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BFA University of Louisville 2012

MFA University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign 2017

Solo/2 Person Exhibitions

2020

Social Distance Gallery, @socialdistancegallery, Instagram

2019

"Paper Pulp Painting" Pique Gallery, Covington, KY

"From My Friends (with a little help)" Houseguest Gallery, Louisville, KY

2018

"History Abridged" Swanson Contemporary, Louisville, KY

"Optics" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL

2017

"Image Construction" Project 1612, Peoria, IL

"From My Friends (with a little help)" IRL Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

2016

"How Do I Know You" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL

"Object Flexibility" DEMO Projects, Springfield, IL

2015

"Paintings for the Internet" Rochester Museum of Fine Arts, Rochester,
NH

2014

"Amusing Myself" Swanson Contemporary, Louisville, KY

Selected Group Exhibitions

2019

"Work @ Play" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL

2018

"#" Curated by Markus Linnenbrink, Cidney Rucker Gallery, New York,
NY

"Is it a Soft Grid or a Net?" James May Gallery, Algoma, WI

"Friends with Benefits" George Caleb Bingham Gallery, Columbia, MO
"Art Academy of Cincinnati Faculty Show" AAC Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
"Art Fair" Porch Gallery, Minneapolis MN
"I.O.U.A.E." Spanish City, Whitely Bay, UK
"Semi Skimmed" BSMT Gallery, London, UK

2017

"Terrain Biennial," curated by Richard Medina, Oak Park, IL
"Spring Group Show" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
Thesis Exhibition, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
"Para-Natural World" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL

2016

"Re-Run" Mist Gallery, www.mistgallery.com
"Pattern Recognition" Fort Gondo, St Louis, MO
"Masterpieces 10" Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
"Emerging Illinois Artists" Juried by Kelly Shindler, MCAC,
Bloomington, IL
"Temporary Proportions" C.V. Loyde, Champaign, IL
"Space and Weight" BLDG 5, Champaign, IL
"Winter Group Show" Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL

2015

"MUTE" Gallery COA, Montreal QC
"Wet Hot Illinois Summer" Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
Curators Bible, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto ON
Boneyard Arts Festival, Champaign Contemporary, Champaign, IL
"NEW TERRAINS: The Landscape Reviewed" Krannert Art Museum,
Champaign, IL

2014

"Metaphorical Preservation" Morrison Gallery, Elizabethtown
Community and Technical College, Elizabethtown, KY
"Contemporaneous Commentary" Clayton Staples Gallery, Wichita
State University, Wichita, KS
"Drowning in a Sea of Information" Work Gallery, STAMPS School of Art
and Design, Ann Arbor, MI
"Analog/Analogy" Zephyr Gallery, Louisville, KY
"Everyone a Mirror" I.D.E.A.S. 40203, Louisville, KY
"The Kings Garden" Nucleus Building, Louisville, KY
"Art [Squared]" Public Gallery, Louisville, KY

2013

- "Good as Gold" Public Gallery, Louisville, KY
"I Give Up: my art is in your hands" Mail Art, Published via website/
Installation Magazine
"By-Buy-Bye" Public Gallery, Louisville, KY
"Paintings, Paintings, Paintings" Pacific Art League Gallery, Palo Alto,
CA
- 2012
"On the SoFA: State of Fine Arts" Anne Wright Wilson Gallery,
Georgetown College, Georgetown, KY
"The Human Condition" Pyro Gallery, Louisville, KY
"Rites of Passage 8" Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
"Millennials" Morlan Gallery, Transylvania University, Lexington, KY
- 2011
"International Painting Annual 2" Manifest Gallery, In Print

Gallery

Zg Gallery, Chicago

Awards/Grants

- 2019 Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile/ U.S. Bank Foundation in support of
community lead, "Covington Flag Project"
2016 Urbana Arts Grants, in support of "Say Uncle" project space
2016 Conrad Fenwick Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016 School of Art and Design MFA Creative Research Award
Spring 2016 Teacher Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign
Fall 2015 Teacher Ranked as Excellent, University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign

Short Term Engagements

- 2018
Visiting Artist Lecture, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
- 2017
Project 1612 Residency, Peoria, IL

2015

8 to CREATE, Urbana, IL

Bibliography/Interviews/Digital Publications

Artnews, "As Art Schools Cancel Student Shows, One Instagram Account Pledges to Give Them Life," 3/18/20, Claire Voon
The Art Newspaper, "'Social Distance Gallery' gives MFA and BFA candidates a chance to exhibit their work," 3/19/20, Jacoba Urist
Art Maze Magazine Issue 8
New American Painting, Issue 136
New American Painting, Issue 135
Lab-Zine, Issue 21
Commandzine.com 11/15/16
How Do I Know You - show review, Columbia Chronicle
New American Painting Issue #125
Expose Art Magazine, 05/2016
"60 WRD/MIN Art Critic at University Galleries" Lori Waxman review
"Final Friday" podcast interview with Greg Swiger
Paint Pulse Magazine, Issue 4
"Studio Visit" Freshpaintmagazine.com Featured Artist published 07/10/2015
Maakemagazine.com Featured Artist
Saatchi Art "One to Watch"
"Booooooom.com featured Artist" posted 10/24/2014
Louisville.com Interview by Spencer Jenkins
"Blind Date, From the awkward to the profound" ArtxFM radio interview with Bobby Barbour
Installation Magazine, Issue 16
Pure Uncut Candy, Volume 2 Issue 11
"Rights of Passage 8" Exhibition catalog
"Millenials" Exhibition catalog
"International Painting Annual 2"

Collections

Blackstone Hotel
21c Museum Hotels
University of Louisville

McDermott, Will & Emory, Miami, FL
Semper/Exeter Paper Co.

Professional Experience

2017 - Present

Adjunct Professor: Art Academy of Cincinnati

Classes:

Digital Literacy

Discovery

Painting and Drawing: Vision and Voices

Digital Drawing

Contemporary Practice

Analytical Drawing

Color Theory

2015 - 2017

Instructor of Record: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign,

Classes:

Foundations Drawing 1

Intro to Painting

Painting 2

2014

Teaching Assistant: Foundations Drawing 2

Teaching Assistant: Curatorial Studies

Founding member and Co-Director of "Say Uncle" (2015-present)

Founding member and Co-Curator of on-campus gallery space "East Wall Gallery" (2015-present)

Preparator: Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL

Preparator: Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL

Gallery Internship: Swanson Contemporary Gallery, Louisville, KY

Art Handler: Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY

