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Education

2007 B.A. in Art, Malone University (*cum laude*), Canton, OH

Curatorial Experience

2017-present Curator at Malone Art Gallery, Malone University, Canton, OH
2016-present Freelance Curator, Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA), Kent, OH
2020 *Parts to the Whole*, Guest Curator, The Hub Art Factory, Canton, OH
2018-19 *ArtsQuest* Juried Art Show, Organizer/Juror, Yoga Central, Canton, OH
2015-16 Rotating Art Exhibits, Kent State University's University Residence, Kent, OH
2013-14 *Sacred Voices*, Guest Curator, Canton Museum of Art, Canton, OH
2013 *Illuminated Windows of Canton*, Downtown Canton Arts District, Canton, OH
2010-15 *Art at the Airport* rotating art exhibits, Akron Canton Airport, Canton, OH
2010 *Fibarnation*, 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH
2007-09 Curator at 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH

Professional Activities

2019-present Board Member, The Hub Art Factory, Canton, OH
2013,15,17,19 Presenter, High School Career Arts Day, Kent State University-Stark, Canton, OH
2018 Presenter, Middle School Career Arts Day, Kent State University- Stark, Canton, OH
2014 Presenter, Ohio Arts Council 2014 Engagement Tour, Canton, OH
2011-14 Board Member, The Little Art Gallery, North Canton, OH
2012 Artist Residency, Arte Studio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italy
2009-12 Juror, Stark County Regional Scholastic Art Awards, Canton, OH
2011 Juror, *Luminaries*, Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH
2010 Juror, *Uncensored*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH

Teaching Experience: College

2013-19 Art Analysis Workshop (FS105 01), Malone University, Canton, OH
2013-19 Senior Exhibit/Portfolio (ART430), Malone University, Canton, OH
2016-18 Internship Advisor (ART 490), Malone University, Canton, OH
2013 Issues in Contemporary Art, Malone University, Canton, OH

Teaching Experience: Preschool - High School

2014-present Teaching Artist, Artful Living & Learning (Preschool art integration), Schools throughout Stark County, OH
2016 Art & Science, 5th grade, St. Louis Holy Cross Academy, Louisville, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2015-16 Art & Writing, K-3, 4-8th, 9-12th grades, Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (VSA Ohio grant)
2013-16 Art & Social Studies, Arts Academy at Summit, 6th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2012-16 Art & Math, Arts Academy at Summit, 6th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2012-16 Art & Science, Minerva Elementary, 5th grade, Minerva, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2015 Creative Expression Mobile Making, 9-10th grade ED students at Tuslaw High School, Massillon, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2015 Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH (Culminating in a large piece of public art. Funded by ArtsinStark)
2014-15 Art & Social Studies, K-2 & 6-8th grades, Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (VSA Ohio grant)
2013 Art & Science, Frazer Elementary, 4th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)

Teaching Experience: Preschool - High School continued

2012-13	Art & Math, Faircrest Memorial Middle School, 7th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2012	Art & Reading, Minerva Elementary, 3rd grade, Minerva, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2012	Art & Math, Frazer Elementary, 4th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2011	Art & Math, Arts Academy at Summit, 4th grade, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)
2010-15	Community Art at 6th grade Wilderness Camp, Dover Middle School, Camp Tippecanoe, Tippecanoe, OH
2010	Art & Literacy, DeHoff Memorial Library, Canton, OH (Culminating in a large piece of public art. Funded by ArtsinStark)
2010	"SmARTS Saturdays" workshop design & implementation, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH (Funded by ArtsinStark)

Honors and Awards

2019	Distinguished Faculty Award: Adjunct Faculty, Malone University, Canton, OH
2015	Honorable Mention, <i>Stark County Artists Exhibit</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
2010	Best in Show, <i>Stark County Artists Exhibit</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
2008	Second Place Mixed Media, <i>May Show</i> , The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH
2007	First Place Mixed Media, <i>May Show</i> , The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH

Solo Art Exhibitions

2019	<i>Vantage Points</i> , Stark State University, Canton, OH
2017	<i>Legacy</i> , Malone Art Gallery (MAG), Malone University, Canton, OH
2017	<i>Meandering</i> , Massillon Library, Massillon, OH
2014	<i>Traces</i> , Hudson Library, Hudson, OH
2014	<i>Tangled Memories</i> , Translations Gallery, Canton, OH (two-person)
2013	<i>Thin Places</i> , Market Street Art Spot, Minerva, OH
2012	<i>Thin Places</i> , Dueber Cafe Gallery, Timken Company Global Headquarters, Canton, OH
2009	<i>Sheer Obscurity</i> , The Little Art Gallery, North Canton, OH (two-person)
2008	<i>Next</i> , Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH

Selected Group Exhibitions

2020	<i>Women of Resilience</i> , Ashland University, Ashland, OH
2020	<i>Art in the Time of Corona</i> , Secret Gallery, Columbus, OH
2020	<i>Love Your Stark Parks</i> , Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park, Canton, OH
2018	<i>DOUBLE EXPOSURE</i> , The Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH
2017	<i>Featured Artist</i> , Grapes in a Glass, Canton, OH
2016	<i>Conversations With Our Collections</i> , Cyrus Custom Framing & Art Gallery, Canton, OH
2016	<i>SmArts Teaching Artists Exhibit</i> , Timken Steel, Canton, OH
2015	<i>Holidays in the Style of...</i> , Julz, Canton, OH
2015	<i>Stark County Artists</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH (*Honorable Mention)
2015	<i>Faculty Art Exhibit</i> , McFadden Art Gallery, Malone University, Canton, OH
2015	<i>Fiber Arts of Ohio: 2015</i> , Malone Art Gallery (MAG), Malone University, Canton, OH
2015	<i>The Teslin Show</i> , Nine Muses Gallery, Barberton, OH
2015	<i>Telephone: International Arts Game</i> (juried), Online Exhibit
2015	<i>Responding to Chaos</i> , Rackham Gallery (juried), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2014	<i>Stark County Artists</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
2014	<i>Thin Places</i> , Jung Haus Gallery (juried), Columbus, OH
2013	<i>42nd Annual Juried Art Exhibit</i> , Valley Art Center (juried), Chagrin Falls, OH
2013	<i>PICTURE THIS</i> , Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
2013	<i>Suess-talation</i> , Translations Art Gallery, Canton, OH
2013	<i>Opposites Attract</i> , Green House Gallery, Chestnut Hill, North Canton, OH
2012	<i>International Exhibition 2012</i> , Art Gallery Le Logge, Assisi, Italy

Selected Group Exhibitions continued

2012	<i>Fabulous Fibers 2012</i> , Angelwood Gallery, Grand Rapids, OH
2012	<i>Fiber577</i> , The 577 Foundation, Perrysburg, OH
2012	<i>Let's Get Digital</i> , Riffe Gallery, Columbus OH
2011	<i>Into the Light</i> , Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
2011	<i>Atmoscapes</i> , Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
2010	<i>Stark Arthology</i> , Canton Museum of Art (juried), Canton, OH
2010	<i>Stations of the Cross</i> , Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
2010	<i>Heart Gallery Exhibit</i> , Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH
2010	<i>Stark County Artists</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH (*Best in Show)
2010	<i>Blind Date</i> , Chicago Arts District Exhibition Space, Chicago, IL
2010	<i>Blind Date</i> , Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
2009	<i>Fabrications</i> , Malone University, Canton, OH
2009	<i>In the Company of Friends</i> , 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH
2008	<i>May Show</i> , The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (*2nd Place Mixed Media)
2008	<i>Natural Beauty</i> , Sixth Street Gallery (juried), Vancouver, WA
2007	<i>The Last Gasp</i> , Washington Gallery of Photography (open), Bethesda, MD
2007	<i>Stark County Artists</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
2007	<i>May Show</i> , The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (*1st Place Mixed Media)
2007	<i>Hodge Podge</i> , Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
2006	<i>Stark County Artists</i> , Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH

Selected Collections

Hanna, Campbell, & Powell, Akron, OH
The Timken Company, Canton, OH
Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH
Robb Hankins, CEO, ArtsinStark, Canton, OH
Alexandra Nicholis Coon, Executive Director, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH

Public Art & Commissions

2019	<i>Peace Poles</i> , Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH (Eight peace poles created with students in summer program to create a visualization of peace for the neighborhood, funded by ArtsinStark grant.)
2018	<i>Umbrella Flowers</i> , Louisville, OH (Eight umbrellas transformed into sculptural flowers installed on lampposts in downtown Louisville to promote upcoming "Umbrella Alley," funded by ArtsinStark.)
2017	<i>Peace Table</i> , Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH (Five-foot diameter steel, resin, and bullet casing table to promote non-violent conflict resolution with inner-city children.)
2017	<i>Healing Tree</i> , Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery, Canton, OH (Community engagement project allowing people to share about their addiction and mental illness recovery stories on leaves. Community members also had the opportunity to share words of encouragement for people in recovery. The steel and aluminum tree sculpture travelled around Stark County. Funded by Stark MHAR and ArtsinStark.)
2017	<i>Texture Garden</i> , Early Childhood Resource Center, Canton, OH (Sensory play environment for preschool and elementary children, particularly those with autism)
2016	<i>Collaboration</i> , Eric Snow Family YMCA, Canton, OH (Temporary public art installation incorporating student artwork, funded by ArtsinStark.)
2015	<i>Along the Way</i> , Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH (Printmaking on fabric created by foster children incorporated into a fibers triptych on-site installation. Funded by ArtsinStark.)
2014	<i>Building Homes Mural</i> , Habitat for Humanity, Canton, OH

Public Art & Commissions continued

- 2013 *Community Kinetic Sculpture*, McKinley Manor Neighborhood, Canton, OH
(Neighborhood project through Community Building Partnership with funding by ArtsinStark and the Timken Company to help build neighborhood identity and pride)
- 2013,14 *"Masters Comes to Massillon"* Miniature Golf Hole for United Way fundraiser, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH (Awarded best design in 2013)
- 2010,12,14 *Heart Gallery Portraits*, Stark County Jobs and Family Services Calendar, Canton, OH
(Portraits of foster children)
- 2012 *Canton Painted Piano*, Canton Arts District, Canton, OH
(Temporary outdoor installation encouraging piano playing outdoors. Funded by grant from ArtsinStark),
- 2011 *Be Still*, Private Commission, Caledonia, MI
- 2011 *I Spy Learning Tree*, Early Childhood Resource Center, Canton, OH
(Sculptural tree created from aluminum armature and covered with fabric painted by preschoolers. Small items hang from the tree that correspond with "I Spy" picture cards for children to identify objects on the tree.)
- 2011 *Great Wall of Summit* Mural, Summit Neighborhood, 10th Street & Fulton Ave. Canton, OH
(Community project through Community Building Partnership to build neighborhood identity and pride)
- 2010 *Side Show*, Private Commission, Canton, OH
- 2010 *Until*, DeHoff Memorial Library, Canton, OH
(Wall hanging made up of student fabric monoprints combined to create an abstracted waterfall to reflect the quote: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." by Martin Luther King Jr., funded by ArtsinStark)
- 2009 *Circuitous* Fibers Diptych, Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH
(Commissioned on behalf of Mercy Medical Center. Work is permanently installed outside of the ICU unit)

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