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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; *Summa Cum Laude*
- 1998 Maine College of Art, Portland ME- ceramics intensive
- 1980 University of Rhode Island, Kinston RI

Awards

- 2016 Visiting Artist Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME (spherical artist's books)
- 2015 Art 2015 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Third in Show - *Under the Aurora Borealis Sky* and People's Choice Award - *Something Blue*
- 2012 Art 2012 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, People's Choice Award & Honorable Mention - *Every Shoe Tells a Story*
- 2011 Art 2011 Exhibition, Harlow Gallery, Honorable Mention - *Little Black Book*
- 2009 Visiting Artist Residency, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME (gelatin monotypes)
- 2005 Kennebec Valley Art Association "Art 2005 Exhibition", 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
- 2003 Dean's Art Purchase Award, University of Maine at Augusta - *The Third Charm*
- 2000 Purchase Prize - Excellence in Art, University of Maine at Augusta - *Talking Heads*

Solo Exhibitions

- 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
- 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

Selected Small Group Exhibitions

- 2014 *Earth MAINE* - Paper Circle Gallery – Southeast Ohio's Center for Paper & Book Arts, Nelsonville, OH
Earth/Art/Maine II – Common Street Arts, Waterville, ME with Higgins, Sader, Barron, Hall, Janes, & Ogden
- 2011 *Rules of Domesticity*, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Arter, Booker & Emerson
- 2010 *Intrinsically His & Hers* – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Ed McKenzie
Wild Solace - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Brandon Lutterman
- 2009 *Considerations of Place* – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Kate Buehner & H. Farrar
Harboring the Significant - Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME with Helene Farrar

Juried and Selected Variable Group Exhibitions

- 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 *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 - 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 *Small Works*, River Arts Gallery, Damariscotta, ME, (juror Marylin 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 *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
Empty the Fridge, Art Haus Gallery, Portland, ME
Artery – Visual Arts Along the Kennebec, The Store Gallery, Richmond, ME
Hubcap Heaven – Cerulean Fine Arts Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Off the Wall Juried Exhibition – Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
Studying Books –The Kate Cheney Cappel '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 *Gardiner Artwalk Series* – at the Art Dogs Studio, Gardiner, ME
The First Five Years - Danforth Gallery, Augusta, ME
Art 2005 Juried Exhibition - Kennebec Valley Art Association, Hallowell, ME
- 2004 *First Annual Gardiner Public Art Sculpture Exhibition*, Gardiner, ME
Senior Art Exhibition - University of Maine at Augusta
- 2003 University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Student Art & Architecture Exhibit
- 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 Student Art & Architecture Exhibit
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Hallowell, ME
Kennebec Valley Art Association Members Show
- 2000 University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Student Art & Architecture Exhibit
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Hallowell, ME
Kennebec Valley Art Association *Art 2000*, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME
- 1999 University of Maine at Augusta Annual Juried Student Art & Architecture Exhibit
AASUMA Annual Art and Architecture Exhibition, Hallowell, ME

Community Building

- 2017 Chair person, Juror and Venue Coordinator for Augusta Downtown Alliance Artwalks (Apr & Nov), Augusta, ME
- 2016 Juror and Venue Coordinator – Augusta Downtown Alliance Artwalk
- 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

- 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* – faux Japanese wrap (adult class)
Second Sunday – Harlow Gallery – *The Wandering Maze* - artist's books and abstract design (children's class)
- 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 books
Common Street Arts, The Bound Accordion (artist book)
- 2012 Visiting Artist - *Teaching Residency*, Maranacook High School, Readfield, ME – gelatin monotypes
- 2010 - **Present** – Private Art Instruction at Talking Heads Studio, Winthrop, ME
- 2011 Visiting Artist/ *Teaching Residency*, Winthrop High School, Winthrop, ME - Artist's books – the bound accordion
- 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 and PCP Coordinator

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 - 03 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 Meyers) and Committee Member

Public Collections

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

Numerous Private Collections