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Education:

Graduate Study: Fine Arts - Printmaking

Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI, www.kcad.edu

MFA Degree conferred May 2008

Undergraduate Study: Fine Arts - Ceramics, Philosophy

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, www.gvsu.edu

BFA Degree conferred May 1997

Additional Graduate Studies at Montana State University and the Ohio State University.

Recent/Current/Future Activities:

Planning Committee/Curator, 4th Annual *Smart Multimedia Festival*

Grand Rapids, MI – April 1-7, 2009

Initiator/Curator, *The New Free Radicals & Art. Downtown.* – a contemporary art festival

Grand Rapids, MI – April 17 & 18, 2009

Planning Committee, GVSU Alumni Art Auction Scholarship Fundraiser

Allendale, MI – May 2009

Artist in Residence, Frans Masereel Centrum, Flemish Center for Graphic Arts

Kasterlee, Belgium – July 2009

Solo Exhibition, Living Arts, Tulsa, OK – March 2010

Teaching/Presenting:

Adjunct Instructor: Kendall College of Art & Design

Autumn 2008 to present

Teaching 2D Design and Intro Printmaking courses.

Graduate Assistant: Kendall College of Art & Design

September 2007 to May 2008

Assisted with the Print 1 classes and general print shop oversight.

Presenter: "Art, Economics, and Valuation," April 2008

14th Annual San Jose State University Art History Symposium, San Jose, CA

Guest Speaker: "Re-Claiming Public Space through Art Making," November 2007

Open Concept Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, www.openconceptgallery.org

Guest Lecturer: "Artist Communities' Impact on Local Economies," November 2007

ART 100: Art Appreciation courses, Saginaw Valley State University, Saginaw, MI

Panel Presenter: "Art as an Economic Development Tool," December 2003

State of Michigan "Creating Cool: Linking Culture, Community and Economy" conference

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, September 1997 - December 1997

Taught intro studio art class for non-art majors covering 2-D, 3-D, Color and Drawing

Employment:

Executive Director, July 2005 to August 2007

East Hills Council of Neighbors, Grand Rapids, MI, www.easthillscouncil.org

Administrative support and strategic planning for the continued re-development of a historic inner-city neighborhood

Accomplishments:

- Image Development: revamped & updated newsletter; developed web presence; and created visual identity for the organization
- Initiated and launched first annual Membership Campaign and Fund Development Plan
- Developed and implemented new community events including: Beers of the World & Garage Fest
- Supported major development efforts including: Wealthy Heights Community Land Trust & DEQ Storm Water Abatement Program

Development News Writer/Editor, March 2006 to June 2006

Issue Media Group, Detroit, MI, www.rapidgrowthmedia.com

Writing and reporting on development news in Grand Rapids

Research Consultant, Wealthy Heights Initiative, Grand Rapids, MI, March 2005 Production of a Situation Analysis including detailed property inventories; compiling geographic & demographic information; and formatting the publication for printing

Main Street Manager, August 2002 to December 2004

Wealthy Main Street Initiative, www.wealthy-street.com

Dwelling Place of Grand Rapids, Grand Rapids, MI, www.dwellingplacegr.org

Program management for the economic re-development of a historic inner-city neighborhood business district.

Accomplishments:

- Received a "Cool City" designation from the State of Michigan in 2004
- Image Development: developed newsletter & marketing brochures; developed web presence; and created visual identity for the organization and the business district
- Supported re-development efforts including: façade enhancements, infrastructure improvements, and business recruitment & development

Admissions Officer: September 2001 - July 2002

Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI, www.kcad.edu

Represented the College at local, regional and national recruiting events. Facilitated student admissions including portfolio and transfer reviews, scholarship applications and general academic counseling.

Artist Assistant to Daleene Menning, Professor of Ceramics at GVSU, 1994 – 1996

www.daleenemenning.com

Worked on all phases of production of large scale, low-relief ceramic mural entitled "Formation"

Art Director, The Lanthorn (GVSU Student Newspaper) 1993

Responsible for design and layout of the paper, advert design, client relations.

Volunteering/Advocacy:

Organizer/Curator: Free Radical Gallery: 2002-05, The New Free Radicals: 2009, Grand Rapids, MI
Walking gallery that provides alternative venues for artists to display their work; reconnects art and artists with the larger community; and highlights urban commerce.

Trees Please, 2006 to present

Volunteering with fellow activist neighbors to save our Urban Forest. Activities have included grant writing, tree planting, educating and advocacy.

Uptown Collaboration: 2003-2006

Worked on developing and supporting a collaboration between four adjacent business districts and three area neighborhood associations.

Wealthy Heights Community Land Trust: 2003-2007

Working with several project partners we are developing the first land trust in Grand Rapids that will revitalize while providing perpetual affordable home ownership options

Board of Directors, March 2003 to December 2004, February 2007 - June 2007

Wealthy Street Business Alliance, Grand Rapids, MI

Volunteer: 1998 - 2005

Sambodh Society Inc, Delhi, India & Kalamazoo, MI

Board of Directors, Co-Chair, November 2002 to May 2005

East Hills Council of Neighbors, Grand Rapids, MI

Artist/Organizer, Wealthy Street Banners, 2004

Worked with teen apprentices in developing banners for the Wealthy Street Business District.

AmeriCorps VISTA, National Service Volunteer, August 1998 to August 1999

Working with the Neighbors of Belknap Lookout, Grand Rapids, MI

Organizer, Lafayette Mural, 1999

Organized and directed a collaboration where a highway overpass was transformed into a community gateway.

Organizer, Coit Kids Grow, 1998

Developed and presented an interdisciplinary science & art curriculum to central-city 6th graders.

Organizer, Belknap Kids Salsa Garden, Belknap Community Garden, 1998 - 1999

Assisted with the development and upkeep of a community garden in a central-city neighborhood.

Organizer, Photo OutLook, 1999

Organized a mentorship program between local photographers and central-city youths.

Installation Assistant, 1994

"Uncommon Clay" exhibition at GVSU & the Muskegon Museum of Art.

Artist Assistant to Sue Wink, 1994

Assisted with the construction of a site-specific earth work sculpture, "Axis Mundi."

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Travel:

Istanbul, Turkey, May 2008, Artist/Observer - www.caravansarai.info

Egypt, May 2007, KCAD Study Abroad Program

United States, January - March 2005, Touring with my wife's band, www.theicicles.com

India, December 2004 - January 2005, Assisted with the development of a new artist residency program.

India, Nepal, Germany, November 1999 - March 2000, Studied with Brahmin Priests, Buddhist Monks, Hindu Swamis, and Yoga Masters. Earned Hatha Yoga certification under Sunil Kumar, Yoga Training Center, Varanasi, India.

Germany, November 1996, Traveled with my wife and her family on a tour of her mother's homeland.

China, May & June 1996, GVSU Study Abroad Program at East China University of Science and Technology, Shanghai, P.R. China

Exhibitions:

Featured Artist on Artbistro.com – February 2009

"Cloud Form 02.09," installation in paper and thread at the Muskegon Museum of Art
Muskegon, MI – February/March 2009

"Cloud Form 03.09," installation in paper at the HungryMan Gallery, featured in the Chicago Reader,
Chicago, IL – March 2009, Solo Exhibition

PS122 Annual Benefit Show, PS122 Gallery, New York, NY, December 2008

"Virtual Identities, Real Spaces," National Juried Exhibition, Segoe Art Center, Provo, UT, November
2008

"Doctor TJ Eckelberg," installation in paper and thread, ActiveSite IV in conjunction with the 21st
International Sculpture Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, October 2008

"Dirty Fingernails Say A Lot II," National Juried Print Show, Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles,
MO, July/August, 2008

"One Thousand Arms," multi-media installation, Open Concept Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, April-
August 2008, Solo Exhibition

Solo Exhibition, A City Studio Gallery, Bay City, MI, June 2008

"What Does Compassion Look Like?" National Juried Exhibition, ArtXchange Gallery, Seattle, WA,
April/May 2008

MFA Thesis Exhibition, Atrium Gallery, Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2008

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"Suckers and Biters: Love Lollipops and the Exquisite Corpse," Chashama Gallery, New York, NY, February/March 2008

Graduate Student Show, Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2007

"O Fence," Guerilla Art Operation, Cherry Park, Grand Rapids MI, April/May 2006

"G.I.A.N.T. Show," 555 Gallery, Detroit MI, June 2005

"Saferoom," installation/collaboration, Free Radical Gallery, Grand Rapids MI, March 2003

Graduate Student Show, Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI, May 2002

"Easter 2002 - Holy Washday," installation, Grand Rapids, MI, April 2002

"Valentine's Day 2001," Guerilla Art Operation, Wexner Center grounds, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 2001

"Inauguration Day 2001," Guerilla Art Operation/collaboration, Wexner Center grounds, Ohio State University, Columbus OH, January 2001

Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts, Visual Art Competition, juried, Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, June 1999

"Dumb Birds - Clay Pigeons," installation, Graduate Studios, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, December 1997

Figure 8, Graduate Student Show, The Exit Gallery, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT, October 1997

BFA Exhibition, two person show, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, April 1996

"Drawward," collaborative, site-specific drawing, Calder Gallery, GVSU, Allendale, MI, March 1996

Juried Student Show, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, January 1996

Grand Rapids Festival of the Arts, Visual Art Competition, juried, Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids, June 1995

Muskegon Regional Art Competition, Walker Gallery, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI, June 1995

Juried Student Show, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI, January 1993