsy-295176771.html
 2015 Article in Jakarta Post. October 31. *American Artist, Student, and Professor Win Batik Design Competition*. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2013/10/31/american-artist-student-and-professor-win-batik-designing-competition.html>
 2014 Interview by Voice of America, November 25. *Seniman Donna Backues Lestarkan Batik Indonesia di Amerika*. R. F. Azanur, Interviewer <http://www.voaindonesia.com/audio/2514387.html>
 2014 Article in National Geographic Indonesia, December 8. *Seniman Amerika Ini Lestarkan Batik di Negeranya*. Retrieved from National Geographic Indonesia:
<http://nationalgeographic.co.id/berita/2014/12/seniman-amerika-ini-lestarkan-batik-di-negaranya>
 2014 Interview for Bloomberg TV, Jakarta, Indonesia, *American Batik Design Exhibit at Plaza Indonesia*
 2007 Special guest appearance on Padjadjaran Television. January 21. *Interview & Demonstration of Water based Monotype Technique with commentary by artist Suhardi Soedarsono*. Padjadjaran Television, Bandung.

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 *Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA*
 2018 *Rutgers University - Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, Camden, NJ*
 2013-18 *Art Futures Program, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA*
 2018 *LIFE Program, NewCourtland Center, Philadelphia, PA*
 2017 *SEAMAAC Community Outreach Center, Philadelphia, PA*
 2017 *Rutgers University - Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, Camden, NJ*
 2016 *Art Camp for Health, Sumbangsih Nuansa Indonesia, Bungursari, West Java, Indonesia*
 2013-16 *Art Partners Program, Philadelphia Art Museum, Philadelphia, PA*
 2014 & 15 *Wednesday Program, Philadelphia Art Museum*
 2013-15 *Spiral Q, Philadelphia, PA*
 2012 *Fleisher Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA*
 1994 *Redpoint Gallery & Printmaking Studio, Bandung, Indonesia*

ART TEACHING

- 2011-2016 *Studio Arts Instructor, Village of Arts & Humanities, Philadelphia, PA*
 2012-2013 *Art Teacher, KIPP Academy Charter, Philadelphia, PA*

2010-2011 *Lead Teaching Artist, Mural Arts Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA*
2010 *Summer Art Camp Instructor, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA*
2010 *Graduate Assistant in Drawing, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA*
1996-2007 *Art Teacher, Bamboo Hill Academy International School, Tasikmalaya, Indonesia*
1990-1991 *Art Teacher, Dana Mulia Orphanage, Bandung West Java, Indonesia*

COLLECTIONS

Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA
Indonesian Embassy, Washington D.C.
Dolan/Maxwell, Philadelphia, PA
Galeri Bandung, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia
Redpoint Studio/Gallery, Bandung, Indonesia