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Education

- 2015 University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME - Visual Book Arts minor
- 2009 Maine College of Art, Portland, ME – monotype intensive
- 2004 Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art; University of Maine at Augusta, ME; *Summa cum Laude*
- 1998 Maine College of Art, Portland ME- ceramics intensive
- 1980 University of Rhode Island, Kingston RI

Awards

- 2021 Art 2021 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Me – People’s Choice Award – *The Pink Slip*
- 2018 Visiting Artist & Instructor Residency, Albert S. Hall School Gifted & Talented Program (paper creation & design and artist’s books –flag)
- 2017 Visiting Artist & Instructor, Kents Hill School, Kents Hill, ME (artist’s books – mazes)
- 2016 Visiting Artist Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME (spherical artist’s books)
- 2015 Art 2015 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, ME -Third in Show - *Under the Aurora Borealis Sky*
Art 2015 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, ME - People’s Choice Award - *Something Blue*
- 2012 Art 2012 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, ME - People’s Choice Award & Honorable Mention - *Every Shoe Tells a Story*
- 2011 Art 2011 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, ME - Honorable Mention -*Little Black Book*
- 2009 Visiting Artist Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME (gelatin monotypes)
- 2005 Art 2005 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME - Second in All of Show - *Verve*
- 2004 First Annual Gardiner Public Art Exhibition, Sculpture selection - *Of Flight*
Art Student of the Year, University of Maine at Augusta, Augusta, ME
Provost’s Purchase Award (Senior Exhibition), University of Maine at Augusta - *Vitality*
Selected Student Representative, UMA Search Committee – tenure painting professor
- 2003 Dean’s Art Purchase Award, University of Maine at Augusta, ME - *The Third Charm*
- 2000 Purchase Prize - Excellence in Art, University of Maine at Augusta, ME - *Talking Heads*

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *Out of Lines Again* – The Gallery, Readfield, ME (*Scheduled for August – Oct 2022*)
- 2020 *Out of Lines* – The Gallery, Readfield, ME (September)
- 2019 *Findlings* –Gruss-Bard Gallery Kents Hill, ME (April)
- 2018-19 *Pod-ities and Other Findlings II* – The List Gallery, Augusta, ME (Dec 1st -Feb 2019)
- 2018 *Pod-ities and Other Findlings* – C. Pettengill Fine Art Gallery, Wayne, ME (in *October*)
- 2014 *Requested* – The Last Unicorn, Waterville, ME
- 2013 *Unfettered* – The Big White Barn, Readfield, ME
- 2012 *Solace* – Wild Things Fine Arts Gallery, Wayne, ME
- 2011 *Botanically Speaking* - Visage Salon and Gallery, Augusta, ME (May – Dec)
- 2008 *By the Measure of Her Hand* - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2007 *Alone in the Kitchen II* (installation) - Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner, ME
Alone in the Kitchen I (installation) - Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner, ME

Juried and Select Group Exhibitions

- 2021 *Art 2021 Juried Exhibition*, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2021 *The Relief Print Conspiracy*, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME (Jan)
- 2019 *Books in Art*, Merrymeeting Arts Center, Bowdoinham, ME (Nov)

- 2019 *ON BOOKS* - Lewis Gallery, Portland Public Library, Portland, ME (March)
- 2018 *BOOKS UNDONE-the art of altered books*, **National Juried Exhibition**, The Gallery at Penn College, Pennsylvania College of Technology, Williamsport, PA
Dog Days - Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2017 *Seasons II*, C. Pettengill Fine Arts Gallery, Wayne, ME
The Hundred Dresses Project (We're All in this Together), Towne Art Gallery, Wheelock College, Boston, MA
Create VI, Charles C. Thomas Gallery, MECA, Portland, ME
Seasons I, C. Pettengill Fine Arts Gallery, Wayne, ME
- 2016 *The Hundred Dresses Project (We're All in this Together)* -The Gallery at Waynflete, Portland, ME
December Printmakers Exhibition - Circling the Square Gallery & Studio, Gardiner, ME
- 2015 *Art 2015 Juried Exhibition* - Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Stone House Visual Books Exhibition 2015 – Glickman Library-USM, Portland, ME
- 2014 *Earth MAINE* - Paper Circle Gallery – Southeast Ohio's Center for Paper & Book Arts, Nelsonville, OH
Earth/Art/Maine II – Common Street Arts Gallery, Waterville, ME
Art 2014 Juried Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Stone House Visual Books Exhibition 2014 - Glickman Library-USM, Portland, ME
- 2013 *Paste & Pages Juried Exhibition* – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
The Artist's Book – Portland Public Library Gallery, Portland, ME
Orange – Wild Things Fine Arts Gallery, Wayne, ME
Art 2013 Juried Exhibition - Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Stone House Visual Books Exhibition 2013 - Glickman Library, USM; Portland, ME
- 2012 *Visual Books 341* - Wishcamper Center, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
Art 2012 Juried Exhibition - Harlow Gallery, (jurors – Amy Stacy Curtis & Luc Demers)
Stone House Visual Book Exhibition - Glickman Library, USM; Portland, ME
- 2011 *Rules of Domesticity* - Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Arter, Booker & Emerson
Small Works, River Arts Gallery, Damariscotta, ME, (juror Marilyn Quint-Rose)
Community Paints: Summer in Maine, Thornton Oaks, Brunswick, ME
Abstraction Juried Exhibition, River Arts Gallery, Damariscotta, ME, (juror Laurie Hicks)
Art 2011 Juried Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Visual Books Exhibition – Glickman Library, University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME
- 2010 *Intrinsically His & Hers* – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Ed McKenzie
Wild Solace - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Brandon Lutterman
Geography for 300 - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Art 2010 Juried Exhibition – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Unpinned – The Abstract Response - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Cerulean Winter Collective – Hallowell, ME
- 2009 *Envelop(e)* – drawing room, Portland, ME
Considerations of Place – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Kate Buehner
Empty the Fridge, Art Haus Gallery, Portland, ME
Artery – Visual Arts Along the Kennebec, The Store Gallery, Richmond, ME
Harboring the Significant - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Helene Farrar
Hubcap Heaven – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Off the Wall Juried Exhibition – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Studying Books –The Kate Cheney Chappell '83 Center for Book Arts, Portland, ME
Meet the Artists - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Collectively Speaking - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2008 *Gathering* - Jameson Gallery, Portland, ME
Soul Quilt - Blue Marble Gallery, Waterville, ME
Project Girl Exhibition, Blue Marble Gallery, Waterville, ME
Small Works of Significant Scope – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
The Cerulean Collective Presents - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME

- 2007 *Split* – drawing Room, Portland, ME
Invitational Show II - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Grand Opening Invitational Show I - Cerulean Gallery Hallowell, ME
Translation: Dreams/Nightmares - Backroads Gallery, Damariscotta, ME
Summer Collection Exhibition - Blue Marble Gallery & Freshwater Arts, Waterville, ME
- 2006 *The Illustration Show* - Thomas College, Waterville, ME
The Kitchen III - Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner, ME
200 Years of Printmaking in Maine - Innovative Techniques & Alternative Surfaces
Printmaking Exhibition, Danforth Gallery, Augusta, ME
The Kitchen II - Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner, ME
In the Kitchen - Gardiner Main Street, Gardiner, ME
- 2005 *The Gardiner Series* – the Art Dogs Studio & Gallery, Gardiner, ME
The First Five Years - Danforth Gallery, Augusta, ME
Art 2005 Juried Exhibition – KVAA & Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2004 *First Annual Gardiner Public Art Sculpture Exhibition*, Gardiner, ME
Senior Art Exhibition - University of Maine at Augusta – Danforth Gallery, Augusta, ME
- 2003 *University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Art & Arch Exhibition*, Augusta, ME
- 2002 *Kennebec Valley Art Association - Art 2002*, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Hallowell, ME
- 2001 *University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Art & Arch Exhibition*, Augusta, ME
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Hallowell, ME
Kennebec Valley Art Association Members Show, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2000 *University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Art & Arch Exhibition*, Augusta, ME
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Kennebec Valley Art Association Art 2000, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 1999 *University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Art & Arch Exhibition*, Augusta, ME
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME

Community Building

- 2018 Artist Advisor, Head Juror & Venue Coordinator, Augusta Artwalks (ADA) Augusta, ME
- 2017 Chairwoman, Juror and Venue Coordinator for Augusta Downtown Alliance (ADA) Artwalks (Apr & Nov), Augusta, ME
- 2016 Juror and Venue Coordinator – Augusta Downtown Alliance Artwalk
- 2016 '19 Educational Committee Member, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2006 - '08 Mentor, Winthrop GED Program – portfolio review, job shadow, etc.
 Gardiner Community Artwalk Project Coordinator & Committee Member
- 2005 Art Dogs Studios Community Artwalk Project – Pilot Development

Teaching Experience

- 2019-*Present* Adjunct Professor of Drawing and Visual Bookmaking, Kennebec Valley Community College, Fairfield, ME
- 2019 Visiting Artist in Bookmaking, University of Southern Maine, Gorham Campus (Sept and October)
- 2018 Beginning Bookbinding and Beyond, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME (Nov)
- 2018 Gelatin Monotypes – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME (Oct)
- 2018 Two Kinds of Paper – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME (May)
- 2018 Visiting Artist & Instructor, Albert S. Hall School G&T Program, Waterville, ME (May)
 - bookmaking and paper making & design
- 2017 Visiting Artist & Instructor, Kents Hill School, Kents Hill, ME – mark making, maze books
- 2016 Visiting Artist – Teaching Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME – Spherical Artist's Books & Covers
 Second Sunday – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME – It's a Foldable World – Japanese wrap covers (adult class) November

- Second Sunday – Harlow Gallery – The Wandering Maze - artist's books and abstract design (children's class) November
- 2015 Common Street Arts, Waterville, ME – adult classes in book making, paper making and paper design
Common Street Arts, Waterville, ME – All about the Artist Book – children's summer Intensive (ages 4-12)
- 2014 Invitational Instructor – Colby Museum of Art, Waterville, ME – artist's books
Common Street Arts, Waterville, ME -The Bound Book (hollow back bindings)
- 2012 Visiting Artist - Teaching Residency, Maranacook High School, Readfield, ME – gelatin monotypes
- 2011 Visiting Artist/ Teaching Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME – visual language and the bound accordion
- 2010 - Present – Private Art Instruction at Talking Heads Studio, Winthrop, ME
- 2010 Gelatin Printmaking Workshop - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery
- 2009 Visiting Artist/Teaching Residency – Winthrop High School, Gelatin Printmaking
Cloth Covered Accordion Books - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery
- 2008 Gelatin Printmaking Workshop – Cerulean Fine Arts
Altered Shirts – Project Girl, Colby College & Freshwater Arts, Waterville, ME
- 2007 Winthrop Community Adult Education – gelatin printmaking, wandering maze books
- 2006 - 2008 Freshwater Arts, Waterville, ME – printmaking, drawing, artist's books

Additional Work Experience

- 2004 - 2010 Goodwill Industries of Northern New England, Augusta, ME – Art Instructor ('04 & '05), CRMA at Winthrop Community Living ('05 & '06) and PCP Coordinator/Annual Plan (working with DHHS Case managers '06-'10)
- 1999 - 2001 Direct Personal Support Provider – Subcontracted with DHHS, Augusta, ME

Volunteer Experience

- 2012 Supporting Work for Amy Stacey Curtis's Memory Project & Installation, Winthrop, ME
- 2011 Winthrop Grade School, Winthrop ME – Paste paper into Books (1st & 2nd graders)
- 2010 Artist Lecture – for Gardiner High School Art Club at Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 2007 - 2010 Tuesday's Art, Winthrop Grade School, Winthrop, ME (1st & 2nd graders)
- 2007 Visiting Artist – Gardiner GED Program – lecture & demo, Alternative Printmaking-methods & surfaces
- 2007 Supporting Work for Amy Stacey Curtis's Time Project & Installation, Waterville, ME
- 2006 Supporting Work for Amy Stacey Curtis' Synchronicity/SOUND Project & Installation
Freshwater Arts, Waterville, ME – Volunteer assistant, contract teaching
- 2005 University of Maine at Augusta Alumni Exhibition, Steering Committee
- 2004 Studio Assistant -Printmaking, University of Maine at Augusta
- 2003 Class Monitor & Studio Assistant, Metal Sculpture, University of Maine at Augusta
- 1999 - 2003 Visual Art Committee, University of Maine at Augusta
- 2000 KVAA "Art 2000", Elected Assistant to Juror
- 1997 - 2000 Winthrop Mural Project, Layout Artist (Collaborative with Natasha Mayers) and Committee Member

Public Collections

University of Maine at Augusta, Augusta, ME (Individual purchases by UMA - 2000, 2003, 2004)

Numerous Private Collections