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EDUCATION

2008 M.F.A., Major: Sculpture; University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2004 B.F.A., Major: Sculpture; Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2018-2020 Associate Professor of Sculpture, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
2012- 2018 Assistant Professor of Sculpture, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
2012 Spring Sculptor in Residence, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
2011 Fall Visiting Professor of Sculpture, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
2008-2011 Instructor of Sculpture and Foundations, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
2009-2011 Ad Hoc Appointment to Graduate Faculty, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
Spring 2009 Interim Head of Sculpture Department, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
2008 Instructor of Record (Beginning Sculpture) and Graduate Teaching Assistant (Direct Metal), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2007 Instructor of Record (Beginning Sculpture) and Graduate Teaching Assistant (Metal Casting), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2007 Graduate Teaching Assistant (Metal Casting and Book Arts), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant (Direct Metal and Beginning Sculpture), University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2005 Printmaking Technician, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS/ AWARDS

2019

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2018

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2016

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO

2015

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- Artist-in-Residence Family Grant, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN

2014

- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- 2013
- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
 - 1st Prize of the 15th Annual Contemporary Invited and Juried Exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
- 2012
- Faculty Professional Development Grant, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
- 2011
- Open Studio Artist Fellowship, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- 2007-2008
- Portfolio Scholarship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006
- Fellowship, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2000-2004
- Dean's List of Academic Achievement (eight semesters), Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 "Ore Line IV" a performative event at the Crested Butte Art Center, Crested Butte, CO
- 2017 "Ore Line III" a performative event at the Crested Butte Art Center, Crested Butte, CO
- 2016 "Red Mountain Ore Line," a performative event at the Crested Butte Art Center, Crested Butte, CO
- 2015 "Mount Crested Butte Ore Line," a performative event at the Crested Butte Art Center, Crested Butte, CO
- 2012 "Artist-in-Residence Solo Exhibition", Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
- 2007 "Wood Blocks," Solo Exhibition, Beth Allison Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2005 "Paintings and Sculptures," Solo Exhibition, Beth Allison Gallery, Kansas City, MO

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

- 2019
- "50x50" University of Minnesota Cast Iron Art Alumni ,invitational group show, The quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota, Regis Center for Art, Minneapolis , MN
- 2017
- "National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art & Practices: Curated Professional Exhibition", Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, Birmingham, AL
 - "Iron on White", selected invitational exhibition, Crested Butte Art Center, Crested Butte, CO
- 2016
- "That Would be Chaos" Colorado Mesa University faculty exhibition, 437 CMU art gallery, Grand Junction, CO
 - "Bliss Fishing" four person group exhibition, Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
 - "Fire+Iron=Art" national juried exhibition, Curtis Arts and Humanities Center, Greenwood Village , CO
- 2015
- "Fired: Iron, Ceramics and Glass," The Arvada Art Center, Arvada, CO
 - "18th Art and Artist Celebration," Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
 - "Breaking the Mold," Group Exhibition, National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Historic Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
- 2014
- "Return of the Metal Workers," Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
 - "Iron.Stone Symposium," Additions to Permanent Collections, Pedvale Open Air-Museum, Sabile, Latvia
 - "Ghosts" Invitational Group Exhibition, Todd Weiner Gallery, Kansas City, MO
 - "CMU Faculty Group Exhibition," Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
- 2013
- "15th Annual Contemporary Invited and Juried Exhibition," Western Colorado Center for the Arts, Grand Junction, CO
 - "Iron Tribe," Invitational Group Exhibition, Burriss Hall Art Gallery, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
 - "Future Cast," Group Exhibition, Cohen Center and Gallery, Alfred University School of Art and Design, Alfred, NY
- 2012
- "16th Art and Artist Celebration" Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, Minnesota
 - "Taking Denver" Faculty Group Exhibition, Studio 12, Denver, CO
 - "Iron Organism" National Juried Exhibition of Cast Iron Sculpture, Burchfield-Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY

2011

- “Millennium Sculpture: Concept, Craft, Tradition and Trends in American Sculpture,” Invitational Group Exhibition, The Dorothy Uber Bryan Gallery, Fine Arts Center, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- “15th Art and Artist Celebration,” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- “Shishi-Odoshi,” Performance Exhibition, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Birmingham, AL

2010

- “40th Faculty Exhibition,” Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- “Carnival,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- “Ripe,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Keyhole Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- “14th Annual “Iron Artist Exhibition,” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- 7th Annual “Paradise Pour Exhibition,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Columbus Art Center, Columbus, IN

2009

- “39th Faculty Exhibition,” Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- “Bootleg Exhibition, Volume One,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Bootleg Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- 6th Annual “Paradise Pour Exhibition,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Columbus Art Center, Columbus, IN
- 13th Annual “Iron Artist Exhibition,” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- “Iron Pour Blood,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

2008

- “M.F.A. Thesis Exhibition,” Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- “18 x 24 x 32,” Group Exhibition, Gallery 13, Minneapolis, MN
- 12th Annual “Iron Artist Exhibition,” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN

2007

- “Wicked Matter,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Larson Gallery, St. Paul, MN
- “Scholarship Award Show,” Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- “Annual” Iron Artist Exhibition” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN

2006

- 10th Annual “Iron Artist Exhibition,” Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- “Above the 49th Parallel,” Invitational Group Exhibition, The Label Gallery, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
- “Iron 2006” Exhibition,” 5th International Conference on Cast Iron Art, Coalbrookdale, UK

2005

- “Group Exhibition,” Beth Allison Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- “Radillac Crew,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Chait Galleries, Iowa City, IA
- “Fresh Works,” MFA Group Exhibition, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- “Fat Buddha and Little Rabbit,” Group Show, Leedy-Voulkos Art Center, Kansas City, MO
- “At That Moment I Was An Artist,” Invitational Group Exhibition, Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD
- “Group Show,” Beth Allison Gallery, Kansas City, MO

SYMPOSIA/ VISITING ARTIST LECTURES / WORKSHOPS

2018

- Assistant Coordinator/ 5 week Artist Residency Co-Director, Community Collaborative Hot Metal Pour, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- Professional Juror, Down town Grand Junction “Art on the Corner”, Juried outdoor sculpture public art competition, Grand Junction, CO

2017

- Artist Lecture, Crested Butte Art center, Crested Butte, CO
- Facilitated as the lead artist at the Crested Butte Art Centers 3rd annual Community Collaborative Iron Pour and Mold making workshop, Crested Butte, CO

2016

- MARBLE/Marble, stone carving residency at the MARBLE/marble institute in Marble, CO
- Artist Lecture, Crested Butte Art center, Crested Butte, CO
- Facilitated as the lead artist at the Crested Butte Art Centers 2nd annual Community Collaborative Iron Pour and Mold making workshop, Crested Butte, CO

2015

- Artist Lecture, New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM
 - Artist Lecture, Crested Butte Art center, Crested Butte, CO
 - Facilitated as the lead artist at the Crested Butte Art Centers 1st annual Community Collaborative Iron Pour and Mold making workshop, Crested Butte, CO
 - Assistant Coordinator/ 5 week Artist Residency Co-Director, Community Collaborative Hot Metal Pour, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN 2014
- 2014
- Iron.Stone Symposium, Pedvale Open Air Museum, Pedvale, Latvia
 - Visiting Artist for Large Mold Making Workshop, University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO
- 2013
- Visiting Artist for Large Mold Making Workshop, Arizona State University, AZ
- 2012
- Artist Lecture, Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, CO
 - “Three Dimensional Symposium At the Park” Artist Lecture, Franconia Sculpture Park, MN
- 2011
- Artist Lecture, Alfred University, Alfred, NY
 - Visiting Artist Lecture, Binghamton University, Binghamton, NY
 - Artist Lecture :“Three Dimensional Symposium At the Park” Artist Lecture, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- 2010
- Artist in Residency, Wickerson Studios, Kansas City, MO
 - 7th Annual “Paradise Pour” Community Iron Pour, Columbus, IN
- 2009
- Mold Making Demonstration and Workshop, Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, OH
 - “Exquisite Corpse” Foundations Workshop, Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN
 - 6th Annual “Paradise Pour” Community Iron Pour, Columbus, IN
 - Summer Cast Iron and Mold Making Workshop, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
- 2008
- “Intuitive Mold Making Workshop” and Cast Iron Workshop, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
 - 2nd Indiana Cast Iron Biennial Symposium, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006-2012
- Assistant Coordinator, Community Collaborative Hot Metal Pour, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia, MN
- 2006
- 1st Indiana Cast Iron Biennial Symposium, Indianapolis, IN
 - Manitoba Voyager Snow Sculpting Symposium, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

CONFERENCES

- 2019
- Conference Demonstrator: “New Approaches to Draftable Pattern Making and CNC Technologies”, National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Historic Landmark Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
- 2018
- 8th International Conference on Cast Iron Art, Conference Demonstrator: “New Approaches to Draftable Pattern Making and CNC Technologies”, Keystone Iron Works, Scranton, PA
- 2017
- Conference workshop facilitator: “Iron Casting Workshop at Wickerson Studios”, 27th International Sculpture Conference: “Intersections and Identities”,(ISC) Kansas City, MO
 - Conference Demonstrator: “New Approaches to Draftable Pattern Making and CNC Technologies”, National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Historic Landmark Furnaces, Birmingham, AL
- 2015
- National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Historic Landmark Furnaces, Birmingham, AL, steering committee member and participant in panel discussion: “Extreme Mold Making”
 - “Iron Tribe” Western Alliance of Cast Iron Sculptors Conference, New Mexico Highlands University Art Department, NM
- 2014
- 4th Biennial Western Cast Iron Art Conference, Laramie, WY

- 7th International Conference on Cast Iron Art, Chair of the Iron/Stone Symposium and Co-Chair of the Demonstration Pour, Pedvale Open Air Museum, Pedvale, Latvia
- 2013
- “Iron Tribe” Western Alliance of Cast Iron Sculptors Conference, New Mexico Highlands University Art Department, NM
- 2012
- “Nor’ Easter” Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Sculpture, Buffalo State University, Buffalo, NY
- 2011
- National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, Birmingham, AL
- 2010
- 3rd Indiana Cast Iron Biennial Symposium, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
 - 6th International Conference on Cast Iron Art, Kidwelly, Wales, UK
- 2009
- National Conference on Cast Iron Art, Sloss Furnaces National Historic Landmark, Birmingham, AL
- 2008
- 2nd Indiana Cast Iron Biennial Symposium, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006
- 5th International Conference on Cast Iron Art, Coalbrookdale, England

COMMISSIONS

- 2014 Edition of Bronze Mini’s for the Grand Junction Legends Committee, Enstrom Project, Grand Junction, CO
- 2010 Cast Iron Sculpture, Mitsuo Kakutani, Richmond, IN
- 2008 Painting, Vesta Restaurant, Iowa City, IA
- 2006 Stainless Steel Sculpture, Chris Larson, Minneapolis, MN
- 2004 Bronze Garden Statuary, Jay Markel, Denver, CO

COLLECTIONS/ GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Pedvale Open Air Museum, Sabile, Latvia
 Wickerson Studios, Kansas City, KS
 Gallery 13, Minneapolis, MN
 Topper Johnson Collection, Kansas City, MO
 University of Minnesota Music Library, Minneapolis, MN

ARTICLES, REVIEWS, CITATIONS, DOCUMENTARIES

- 2016
- “Bliss Fishing at the Art Center” by Ashton Collett, Felicia Meartinex and Vincent Fronczek, *The Criterion*, Volume 86, Issue 9, Oct. 25th 2016.
<http://thecrite.com/coloradomesau/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Page-3-9.pdf>
- 2015
- Reviewed in: “Iron, Ceramics and Glass are Hot in: Fired, at the Arvada Center,” by Michael Paglia in the *Westword News Paper*, Denver CO
<http://www.westword.com/arts/iron-ceramics-and-glass-are-hot-in-fired-at-the-arvada-center-7285743>
 - Photographed in: “That’s So Metal,” by Petar Dopchev, *Crested Butte Newspaper*, Crested Butte, CO
<http://crestedbuttenews.com/2015/09/thats-so-metal/>
- 2014
- Iron.Stone Symposium Documentary by Maris Strautmanis
<http://vimeo.com/98619876>
 - Interviewed on Talsi Television, Talsi, Latvia
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kh1E7WVvtis>

- Latvian News Article on Iron Stone Symposium
http://www.satori.lv/raksts/7531/Pedvales_Brivdabas_makslas_muzeja_atklatas_desmit_jaunas_%09skulpturas

- Magazine Profile article "Casting Spells" Maverick Magazine by Arn McConnell
<http://catalog.e-digitaleditions.com/i/278863/22>

2013

- Colorado Mesa University Iron Pour Documentary:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Et_NJgnRqeE&feature=youtu.be
- Rocky Mountain PBS, "Western Bounty" Documentary:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oOgOaOkjtc&feature=share&list=PLCE39F122DE77885D>
- Mentioned in: " Little US Trips" Discover America, September 16th :
<http://littleusatrips.org/2013/09/16/franconia-sculpture-park/>

2012

- Mentioned in: " Hot Metal Pour Features Sculptors and Live Music" Country Messenger, St. Croix, WI, July 17th 2012
- Interviewed and Photographed in: "Artistic Wonderland Exists in Middle of Nowhere Minnesota" Chicago Sun Times, June 25th, by Dave Hoekstra:
- Photographed in: "Franconia Sculpture Park is Unexpected Wonder" by Maja Becksrom, September 11th, Twin Cities Pioneer Press:
http://www.twincities.com/travel/ci_18854155

2010

- Mentioned in and photographed in "In Their Element: Crowd Gathers for Molten Magic of Iron Pour" by Brian Sanders, *The Republic*, Columbus, IN, September 25th:
http://www.therepublic.com/view/local_story/Iron_Pour_9_25_2010
- Mentioned in "Another Bootleg Exhibition" Indianapolis, IN, May 14th :
<http://on-the-cusp.blogspot.com/2010/05/another-bootleg-exhibition.html>
- Mentioned In "O is for Oscar", Wickerson Studios Blog, Kansas City, KS, May 26th:
<http://wickerson.blogspot.com/2010/05/o-is-for-oscar.html>

2005

- Mentioned in "Tour du Clay Show Medium's Recent Evolution", by Glen McNatt, *The Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, MD, March 10th

PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY / ACADEMIC SERVICE

University/Community Service

2012- 2020

- Member of the Public Art on Campus and 1% Towards the Arts Committee, Colorado Mesa University

2013- 2020

- Member of the "Art on the Corner," Community Sculpture Program Committee, Grand Junction, CO

Facilities Improvement

2012-2020

- Received external university funding based on my written justifications for new sculpture technologies and facilities improvements: Swift Mix Sand Muller, 48" Slot Hearth Forge, 4'x8' CNC router, 3D printer, \$70,000.00 worth of donated wood shop equipment as well as facility improvement on a new wood shop space, TIG welder, ceramic shell investment slurry mixer and two fluidizing beds for the foundry and a OSHA-approved safety addition to the existing bronze furnace, Plasma Torch, and a pressure blast sandblasting cabinet, at Colorado Mesa University.

2015-2017

- Member of the Graduate Curriculum Committee, Colorado Mesa University
- Member of the Integrity, Ethical and Responsible Conduct Committee, Colorado Mesa University

2012- 2013

- Construction of tools, equipment and a cast iron furnace to incorporate new casting technologies into sculpture curriculum at Colorado Mesa University

Student Organization Advising

2013- 2017

- Faculty Advisor, Sculpture Guild, Colorado Mesa University

2008- 2011

- Faculty Advisor, Sculpture Club, School of Art, Bowling Green State University

Faculty Juror

2012-2017

- Member of the Faculty BFA Student Review, Colorado Mesa University

2009- 2011

- Portfolio review for acceptance into the Bowling Green State University School of Art

2008- 2011

- Undergraduate Student Exhibition, School of Art, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Events/Demonstrations Hosted

2013-2019

- Host of Annual Colorado Mesa University Art Department Open House Iron Pour Event "Artboberfest"