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## **Education**

- 2005 M.F.A. Sculpture, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2003 B.F.A. Sculpture, Herron School of Art and Design, Indiana University-Purdue University of Indianapolis, IN

## **Work Experience**

- 2013-Present Sculpture and Material Arts Professor, Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC
- Teach Sculpture I and II courses
  - Teach metal fabrication and metal casting course
  - Teach 3D Design
  - Teach Intro to Furniture Design
  - Teach Figure Modeling
- 1998-Present Freelance Fabricator
- Aluminum, steel and stainless steel furniture
  - Handrails
  - Museum exhibits
  - Store fixtures
  - Sculptural objects
- 2013 Drawing 1 Adjunct Instructor, Metro State University, Denver, CO
- Taught two sections of Beginning Black and White drawing
- 2012-2013 Metal Fabricator, Gulley Metal Services, Englewood, CO
- Fabricated custom metal works
  - Operated 5'x10' CNC plasma cutter
  - Operated CNC Milling Machine
- 2011-2012 Full-Time Adjunct Instructor, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- Taught all levels of Sculpture
  - Taught 3D Design
  - Taught Drawing 1
  - Created syllabi for courses
  - Developed assignments
  - Facilitated critiques and dialogue throughout the semester
  - Presented multi-media presentations on relevant topics

- 2009-2012 Part-Time Technical Assistant and Environmental Management Systems Representative, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- Responsible for maintaining art department studios and equipment
  - Ensured the art department was in compliance with E.P.A. standards
  - Maintained MSDS and hazardous waste manifests
  - Maintained chemical inventories
- 2009-2011 Sculpture and 3D Design Adjunct Instructor, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- Taught sculpture and 3D design
  - Created syllabi for courses
  - Developed assignments
  - Facilitated critiques and dialogue throughout the semester
  - Presented multi-media presentations on relevant topics
- 2009-2010 3D Design Adjunct Instructor, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film, Nashville, TN
- Taught one 3D Design course per semester
  - Created syllabi for course
  - Developed assignments
  - Facilitated critiques and dialogue throughout the semester
  - Presented multi-media presentations on relevant topics
- 2007-2008 Sculpture Instructor, Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
- Taught one to two courses in sculpture per semester
  - Created syllabi for courses
  - Developed assignments
  - Facilitated critiques and dialogue throughout the semester
  - Presented multi-media presentations on relevant topics
  - Maintained office hours
  - Member of sophomore advancement review committee
- Sculpture Technician, Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
- Instructed all students (approximately 50-75 per semester) in the proper and safe procedures for all equipment in the sculpture department
  - Hired, trained and managed up to 6 work-study students
  - Maintained wood shop and metal fabrication area
  - Maintained the aluminum and bronze foundry (sand mold and traditional investment molds)
  - Ordered supplies for sculpture classes
  - Monitored sculpture department budget

- 2005-2007 3D Design Instructor, Herron School of Art and Design, Indianapolis, IN
- Taught one class in 3D Design or Creative Processes
  - Created syllabi for courses
  - Developed assignments
  - Facilitated critiques and dialogue throughout the semester
  - Presented multi-media presentations on relevant topics
  - Maintained office hours
  - Member of sophomore advancement review committee

#### School Wide Shop Technician

- Instructed approximately 200 students per semester on safe procedures associated with a wood shop
- Hired, trained and managed up to 8 work-study students per semester
- Ordered art materials and supplies for up to 8 three-dimensional design courses
- Implemented safety program for students
- Monitored budget

- 2003-2005 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- Taught one class per semester in Sculpture, 3D Design or 2D Design
  - Performed general shop and machinery maintenance
  - Performed safety orientations to incoming students

- 2001-2003 Studio Assistant, Eric Nordgulen, Indianapolis, IN
- Assisted the artist in the completion of sculptural works

- 1999-2002 Studio Assistant, Greg Hull, Indianapolis, IN
- Assisted the artist in the completion of sculptural works

#### **Special Topic Workshops, Residencies and Conferences**

- 2016 Winter Residency, Penland School of Crafts, Bakersville, NC
- 2015 Furniture Society Conference, Durham, Nc
- 2015 Fate Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- 2015 Instructor, Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2015 Winter Residency, Penland School of Crafts, Bakersville, NC
- 2012 Papermaking and Casting, Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- 2011 Aluminum and Bronze Pour, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film, Nashville, TN

#### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2017 *Structured Musings*, Crate Creative Space, Hendersonville NC
- 2016 *31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sculpture Celebration*, Caldwell Arts Council, Lenoir NC
- 2015 *Re-Happening*, Original site of Black Mountain College, Black Mountain, NC

- 2014 Arrowmont Instructor Exhibition, Arrowmont School of Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2014 *29<sup>th</sup> Annual Sculpture Celebration*, Caldwell Arts Council, Lenoir NC  
Best in Show Award, Juror – Randy Shull
- 2013 *Faculty Exhibition*, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC
- 2011 *New Spaces*, Low Road Gallery, Greencastle, IN  
*Faculty Show*, Leu Gallery, Nashville, TN
- 2010 *Carnival*, Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2009 *These Fruits of Society*, Gallery F, Nashville, TN  
*What's Going On Up There?*, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film, Nashville, TN
- 2008 *Trophy*, Erstwhile Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006 *Visual Fringe*, Beilouny Building, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006 *Interchange*, Madison Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 2005 *Eclectic*, 4 Star Gallery, Indianapolis, IN  
*Identity*, Gallery MC, New York, NY  
*Twelve*, Eleventh and Orange Gallery, Wilmington, DE
- 2005 *Outstanding Student Achievement Exhibition*, International Sculpture Center, Hamilton, NJ
- Jurors: Jenny Dixon, Matthew McCaslin, and Judith Shea
- 2003 *Garden Show*, Towson Botanical Gardens, Newark, DE

### **Public Sculpture**

- 2010 *Outdoor Public Sculpture Commission*, Watkins College of Art, Design and Film, Nashville, TN
- 2007 *Sculpture in the Park Exhibition*, White River State Park, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006 *Mass Ave Sculpture Tour*, Indianapolis, IN  
*IUPUC Sculpture Walk*, Indiana University – Purdue University of Columbus
- 2002 *IUPUI Library Sculpture Commission*, Indianapolis, IN
- Suspended public sculpture
- 2001 *REI Sculpture Commission*, Real Estate Investment Group, Indianapolis, IN