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EDUCATION

2013 MFA, Painting, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
2008 BFA, Painting, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

EMPLOYMENT

2017- Present Assistant Professor of Art, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology
2013-2017 Adjunct professor, Indiana State University
2008-2010 Full-time Faculty, Arab European University, Damascus, Syria

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Intro to Drawing
Design & Color
Art Appreciation
Art History
Watercolor Painting
Intermediate Drawing
Intro to Printmaking
Art & Math
Independent Study: Digital Painting
Independent Study: Applying Mechanical Engineering to Painting
Independent Study: Designing Façade for the NEIGHBORS Project
Intro to Painting
Intermediate Painting
Advanced Painting
Perspective Drawing
Design & Color Theory

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (SOLO)

2022 *Linger*, painting exhibition, Gaslight Art Colony, Marshall, IL
Boundaries, watercolor exhibition, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN
2019 *Remains III*, Art Spaces Vincennes, Vincennes, IN
2017 *Seen for Syria*, River Valley Art Center, Russellville, AR
Remains II, Turman Gallery, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
2014 *Seen for Syria*, Jadal Art Gallery, Amman, Jordan

- 2011 *Watercolor Landscapes*, Coffee Grounds, Terre Haute, IN
- 2010 *Phantoms of a Space II*, Gezira Art Center, Cairo, Egypt
- 2007 *Anatomy of Speed*, Bare Montgomery Gallery, Terre Haute, IN
- 2007 *Phantoms of a Space I*, Art Space Community Gallery, Washington D.C.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS – GROUP JURIED AND INVITATIONAL

- 2022 *Juried Art Exhibit*, Jasper Community Arts, Jasper, IN
- 61st *Mid-States Art Exhibition*, Evansville Museum, Evansville, IN
- Small Art Show*, Arta Illiana, Terre Haute, IN
- Winter Juried Show*, realART Gallery, Agoura Hills, CA
- Layer on Layer Juried National Exhibition*, Art League, Pawtucket, RI
- Blackout Annual National Exhibition*, Ashton Gallery, San Diego, CA
- Small Works Show*, Main Street Gallery, Lyon, CO
- The Power of Abstracts*, MVA Art Gallery, Bethlehem, PA
- 2021 *Throughlines*, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
- Painterly*, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
- Of the Earth*, Online Exhibition, Art Fluent Gallery, MA
- 2021 *International Juried Exhibition*, Society of Watercolor Artists, Fort Worth, TX
- Tribute: A National Exhibition of Paintings that Pay Homage to People, Places, and Things*, d' Art Center, Norfolk, VA
- 2020 *Abstractions*, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Yarmouth, MA
- 2019 *CLIP Printmaking Show*, Charles Adams Studio Project, Lubbock, Texas
- 75th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition*, Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, IN
- Contested Spaces: Harnett Biennial of American Prints*, Richmond, VA
- Small and Smaller*, Site: Brooklyn Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018 *Landscape: Real, Imagined*, Site: Brooklyn Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- Small Art Show*, Arts Illiana Gallery, Terre Haute, IN
- 74th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition*, Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, IN
- The Road Home*, Santa Fe Art Institute, Santa Fe, NM
- 2017 *Picture Social Justice and Human Rights*, Gallery 1581, Boston, MA
- 2016 *Seen for Syria*, Orange County Center of Contemporary Arts, Orange County, CA
- 2014 *With and Without Challenges*, Carnegie Art Gallery, Covington, KY
- 2014 *Syria: What Was, What Is, What Will Be*, Embassy of the Netherlands, Washington D.C.
- 2010 *Low Road Gallery Juried Show*, Greencastle, IN
- 2008 *Plain Brown Wrapper*, National Printmaking Competition, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND
- 2007 *Wall Mountables*, Group Art Show, DCAC, Washington D.C.

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2019 HSSA Department, Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, Terre Haute, IN –
Excellence in Service Award

- 2018 74th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, IN – **Recognition Award**
- 2017 73th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, IN – **Recognition Award**
- 2016 City of Terre Haute Human Relations Commission, Terre Haute, IN – **Terre Haute, A Level Above Award,**
- 2015 Center for Community Engagement, Indiana State University – **Recognition Award**
- 2012 8th Annual HMSU Show, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **President Merit Award**
- 2012 8th Annual HMSU Show, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **Arts & Sciences Merit Award**
- 2011 Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **Residential Life Teaching Award**
Vital Signs, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **President Merit Award**
- 2010 Vital Signs, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **Arts & Sciences Merit Award**
- 2007 Bright Ideas, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **President Purchase award**
- 2006 In the Groove, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **Purchase award**
In the Groove, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN – **Juror’s award**
- 2005 College of Fine Arts, Damascus, Syria – **Al-Basel Award for Academic Excellency,**

SCHOLARSHIPS, RESIDENCIES AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2021 Dorland Mountain Arts Colony Residency, Temecula, California
Remarque Printmaking Residency, Albuquerque, New Mexico
- 2018 Equal Justice Art Institute Residency, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2017 Artist in Residence- Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
Recipient of Experiential Learning and Community Engagement (ELCE) Grant,
Center of Community Engagement, Indiana State University, \$3000
- 2016 Recipient of ELCE Grant, Center for Community Engagement, Indiana State
University, \$3000
- 2015 Recipient of ELCE Grant, Center for Community Engagement Indiana State
University, \$3000
- 2014 Recipient of Indiana Arts Commission Annual Grant. \$5000
- 2010 Mojmirovce International Painting Workshop, Mojmirovce, Slovakia
- 2010 Watercolor Artist Residency, Amman Jordan
- 2009 Watercolor Artist Residency, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2009 Luxor International Painting Art Residency, Luxor, Egypt
- 2006 US Department of State, PLUS Scholarship

UPCOMING RESIDENCIES AND EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Solo painting exhibition, Jasper Community Arts, Jasper, IN
- 2023 Mission Street Arts Painting Residency, James Springs, NM
- 2024 Painting Residency, Lakkos, Greece

2024 Solo printmaking exhibition, Remarque Print Workshop, Albuquerque, NM

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022 Watercolor Painting Workshop, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN

Printmaking Workshop, Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN

2017 – 19 Found Poetry Workshop, Rose Hulman Institute of Tech, Terre Haute, IN,

2018 Juror for “Fall Juried Show,” Paris Bicentennial Art Center, Paris, IL

2017 Watercolor Landscape Workshop, Rose Hulman Institute of Tech, Terre Haute, IN,

2014 Founder, Seen for Syria, Art Education/ Therapy program for Syrian Refugee Children

2014 Art Instructor, Community School of the Arts (CSA), Terre Haute, IN

Dry Media Drawing, Plein Air Watercolor, Oil Painting, Mixed Media Drawing, Oil Painting,

2013 Art Education director, Syria: What Was, What Is, What Will Be: International NGO Organization Advisor, Young People Revolution (YPR) Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

2012 Private Tutoring for painting and drawing, Terre Haute, IN

2011 *Set in Stone* Lithography Workshop, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
Gallery Assistant, University Gallery, Indiana State University

2007 Art instructor at the Art Space Community Program (painting- drawing), Washington D.C.

2006 Assistant at the Art Day at Indiana State University, 2006

PANELS AND ARTIST TALKS:

2017 Guest Speaker, Brown Paper Bag Lecture Series, McKendree University, Lebanon, IL

Keynote Speaker, Holocaust Remembrance Conference committee, Lafayette, IN

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2016 Guest lecturer, International Week, Marian University, Indianapolis, IN

2015 Speaker, Candles Holocaust Museum, Terre Haute, IN, Dec 2015

Keynote Speaker, Human Rights Day, Indiana State University, March 2015

PUBLISHED WORK

2014 *Me and You*, Letter and Art Exchange between Syrian Refugee Children and American Children. Self-published, 2014

SELECTED PRESS

Dale Long, "[Students Get Creative to Mix Old/ New Printmaking Technology](#)" Rose-Hulman News, June 20th, 2020

Conrad Steinhoff, "A Look Inside War-torn Syria with Artist Soulaf Abas". Lebanon Advertiser, October 18th, 2017

Kate Vandy, "[What might Syrian and American children have to say to each other](#)", BBC World Service, May, 2016

Melissa Smith "[Seen for Syria](#)", Warscapes Magazine, Feb, 2016.

Mario Art World Blog, "[Seen for Syria](#), Mario Art World Blog, Jan 2016,

DJ Waldie, "[Seen for Syria: Art in Service of Moral Imagination](#)", KCET, Jan 2016

Caitlin Yoshiko Kandil, "[An Artist Response to the Syrian Conflict](#)", Jan 2016

Kristine Hoang, "[A Conversation with Artist Soulaf Abas on New Exhibit on Syria](#)", OC Weekly, Dec 2015

Michela Magni, "[Me and You: A Book Recounting Childhood Denied in Syrian and The Unites States](#)", Radio City Milano, December, 2014.

Dianne Frances D. Powell, "[Letter Exchange Brings Hope to Students Near and Far](#)" [Washington Post, December, 2014](#)

Melissa Smith, "[Cycles of Art and Healing Among Syrian Refugees](#)", Warscapes Magazine, September, 2014

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Marian University Permanent Art Collection, Indiana, USA

Indiana State University Permanent Art Collection, Indiana, USA

Rose Hulman Institute of Technology, Indiana, USA

Table Scapes, Arts Illiana, Indiana, USA

Mojmirovce City Hall, Slovakia

Southern Graphics Council, USA

Ministry of Culture, Egypt

University of North Dakota, USA

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Traditional and contemporary drawing media and techniques: graphite and colored pencil, charcoal, soft pastel and oil pastel, collage, and mixed media;

Traditional and contemporary painting media and techniques: oil, watercolor, gouache acrylic, and mixed media

Printmaking techniques: relief, intaglio, serigraphy, monotype, and lithography