

Education:

2013 MFA Visual Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

2011 BFA, Drawing & Painting, State University of New York at New Paltz, New Paltz, NY

Experience:

Teaching Artist for Western New York Book Arts Center January 2018-Current

- TA for ArtWorks a High School Student program (12 students) a 6 week, 4-five hour days; conducting and organizing lessons and workshops concentrating in Book Arts and Printmaking, focusing on positive engagement and production in communal workforce environments. In charge of providing research based development through historical and educational hands on creating, in addition to college preparation.
- Traveling and teaching Book Arts Lessons and Interactive Demonstrations, with a come in take home approach. A part of WNYBAC Printing Partners Program.
- All Ages and Adults at The WASH Project, Community Center Buffalo, NY, (Mainly 5-15 age range)
- All Ages and Adults at Locust Street Arts, Buffalo, NY; Sencababcock Community Center, Buffalo, NY
- Book Art, Painting, Crafting Lessons at JOURNEYS END REFUGEE SERVICES, Trmain Building, Buffalo, NY
- The Kennan Center, Bookmaking & Printmaking Workshops ages 9-13.

Niagara County Community College: Adjunct Professor August 2013-Current

- Drawing 1 & Design 1 Instructor, Art, Media & Technology Department.
- Advisor for art department's student club: Art Guild
- Creating Lectures, lessons, and projects appropriate for 100 and 200 level foundation courses.
- Held office hours, responsible for reporting attendance, grading and progress.

Project Assistant for Light Research July 2018-Current

- Cataloging & database logging with physical and digital records: Excel. Curatorial data collecting, corresponding with artists and clients. Organizing material for grant writing, and applying to proposals.
- Various studio activities, organizing series of work, research and studio material testing.
- Packing art work, and creating manual instructions for installations.

Professional Painting Instructor for ArtRusso LLC October 2015-March 2019

- 499 events Instructed/ hosted/ set up & clean up. Painting Instruction, demos, provide materials. Creating a space of educational, functional, kindly encouraged and fascinating painting.

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- Providing 'at-event' Photography, a take home painting and media posting/ spreading positive public relations.
- Web Designed Advertisements for promoting events.
- Properly installing and de-installing set up for workshops. Maintaining properly practiced physical procedures along with cleaning, and demonstrating proper and friendly social.

Freelance Digital Design, Website Design and Photographic Documentation Current or by appointment

- Graphic Design by client request, website design, design work and maintaining websites for non for profit organizations
- Catalogs for art exhibitions, promotional material, posters. (CEPA Gallery's Fast, Cheap & Easy Exhibition Catalog)
- Creating Digital Photo albums, social media posting, emailing, online event organizing.

D'Youville College: Adjunct Professor January 2016- December 2018. Appointment for Fall 2019

- Design Instructor. Creating Lectures, lessons, demos and projects appropriate for 200 level courses.
- Held office hours, responsible for reporting attendance, grading and progress.

University at Buffalo: Adjunct Faculty August 2012 – June 2014

- Drawing & Design Instructor (Art and the Everyday), Visual Studies Department, Center for the Arts, UB.
- Creating Lectures, lessons, and projects appropriate for 200 level (foundation) courses.
- Held office hours, responsible for reporting attendance, grading and progress.
- Intaglio Printmaking Instructor, Visual Studies Dept., Center for the Arts, UB.
- Printmaking Studio (Intaglio, Relief, Lithography) Operations, Solvent & Chemistry Production and Maintenance
- Painting, Drawing, Foundation Level Art & Design, Operations and Maintenance
- Sculpture Studio-Large Machinery and Wood/Steel shop Functions and Maintenance
- Secretary/ Office attendant for Visual Studies Main Office, Office Machine Functioning and Operating
- Computer Lab Monitor, Scanning and Printing Functioning and Operating
- Trained Health and Safety for Studio/ University workshops & laboratories.
- Trained Health and Safety for Proper Posture and Techniques for Art/ Design Production.

University at New Paltz: Student Teaching Assistant August 2010 - June 2011

- Assisted Professor with class and classroom activities/duties/teaching for Water Media and Collage course
- Took attendance and maintained students laboratory allowances/fees.

Niagara Co. Community College: Fine Arts & Design Program Tutor

August 2006 - June 2007

- Assisted Students with Digital Imaging, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign
- Computer Lab Monitor

Additional Art Education & Related Work:

- 2019 Professional Development: *Arts-Integrated Teachings: Exploring Principles and Practices*. Hosted by APL & YA-WNY, Buffalo, NY. March 7, 2019. Led by Marcia Daft, Kennedy Center Teaching Artist.
- 2019 Volunteering at Journeys End Refugee Center, painting lessons & Graphic Design work.
- 2013-Current Professional Artist, Producing Work, maintain online website.
- 2018- Current Hands on Demonstrations for events at WNYBAC, Buffalo, NY.
- 2018- Current Studio Assistant for Professional Artist Adele Henderson, Buffalo, NY.
- 2018- Current Greeting, sharing information on artists and art at openings, Indigo Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY.
- 2013-Current Volunteering at Buffalo Arts Studio, Buffalo, NY.
- 2019 Laying A Foundation: Defining Arts Integration, Kennedy Center's Professional Development, Hosted by Young Audiences of WNY. Dec. 6, 2018.
- 2018 Lincoln Center Education's 2018 *Teaching Artist Development Labs*, Buffalo, NY. April 2-6, 2018.
- 2016 Install assistant for Artist Jamie Schmidt, Silo City, Buffalo, NY.
- 2009-16 Studio Assistant for Professional Artist Kathy Goodell, New Paltz, NY.
- 2013 Bio-Art Laboratory Assistant for Paul Vanouse, Buffalo, NY
- 2012 Installation Assistant for Necole Zayatz, Buffalo, NY.
- 2012 Installation Head Assistant for Kathy Goodell, Causey Contemporary, Brooklyn, NY
- 2011 Personal Instructor for Adobe Design Programs, New Paltz, NY.
- 2011 Installation Head Assistant for Kathy Goodell, *Mesmer Eyes Artprize*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI.

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