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EDUCATION

- 2006 **Master of Fine Arts**, *Cum Laude, Painting*, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
- 2002 **Bachelor of Arts**, *Double Major: Painting, Drawing*, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.
- 1998 **High School Diploma**, Providence Catholic High School, New Lennox, IL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND ARTISTIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2024- **Adjunct Art Faculty, Senior Lecturer**, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.
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- 2024- **Adjunct Art Faculty**, Morton College, Cicero, IL.
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- 2022- **Ice Sculptor**, Johnson Studios, Chicago, IL
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- 2018 **Full-Time Sabbatical Replacement, 3D Art Faculty** Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.
- 2009- **Adjunct Art Faculty**, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL.
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- Art Coordinator**, Gallery Director, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL.
- 2006 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
- 2006- **Instructor of Painting**, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
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- 2006- **Graduate Assistantship**, Painting Area, Fine Arts Division, Northern Illinois University,
03 DeKalb, IL.
- 2006- **Instructor of Drawing and 2-D Design**, Foundations Program, Northern
04 Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2004 **Teaching Apprenticeship**, Painting Area, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
- 2000- **Studio and Gallery Assistant**, Fine Arts Department, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.
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BICYCLE INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

- 2024- **Mechanic & Event Manager**, Events, Service, Instruction, Spokes Bicycles, Wheaton, IL
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- 2022 **Brand Ambassador** –Goodr, Flamboyance Bike Crew, Inglewood, CA
- 2021- **Independent Representative**, Eminent Cycles, Midwest Territory, San Marcos, CA
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- 2020- **Brand Ambassador**, Eminent Cycles, San Marcos, CA
- 2019 **Ride Ambassador**, Fox Racing, Chicago Territory, Irvine CA
- 2019- **Trail Coordinator**, Plainfield Bike Park, CAMBr Board Member, Plainfield, IL
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- 2016- **Mechanic, Ride Leader**, Performance Bicycle, Lombard, IL
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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 **The Pancakes & Booze Art Show**, Reggies, Chicago, IL February
- Lewis Alumni Art and Design Invitational**, Wadsworth Family Gallery, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, February-March
- 2021 **The Forge Lemont Quarries Adventure Park**, Live Ice Sculptor, "Mountain Bike", Lemont, IL, December
- Heart of the Holidays**, Live Ice Sculptor, "Train" Highland Park, IL December
- Christmas in the commons**, Live Ice Sculptor, "Santa, Penguin, Olaf, Reindeer" New Lenox IL, December
- Holiday Lights Festival**, Live Ice Sculptor, "Snowflake, Penguin, Olaf, Snow people, Romeoville, IL, December
- Great America Winter Fest**, Live Ice Sculptor, "Superman, Bugs Bunny, Wiley" Gurnee IL, December
- 2020 **Geneva Winter Festival** – Live Ice Sculptor, "Rudolph" Geneva IL, December
- 2018 **SWEET, Golden and Delicious... "Faculty-select and Museum-certified"** NIU Studio and Design Alumni Artists. South and Rotunda Galleries, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL
- 2018 **Plainfield Bike Park:** Trail and feature design, maintenance. Plainfield, IL
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- 2017 **Lewis University Faculty Exhibition:** "Attention Span" Installation, Romeoville, IL
- 2015 **Nike Winter: "Get Out Here"** Ice sculpture on exhibition with Johnson Studios, Chicago River. December
- 2014 **Collaboration in Exhibition: "Tethered by Feathers"** with Ann Blass, Lewis University. March
- President's 6th Annual Art Show**, Lewis University, Feb - March
- 2013 **Collaboration in Exhibition: "Land Here"** with Ann Blass, Governors State University, University Park, IL. August
- President's 5th Annual Art Show**, Lewis University, Feb

- 2012 **Solo Exhibition**, Morton College, Cicero, IL Dec11 – Feb
- 2011 **Immaculate Conglomeration**, Four person show, Beverly Art Center, Chicago IL March 25 - May 1
- 2010 **Exhibition in Print** – Studio Visit Magazine, Opens Studios Press, Vol. 11
- Gimme Baby Robots**, Seattle, Portland, (Echo Curio) Los Angeles, Chicago. Various dates of exhibition.
- 2009 **33rd Annual Art Competition at the Beverly Arts Center**, Jurors: Aaron Packer and Tim Anderson, Chicago, IL Nov 6 – Dec 27
- Ricochet**: Group Exhibition, Aurora Public Arts Commission, June 12 – July 26
- Solo Exhibition**, Morton College, Cicero, IL Jan 3 – February 23
- 2008 **Regional Faculty Exhibition**, Governors State University, One University Parkway, University Park, IL September 8 –October 3
- Faculty Exhibit**, Arrowhead Room, Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL Sept 21 - November 1
- 2008 Summer Group Exhibition**, Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago, IL June 27 - Aug 8
- Waubonsee Faculty Exhibition**, Paramount Theatre Gallery, Aurora, IL April 4 - 29
- 2007 **101 Painting Show**, Hosted by Lumpen Magazine, Co-Prosperity Sphere, 3219 S. Morgan, Chicago, IL Oct 12 - 21
- Faculty Exhibit**, Arrowhead Room, Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL Sept 21 - November 1
- Majestic National 2007**, Majestic Galleries Contemporary Art, 20 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH. Juror: Ken Rinaldo, Ohio State University. June 29 - July 21
- Regional College and University Art Faculty Exhibition**, Governors State University, One University Parkway, University Park, IL January 15 - February 2
- 2006 **Recycled**, Group Invitational, Little Black Pearl Art Center, Chicago, IL Nov. 20 - Dec. 20
- Faculty Exhibit**, Arrowhead Room, Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL Sept 23 - November 2
- School of Art Faculty Biennial**, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL. Sept. 9 –Sept. 24
- North American Graduate Art Survey**, Juried Exhibition, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. June 13 - July 14

- Annual NIU MFA Exhibition**, Jurors' Choice 'Best in Show' NIU Art Museum, Chicago Gallery, Chicago IL. Juror: Michael Bulka. May 19 - June 17.
- Attention Span**, MFA Thesis Solo Exhibition, Gallery 214, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. April 29 – May 5.
- Recent Paintings**, Solo Exhibition, 33 Collective Gallery, Chicago IL. April 21 - May 19
- Graduate Group Exhibition 2006**, Jack Olson Memorial Gallery, Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL. February
- 12 x 12**, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN. Juror: Mark Scala, curator of Frist Center of Visual Arts in Nashville, TN. January – February.
- 2005 **Till' the End of Time**, Collaborative Exhibition, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL. September.
- The Show**, Group Exhibition, The House, DeKalb, IL. May – June.
- Ars Nova Juried Student Exhibition 2005**, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University. Juror: Carrie Secrist, gallery director, Chicago, IL. March – April.
- Solo Exhibition, Eighteenth Annual Arts Gala 2005**, Caterpillar Gallery, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. March.
- Graduate Group Exhibition**, 1st Place, Jack Olson Memorial Gallery, Northern Illinois University, Juror: Karla Hackenmiller, chair in printmaking, Ohio University. Feb. - March.
- 2004 **Chicago Art Open 2004**, National Vietnam Veterans Museum, Chicago, IL. October.
- The Widespread Annex Show**, Northern Illinois University MFA Candidate Show, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL. October.
- Mutations, Inundations, & Obliterations**, Three Person Exhibition, Glass Gallery, Holmes Student Center, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Sept 26 - October 9.
- Ars Nova Juried Exhibition**, Jack Olson Memorial Gallery, Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL. April.
- Graduate Group Exhibition**, Jack Olson Memorial Gallery, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. March.
- Solo Exhibition**, Glass Gallery, Holmes Student Center, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. February - March.
- Cold Exhibition**, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL. January - March.
- 2003 **Inaugural Group Exhibition**, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL. October - November.
- 2002 **Solo BA Exhibition**, Caterpillar Gallery, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. December.
- Razzmatazz**, 2-Person, Caterpillar Gallery, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL. April.

AWARDS

- 2021 **Morton Adjunct Faculty of the Year**, Finalist for Illinois Higher Education Association Adjunct teacher of the year. Morton College Cicero, IL
- 2018 **Kitsbow Trail Advocate of the Year**, 179 H St. Petaluma, California 94952
- 2006 **Jurors' Choice 'Best in Show'**, Annual NIU MFA Exhibition.
Medici Award for Student Achievement, Northern Illinois University.
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, 1/3 at Northern Illinois University.
- 2005 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, Painting Area, Northern Illinois University.
1st Place, *Graduate Group Exhibition 2005*, Northern Illinois University.
- 2004 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, Foundations Program, Northern Illinois University.
- 2003 **Honorable Mention Alumni**, *Windows*, Lewis University.
Graduate Assistantship, Painting Area, Northern Illinois University.
- 2002 **Senior Departmental Award for Drawing**, Lewis University.
1st Place Artwork, *Windows*, Lewis University.
St. John Baptist De LaSalle Scholarship, Lewis University
- 2001 **1st and 3rd Place Artworks**, *Windows*, Lewis University.
- 2000 **1st Place Artwork**, *Windows*, Lewis University.
1st Place, *Lewis University Student Art Show*, Lewis University.
Art Talent Scholarship, Lewis University.
- 1998 **Lewis University Academic Achievement Scholarship**, Lewis University.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2019 – **Kitsbow Catalog**, Trail Advocate Autobiography.
- 2010 **Exhibition in Print** – Studio Visit Magazine, Opens Studios Press, Vol. 11
- 2008 **Eye Exam – Summer Camp**, "Summer Group Show" at Contemporary Art Workshop New City Chicago, Jason Foumberg, (2008-07-08)
Summer Group Show Review - Clubline Chicago Magazine, Genevieve Diesling, 2008
- 2005 **Lockport Artist sees Art as interactive experience**, *Joliet Herald Newspaper*, Denise M. Baran-Unland, Article 3 of 3, Article ID: PFS1490609, April 10, 2005, Herald News.

About our Cover, About our Artists, *Rockford Review, National Edition, Winter 2005*, Volume XXIV, No.1, David Ross, Rockford Writers Guild, Cover Art and Statement, p. 1.

2002 **Lewis students to showcase art work**, *The Flyer, Official Newspaper of Lewis University*, Heather Warthen, Volume 26, Issue 5, November 18, 2002, Cover, p. 16.

ORGANIZATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019 **Regional Trail Advocate of the Year Award** - Midwest. Kitsbow, Old Fort NC

2019 **Board Member**, Chicago Area Mountain Bikers - Coordinator for Plainfield Bike Park -15

2017 **Guest Panel Speaker**, Lewis University faculty exhibition reception. Romeoville, IL

2009 **Judge**, Congressional National High School Art Competition, Representing Congressman Bill Foster and the Illinois 14th district.

2008 **Curator**, *Painters' Painters*, Arrowhead Room, Waubensee Community College, IL

Volunteer Postcard Designer, Contemporary Art Workshop, Chicago, IL

2007 **Curator**, *In the Mix*, Arrowhead Room, Waubensee Community College, IL

2006 **Mural Painter**, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL

Visiting Artist, Lake View Elementary, Hoffman Estates, IL.

2005 **President**, *Graduate Arts Association*, NIU Student Association. 2004 - 2005.

Juror, *Windows*, Art Category, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL.

Curator, *Till' the End of Time*, Collaborative Exhibition, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL.

Director of Curatorial Committee, *Northern Illinois University Graduate Group Exhibition 2005*, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL.

Catalog Co-Designer, *Northern Illinois University Graduate Group Exhibition 2005*.

2004 **Co-Curator**, *Grad by the Foot*, Graduate Arts Association, silent auction fundraiser.

Curator, *The Widespread Annex Show*, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL.

Curator, *Annual NIU Women's History Month Show*, DeKalb Area Women's Center, IL.

Member, *Chicago Artists' Coalition*, Chicago, IL. 2004 – 2007.