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EDUCATION

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

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2021 *Women of Resilience*, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH
2021 *Telephone: International Arts Game* (juried), Global Online Exhibit
2020 *Women of Resilience*, Ashland University, Ashland, OH
2018 *DOUBLE EXPOSURE*, The Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH
2017 *Featured Artist*, Grapes in a Glass, Canton, OH
2016 *Conversations with Our Collections*, Cyrus Custom Framing & Art Gallery, Canton, OH
2016 *SmArts Teaching Artists Exhibit*, Timken Steel, Canton, OH
2015 *Holidays in the Style of...*, Julz, Canton, OH
2015 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH (*Honorable Mention)
2015 *Faculty Art Exhibit*, McFadden Art Gallery, Malone University, Canton, OH
2015 *Fiber Arts of Ohio: 2015*, Malone Art Gallery (MAG), Malone University, Canton, OH
2015 *The Teslin Show*, Nine Muses Gallery, Barberton, OH
2015 *Telephone: International Arts Game* (juried), Online Exhibit
2015 *Responding to Chaos*, Rackham Gallery (juried), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2014 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
2014 *Thin Places*, Jung Haus Gallery (juried), Columbus, OH
2013 *42nd Annual Juried Art Exhibit*, Valley Art Center (juried), Chagrin Falls, OH
2013 *PICTURE THIS*, Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
2013 *Suess-talation*, Translations Art Gallery, Canton, OH
2013 *Opposites Attract*, Green House Gallery, Chestnut Hill, North Canton, OH
2012 *International Exhibition 2012*, Art Gallery Le Logge, Assisi, Italy
2012 *Fabulous Fibers 2012*, Angelwood Gallery, Grand Rapids, OH
2012 *Fiber577*, The 577 Foundation, Perrysburg, OH
2012 *Let's Get Digital*, Riffe Gallery, Columbus OH
2011 *Into the Light*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
2011 *Atmoscapes*, Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
2010 *Stark Arthology*, Canton Museum of Art (juried), Canton, OH
2010 *Stations of the Cross*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
2010 *Heart Gallery Exhibit*, Joseph Saxton Gallery of Photography, Canton, OH
2010 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH (*Best in Show)
2010 *Blind Date*, Chicago Arts District Exhibition Space, Chicago, IL

- 2010 *Blind Date*, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
- 2009 *Fabrications*, Malone University, Canton, OH
- 2008 *May Show*, The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (*2nd Place Mixed Media)
- 2008 *Natural Beauty*, Sixth Street Gallery (juried), Vancouver, WA
- 2007 *The Last Gasp*, Washington Gallery of Photography (open), Bethesda, MD
- 2007 *Stark County Artists*, Massillon Museum (juried), Massillon, OH
- 2007 *May Show*, The Little Art Gallery (juried), North Canton, OH (*1st Place Mixed Media)
- 2007 *Hodge Podge*, Gallery 6000, Kent State University- Stark, North Canton, OH
- 2006 *Stark County Artists*, 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 (County Arts Council), Canton, OH
- Alexandra Nicholis Coon, Executive Director, Massillon Museum, Massillon, OH

SELECTED PUBLIC ART & COMMISSIONS

- 2021 *Illumination* Light Sculpture Installation, Julz, Canton, OH
(Sponsored by Visit Canton and ArtsinStark as part of Illumination: Canton Light Festival)
- 2019 *Peace Poles*, Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH
(Eight wooden peace poles created by students in summer program to create a visualization of peace for the neighborhood)
- 2018 *Umbrella Flowers*, Louisville, OH
(Eight umbrellas transformed into sculptural flowers installed on lampposts in downtown Louisville to promote upcoming "Umbrella Alley")
- 2017 *Peace Table*, Lighthouse Ministries, Canton, OH
(Five-foot diameter steel, resin, and bullet casing table to promote non-violent conflict resolution with inner-city children)
- 2017 *Healing Tree*, 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 and now permanently resides at the Rodman Public Library in Alliance, OH)
- 2017 *Texture Garden*, Early Childhood Resource Center, Canton, OH
(Sensory play environment for preschool and elementary children, particularly those with autism)
- 2016 *Collaboration*, Eric Snow Family YMCA, Canton, OH
(Temporary public art installation incorporating student artwork)
- 2015 *Along the Way*, Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH
(Monoprints on fabric, created by foster children, incorporated into a fibers triptych installed on site)
- 2014 *Building Homes* Mural, Habitat for Humanity, Canton, OH
- 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 community, 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 use to find and identify the 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 community, 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 MLK Jr's quote: "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream.")
- 2009 *Circuitous* Fibers Diptych, Mercy Medical Center, Canton, OH
(Commissioned on behalf of Mercy Medical Center. Work is permanently installed outside the ICU unit)

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-present Curator, Malone Art Gallery, Malone University, Canton, OH
- 2020 *Parts to the Whole*, Guest Curator, The Hub Art Factory, Canton, OH
- 2016-20 Freelance Curator, Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA), Kent, OH
- 2015-16 Curator, Kent State University's President's 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 *Fibernation*, 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH
- 2007-2009 Curator at 2nd April galerie, Canton, OH

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2019 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- 2014 Board Member, The Little Art Gallery, North Canton, OH
- 2012 Artist Residency, Arte Studio Ginestrelle, Assisi, Italy
- 2009-2012 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

- 2013-2019 Senior Exhibit/Portfolio (ART430), Malone University, Canton, OH
- 2013-2019 Art Analysis Workshop (FS105 01), Malone University, Canton, OH
- 2016-18 Internship Advisor (ART 490), Malone University, Canton, OH
- 2013 Issues in Contemporary Art, Malone University, Canton, OH

Preschool - High School

- 2020-present Art Teacher, 1st- 8th grade, Portage Collaborative Montessori School, Canton, OH
- 2021 Art & English, 5th grade, St. Peter's, Canton, OH
- 2021 Art & Science, 3rd grade, Franklin Elementary, Massillon, OH
- 2021 Art & English, 5th grade, St. James, Waynesburg, OH
- 2014-2020 Teaching Artist, Artful Living & Learning (Preschool art integration), Stark County, OH
- 2016 Art & Science, 5th grade, St. Louis Holy Cross Academy, Louisville, OH
- 2015-16 Art & Writing, K-3, 4-8th, 9-12th grades Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (Grant from VSA Ohio)
- 2013-2016 Art & Social Studies, 6th grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH
- 2012-2016 Art & Math, 6th grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH
- 2012-2016 Art & Science, 5th grade, Minerva Elementary, Minerva, OH
- 2015 Creative Expression Mobile Making, 9-10th grades ED students at Tuslaw High School, Massillon, OH
- 2015 Pathway Caring for Children, Canton, OH (Culminating in a large piece of public art)

- 2014-15 Art & Social Studies, K-2 & 6-8th grades, Day Integrated Learning Center, Canton, OH (Grant from VSA Ohio)
- 2013 Art & Science, 4th grade, Frazer Elementary, Canton, OH
- 2012-13 Art & Math, 7th grade, Faircrest Memorial Middle School, Canton, OH
- 2012 Art & Reading, 3rd grade, Minerva Elementary, Minerva, OH
- 2012 Art & Math, 4th grade, Frazer Elementary, Canton, OH
- 2011 Art & Math, 4th grade, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH
- 2010-15 Community Art, 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)
- 2010 SmARTS Saturdays Workshop design & implementation, Arts Academy at Summit, Canton, OH

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