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## **EDUCATION:**

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

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (SOLO)**

2019 *Remains III*, Art Spaces Vincennes, Vincennes, IN  
2017 *Seen for Syria*, River Valley Art Center, Russelville, 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*, the Art Space Community Gallery, Washington DC

## **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (GROUP)**

2021 *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 DC  
 2010 *Low Road Gallery Juried Show*, Green Castle, IN  
 2008 *Plain Brown Wrapper*, National Printmaking Competition, University of North Dakota, ND  
 2007 *Wall Mountables*, Group Art Show, DCAC, Washington DC

### **SELECTED AWARDS**

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

### **Scholarships, Residencies and Academic Achievements**

- 2021 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 ELCE Grant, Center of Community Engagement, Indiana State University  
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 2014 Recipient of Indiana Arts Commission Annual Grant  
 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,

### **Related Work Experience**

- 2017-18-19 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  
DC
- 2006 Assistant at the Art Day at Indiana State University, 2006

### **PANELS AND ARTIST TALKS:**

- 2017 Guest Speaker, Brown Paper Bag Lecture Series, Mckndree 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 Mueseum, Terre Haute, IN, Dec 2015  
Keynote Speaker, Human Rights Day, Indiana State University, March 2015

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2014 “Me and You”, Letter and Art Exchange between Syrian Refugee Children and  
American Children. Self- Published book-2014

### **SELECTED PRESS**

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

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