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Professional Summary

Multidisciplinary visual artist and educator with decades of experience in sculpture, installation, public art, design, and performance. Committed to both academic and community-based arts initiatives, with an exhibition history that includes juried shows, solo exhibitions, and national showcases. Experienced in university-level instruction in sculpture, 3D design, and foundational art, complemented by technical and preparatory studio roles. Recognized for artistic excellence, with awards and leadership roles in academic panels, residencies, and arts outreach programs. Holds an MFA in Emerging Media – Studio Art and Design from the University of Central Florida. Passionate about leveraging art as a catalyst for education, social engagement, and interdisciplinary dialogue.

Education

2028 M.A.Ed. (Anticipated) St. Mary's University, Minneapolis, MN
2024 M.F.A. University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2020 B.A. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
2020 Undergraduate Certificate in Art History, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
2019 University of South Florida Art and Art History Study Abroad Program – Paris, France, Venice, Italy

Selected Exhibitions and Showcases

Solo, Two-Person

2026 *Twinotaur: Manipulation and Transformation*, with Stephan Micheletto-Blouin, O'Brien Art Gallery, Roane State Community College, Harriman, TN
2024 *Broken Forward*, Faith Arts Village of Orlando, Orlando, FL
The Beauty of Order in Disorder, Top Secret Gallery, Gainesville, FL
2023 *Solitary Dialogues: Reflections of the Self*, with Tim Reid, Drift at Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL (Curated by Jabe Jones)

Group

2026 *Unyielding*, Dogwood Gallery, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
Bricolage: Art from the Unexpected, The Gallery at the Library, Scenic Regional Library-Hermann Branch, Hermann, MO
2025 *Opposites – Theme and Variation*, MVA Gallery (Modern Visual Arts), Bethlehem, PA
Artina 2025: Upside Down – Inside Out at Sandy Spring Museum, Washington Sculptures Group, Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD (Juried by Zoma Wallace)
School of Art, Craft, & Design Faculty Exhibition, Joan Derryberry Art Gallery, Cookeville, TN
Resident Artists at the ACC, Joe L. Evins Gallery, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
Downeast: National Juried Sculpture Exhibition, Emerge Gallery & Art Center, Greeneville, NC (Juried by Joni Younkins-Herzog)
In Tandem, Dogwood Gallery, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
2024 *The Arts, Hancock County 2024 Juried Art Show*, The Arts, Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, MS (Juried by Cathy Lawson, Steve Martin, and Gene Menerey)
Faculty Exhibition, Joan Derryberry Art Gallery, Cookeville, TN
The Art Show, Casselberry Arts Center, Casselberry, FL
Head Space: 2024 MFA Exhibition, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2023 *6th Annual Florida Showcase*, Snap!, Orlando, FL
Storytelling: A Visual Narrative, Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL (Juried by Amanda Poss)

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2023 *38th Annual No Big Heads*, University of Anchorage Alaska, Anchorage, AK (Juried by Amy Meissner)
A Show of Heads, Limner Gallery, Hudson, NY
UCF MFA Show, with Njeri Kinuthia and Alexander Alvarez, City Arts, Orlando, FL
Art Lovers Party 2023, éclat Law, Altamonte Springs, FL
Artfields, Lake City Emporium, Lake City, SC
Platform, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
Experience Contemporary: Art Exhibition, Casselberry City Hall, Casselberry, FL (Juried by Justin Luper)
2022 *Eclectic Knights XIV*, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
Artfields, Lake City Emporium, Lake City, SC
2020 *Sponge Exchange*, Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL (Curated by Sarah Howard)

Honors and Awards

National

2023 *38th Annual No Big Heads,* Honorable Mention, Anchorage, AK
2022 *Bosch Travel Award*, SECAC 2022, Baltimore, MD

Regional

2024 *The Art Show,* Certificate of Artistic Achievement for Inspiring Thought, Casselberry, FL

University

2023 *Adler Family Fund for Excellence,* Orlando, FL
UCF Graduate Travel Award, Orlando, FL
2019 *USF School of Art and Art History Paris Program Scholarship*, Tampa, FL
2018-2020 *USF Undergraduate Talent Grant*, Tampa, FL

Community Outreach

2026 Radio Interview, *The Scene, Lite Rock 95.9*, Spotlight on local artists making an impact on the community, Cookeville, TN
2025 Artist Talk, *Appalachian Center for Craft Resident Artist Slide Presentation Night*, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
Artist Talk, *Artina 2025: Upside Down – Inside Out at Sandy Spring Museum*, Washington Sculptures Group, Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD
Volunteer, *Bacchanal* – Student Scholarship Fundraiser, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN
Instructor, *Hybrid Creatures: Introduction to 3D printing,* High School Art Intensive, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
Instructor, *Intro to 3D Printing: Pop Culture Toys*, Special Topics Summer Workshop, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
Panel Speaker, *Art & Business Symposium*, Art Round Tennessee, TN Tech Wesley Foundation, Cookeville, TN
Community Engagement Volunteer, *Appalachian Studies Conference*, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN

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2025 Instructor, *Exhibitions Preparator Workshop: Cattywampus Puppet Council Installation*, Joan Derryberry Art Gallery, Cookeville, TN

2024 Artist Talk, *Appalachian Center for Craft Resident Artist Slide Presentation Night*, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN

Volunteer, *Bacchanal* – Student Scholarship Fundraiser, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN

2021-2024 Community Engagement Volunteer, Collaborator, *Celebrates the Arts at the Dr. Philips Center*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2023 Panel Speaker, *Punk Rock, Hip Hop, Heavy Metal, Indie Rock Education: What Art School Couldn't Teach You*, SECAC 2023, Richmond Marriot Downtown, Richmond, VA

2022-2023 Public Art Co-Coordinator, *Student Competition*, Mead Garden, Orlando, FL

2022 Panel Speaker, *Studio and Art History, Graduate Research in the Field of Arts*, SECAC 2022, Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD

2021-2022 MFA Emerging Media – Studio Art and Design Exhibit Co-Coordinator, Community Engagement Volunteer, *Celebrates the Arts at the Dr. Philips Center*, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2019-2020 Student President, *Thrive* – Student run club for students struggling with addiction, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Residencies

2024-2026 Artist in Residence – Exhibitions, Appalachian Center for Craft, Tennessee Technological University, Smithville, TN

Employment History

Academic Appointments

2026- Art Teacher, Wilson Intermediate School, Manitowoc, WI

2024-2026 Adjunct Faculty, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN
- Introduction to Art: ART1035-24Fall 004
- Drawing I: ART1045-24Fall 002
- Introduction to Art: ART1035-25Spring 003
- Introduction to Art: ART1035-25Spring 002
- Creative Studio: ART1320-25Fall 003
- Introduction to Art: ART1035-25Fall 004
- Computer Aided Drafting for Artists: ART2340-26Spring 300
- Introduction to Art: ART1035-26Spring 001

2024 Instructor, University of Central Florida, Florida Prison Education Project, Orlando, FL
- 3D Design Fundamentals for Visual Arts: ART2203FDRC
- 3D Design Fundamentals for Visual Arts: ART2203PolkCI

Adjunct Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Narrative Sculpture: ART3737C-24SummerB0001

2023-2024 Graduate Teaching Associate, Instructor of Record, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- Beginning Sculpture: ART2701C-23Fall 0001
- 3D Design Fundamentals: ART2203C-23Fall 0002
- Beginning Sculpture: ART2701C-24Spring 0001
- 3D Design Fundamentals: ART2203C-24Spring 0001

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2022-2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Beginning Sculpture: ART2701C-22Fall 0001
3D Design Fundamentals: ART2203C-22Fall 0001
Processes and Ideas: ART3833C-23Spring 0001
3D Design Fundamentals: ART 2201C-23Spring 0002

Professional Experience

2025 Interim Gallery Operations Coordinator, Appalachian Center for Craft, Smithville, TN
2023 Wood Shop Technician, Sculpture Technician, Visual Arts Building Technician, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2021-2022 Gallery Assistant, Laser Cutting Technician, Ceramics Technician, Graduate Studio Technician, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
2020-2021 Tutor, Tutor Doctor, Tampa, FL
2016-2017 Recruiter, One Touch Direct, Tampa, FL
2010-2013 Assistant Manager, Tasty Buddha, Gainesville, FL
2006-2007 Sales and Marketing Administrator, Gerdau Ameristeel, Tampa, FL
2000-2004 Mailroom Coordinator, Marketing Assistant, Helicopter Association International, Alexandria, VA
1992-1995 Furniture Restorer, Painter, Wall-Covering Installer, Carpet Installer, Wooten Wall-Covering and More, Gainesville, FL
1992-2011 Professional National and International Touring Musician, Super Chinchilla Rescue Mission – Panthro UK United 13 – Don's Ex-Girlfriend, Gainesville, FL – Washington, DC

Public Commissions

2025 *Unfathomable Crush*, Lake Concord Sculpture Garden, Casselberry, FL

Publications

2024 *UCF Today*, "UCF Art Graduates to Make a Difference Through FPEP Program". https://www.ucf.edu/news/ucf-art-graduates-to-make-a-difference-through-fpep-program/
2022 *The Cypress Dome*, 33rd Edition. https://cah.ucf.edu/cypressdome/2023/01/17/2022-cypress-dome-issue-33/ (no longer available online)
2021 *Addiction and Art*, Virtual Gallery. https://addictionandart.org (no longer available online)
2019 *Razorcake*, Issue 112, Review of "The Circumvention of Bob Seger". https://razorcake.org/razorcake-112-featuring-nolympics-la-sweet-knives-the-outcasts-and-one-punks-guide-to-standup-comedy/