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Education

MFA Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Masters of Fine Arts- Studio Art, Emphasis in Photography/ Digital Arts

BS Art University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
Bachelor of Science in Art, Photography Minor

Study Abroad National University of Ireland-Galway
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Academic Appointments

2009 – present Academic Staff, Viterbo University, La Crosse, WI
Teaching Web Design and Flash Animation

2006 – 2009 Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
Teach a variety of classes in the photography minor for the Art Department including:
Introduction to Photography, Photography Appreciation - History of Photography, Digital
Photography - including CS4 Photoshop, Bridge, Camera raw, Design – Dreamweaver, Illustrator,
Flash, Photojournalism/Documentary Photography, and the senior capstone, Seminar in
Photography. Provide academic advising for students in the photography minor, serve on
committees and engage in the business of the department. Manage both the digital lab and multi-
room analog darkroom including ordering and stocking materials. Organize student work-study
schedules, supervisor lab workers, and serve as a conflict manager.

2003-2006 Academic Staff, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL
Taught “Introduction to Photography” and managed the digital and multi-room analog dark room,
including ordering and stocking materials.

Other Projects

2000 – present Freelance – Photography, Web design, Video, Artist Consultant.

Ovation Marketing, 2006 - 2009
Worked on projects for Hershey, Budweiser and Airo Technologies.
Did a wide range of tasks including: photography, color retouching, prepping for print and web,
assisting on location, lighting, and computer management.

Michael Lieurance Photography, 2009
Assisted in photo-shoot for Harvest Moon at Chileda in La Crosse and Kaplan Professional

Sprint Systems of Photography, 2004 - 2009
Representative for national conferences. Duties include promoting Sprint Systems of Photography
products and promoting the photography art medium.

bythewaves.org, 2006
Designed the website helped in the early stages of the development process. The organizations
goal is to help preserve the cultural identity and heritage of Ghana, West Africa through arts,
music, and education.

NovaColor, 2005
Worked directly with NovaColor to design and create the companies website.

Special Olympics La Crosse
Photograph local events including: DuRunRun, Polar Plunge, and Camp Shriver.

My Personal Photography- the creation of large multi image constructions that take months to
assemble.

Representations

2007 – present Ellen Curlee Gallery - St. Louis, MO
 2005 – present Sprint Systems of Photography, Inc. - Pawtucket, RI
 2006 –2008 Xen Gallery - St. Louis, MO

Collections / Permanently Displayed

2009 Sprint Systems of Photography, Inc.
 2007 Washington University
 2006 NovaColor, Inc. Gallery
 2006 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
 2005 Sprint Systems of Photography, Inc.

Selected Exhibitions / Publications / Gallery Talks

2009 AS220
 Providence, RI

5x7
 Arthouse at the Jones Center
 Austin, TX

Lecture at Logan High School, LaCrosse WI
 Increasing students awareness of the fine arts

2008 Snap To Grid
 Los Angeles Center For Digital Art
 Los Angeles, CA

Spirit of American II, Dec. 2008.
 David J. Marcou

“Meet Bill”
 Starring Aaron Eckhart and Jessica Alba
 Photographs used in the movie.

West Salem Middle School Mentor for the job shadow program, LaCrosse WI

UW-L Department of Art, Faculty Exhibition
 University of Wisconsin-La Crosse - La Crosse, WI

This Land: Landscape Photography
 Invitation by Jim Cook, Curator
 Edwardsville Art Center

2007 New American Talent: the 21st Exhibition
 2 year traveling show
 Galveston Arts Center – Galveston, TX

ReFresh Print Biennial II
 Global Networks & Intimate Exchanges
 Dickinson State University Art Gallery
 Dickinson, ND

New American Talent: the 21st Exhibition
 2 year traveling show
 Texas A&M University, Commerce, TX

New American Talent: the 21st Exhibition
 2 year traveling show
 TX A&M University – College Station, TX

ReFresh Print Biennial II
Global Networks & Intimate Exchanges
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

ReFresh Print Biennial II
Global Networks & Intimate Exchanges
University of Wisconsin-Stout

2006

“Madison National”
Madison – Morgan Cultural Center
Madison, Georgia
Juror, David Houston, Chief Curator of the Ogden Museum, New Orleans

Solo Exhibition
University of Wisconsin-La Crosse
La Crosse, WI

ReRefresh Print Biennial II
Global Networks & Intimate Exchanges
University of Wisconsin-Green Bay
2 year traveling show

Xen Gallery
St. Louis, MO
Invited Exhibition

Society for Photographic Education:
Members' Newsletter. "Member News." Page 6, Spring, 2006.

Contemporary's Flat Files
Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, MO
Selected Group Showing

New American Talent: the 21st Exhibition, 2 year traveling show
Arthouse at the Jones Center, Contemporary Art for Texas
Juror, Aimee Chang – Exhibition Coordinator and Assistant Curator at
the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles

Mad Art Gallery
St. Louis, Missouri
Selected Group Exhibition

Gallery Talk
Jacoby Art Center

Jacoby Art Center
Alton, Illinois
Invited Group Exhibition

“sLowlife”
Washington, DC
Collaborative Project, traveling show

“SIUE Graduate Art Exhibition”
Edwardsville, Illinois
Juror, Eric Lutz – Curator at Saint Louis Art Museum

2005

“Art St. Louis XXI, The Exhibition”
 St. Louis, Missouri
 Juror, Christian Rattemeyer – Curator at Arties Spaces in New York

“Continued Colonies: The New Human Landscape”
 St. Louis, Missouri
 Group Exhibition

“The Inaugural Juried Exhibition”
 Jacoby Art Center
 Alton, Illinois
 Juror, Ivy Cooper – Department Chair and Professor of Art History, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville

“Open Space: Art of the Landscape”
 Art Saint Louis
 St. Louis, Missouri
 Juror, Michael Eastman – Photographer, St. Louis, Missouri

“SIUE Annual Graduate Art Exhibition”
 Edwardsville, Illinois
 Juror, Dawn Nash – Owner / Director Xen Gallery

Awards and Grants

Accessibility Award, Nominated by a student with a disability as an instructor that creates an accessible learning environment, University of Wisconsin La Crosse.

Honors Convocation Award, Friends of Art Honors Award in Studio Arts, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Illinois

Friends of Art Award “SIUE Annual Juried Graduate Show” given by: Eric Lutz – Curator at Saint Louis Art Museum, New Wagner Gallery Edwardsville, Illinois

Award “The Inaugural Juried Exhibition” given by: Ivy Cooper, Jacoby Art Center Alton, Illinois

Honors Convocation Award “SIUE Annual Awards Ceremony Edwardsville, Illinois

Art Service Award “SIUE Annual Juried Graduate Show” New Wagner Gallery
 given by: Dawn Nash – Owner / Director Xen Gallery

Friends of Art Award, 2006

Big Foot Gallery Award, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Max Winter Memorial Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Behind The Brewery Gallery Award, University of Wisconsin-LaCrosse

Four time NCAA National Champions team track and field, 1998-02

Three time NCAA All-American track and field pole vault, 1998-02

Professional Membership / Organizations / Community service

College Art Association

Society for Photographic Education

Madison County Arts Council

Art St. Louis

Special Olympics-
Volunteer
La Crosse, WI

By the Waves
Volunteer Web Designer & Consultant