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EDUCATION

- **MFA in Studio Art**,
Montclair State University 2011
- BFA in graphic design,
Trenton State College 1994
- Art Institute of Philadelphia
1989-1990
- Art Education course work,
The College of New Jersey 1998
- Classroom Management Instruction
through Positive Behavior
Management for ADD/ADHD, Sept.
2003 Raritan County College
- Non-Profit Art Business course work,
Fall 2006, Montclair State University
College 2010
- Living with ADD, Nov. 2005 MACSA
Teachers Convention.
- Stage Craft Design, Fall 2006,
Raritan County College

CERTIFICATIONS

NJ State Teachers Certificate

ACSI Teachers Certificate

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Board of Directors, Watchung Art
Center; Watchung, NJ - 2009
- Creative Director - Liquid,
Millington, NJ – 2001-2006

CREATIVE SKILLS

- Project and program development
- Painting | Sculpture | Ceramics
- Stone carving | Woodworking
- Airbrushing | Graphic design
- Web design | Strategic planning
- Mold making | Stagecraft | Welding
- Creative development | Social media

COMPUTER SKILLS

- PowerPoint | Word | Excel
- Adobe Illustrator | Photoshop
- Indesign | ImageReady
- Dreamweaver | QuarkXPress
- Acrobat Pro | Adobe Lightroom

TEACHING CREDENTIALS

Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts, Nyack College, Nyack and NYC, NY. 2009-present

- *Developed and taught curriculum for Introduction to the Fine Arts, Art History I, Painting and Drawing courses*

Teaching Assistant, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ. – 2008-2009

- *Painting and Introduction to 3D design*

Teaching Assistant, Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation, Colorado College, CO. – 2008-2009

- *Painting and Drawing*

Lecture Presenter, Voorhees High School Glen Gardner, NJ – 2009

Teacher of Art 7th-12th grade, SCA – 2004-2008

- *Integrated and taught fine art and computer skills, graphic design, art history, world cultures and creative journaling techniques to enhance creative, personal and professional growth*
- *Integrated New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards within lesson objectives, thus creating a diverse, multicultural learning environment*
- *Prepared and taught unit and lesson plans while integrating classroom dynamics and teaching methods*
- *Investigated appropriate materials and artistic techniques vital to a fertile and creative atmosphere*

Art Department Chair K-12th grade, Somerset Christian Academy – 2004-2008

- *Created K-12 art program, developed curriculum and objectives*
- *Designed classroom space, technology integration and furnishings*
- *Managed facilities, budget proposals and purchasing for supplies*
- *Hired and managed staff*
- *Assisted in school wide strategic development and implementation of vision*
- *Designed and directed stage craft for school productions*

Panelist – Lecture Presenter, “Enter In: Arts Conference” Zarephath, NJ – 2006

Lecture Presenter, Somerset Christian College, Zarephath, NJ – 2005

Executive Director and founder, Gravity Inc. arts 501(c)(3) organization – 2001-Present

Founded and created an arts organization dedicated to shaping and impacting culture through artistic integrity and recognizing potential and unleashing talent

- *Guest speaker at college seminars, workshops and conferences*
- *Created and managed a team of directors*
- *Conducted leadership training*
- *Mentored young artists, teaching art skills and giving professional guidance*
- *Developed programming, coordinated itinerary, planned workshop content*
- *Facilitated meetings, discussions and interviewed guest speakers, booked performance talent*
- *Coordinated performances and showcases, designed instructional program and recruited instructors*
- *Designed and taught fine arts workshops*

Substitute Teacher, Warren Hills High School – 2003-2004

Substitute Teacher, Great Meadows Middle School – 2003-2004

Director and founder, The High Ground Adventure Co. – 1997-2001

Founded and created an experiential based initiative that promoted relationship development, skills and teambuilding

- *Educated groups on appropriate equipment safety and skills resulting in higher customer confidence*
- *Arranged travel plans, guided small groups, coordinated itinerary for guided excursions*

TCNJ Practical Experience – September 1996-April 1997

- *Researched and developed unit and lesson plan strategies*
- *Explored pertinent skills, and knowledge for planning and teaching art classes on the secondary level*
- *Integrated clinical field experiences for and observed grades K-12*

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL FIELD EXPERIENCE

20 years experience in graphic design and advertising, 5 years experience in art direction and web design,

- *Presented* conceptual ideas with input for marketing and branding strategies to prospective clients
- *Designed and directed* web, print and tradeshow media for various consumer, pharmaceutical, and technology markets: advertising, corporate identity, website design, promotional material, animation, packaging, CD covers
- *Managed* project development and the creative process within strict deadline parameters and budget restrictions
- *Taught* professionals one on one in computer graphics
- *Trained* creative staffs in graphics software applications, increasing team's overall productivity
- *Assisted and taught* students computer graphic applications and computer hardware troubleshooting
- *Increased* productivity through rapid acclimation into current projects

EXTENDED WORK HISTORY

2002-2003 - Art Director, Marketing Edge Group

1998-2004 - Freelance Art Director, Various agencies

1998-2000 - Art Director/Digital Media Director, JK Design

1990-1998 - Contract Graphic Designer, Various agencies

1999-2001 - Software Training Consultant

1993-1994 - Graphic Designer, The College of New Jersey

1992 - Airbrush Artist/T-shirt Designer, Great Adventure Theme Park

1991 - Graphic Designer, Max Graphix, Berlin NJ

1990-1991 - Graphic Designer CQ Publications/Ad Lib Advertising

1988-1989 - Graphic Designer, Art Graphix

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2011** "Of Metal and Bone", Solo's Project House, Open Door's Festival Newark, NJ
- 2010** "Nothing in Site" Installation, Finley Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2010** Watchung Art Center, Watchung, NJ
- 2010** "Self-Pretense" Installation, Finley S. Gallery - special projects room, Montclair, NJ
- 2010** Monterey Towers Opening, Watchung, NJ

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2012** "The Armory Show" Fountain Art Fair, NY (Coming March 2012)
- 2011** "10th Edition of Art Basel Miami Beach", Miami, FL
- 2011** "8th Annual Fresh Meat / Young Blood", SICA, Longbranch, NJ
- 2011** "Montclair State University MFA Thesis Exhibit", Sideshow Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2011** "YooDaMan", Finely Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2010** "Don't look now", MSU MFA, Index Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2010** "Open Doors Festival – Studio tour", Newark Arts Council, NJ
- 2010** "Collect this", 239 Collective Gallery Newark, NJ
- 2010** "Into the void", Index Gallery Newark, NJ
- 2010** "Montclair State MFA group show", Index Gallery, Newark, NJ
- 2010** "The Italian-American" Watchung Art Center, Watchung, NJ
- 2010** "Début opening showcase", Solo's Project House, Newark, NJ
- 2009** "Parkway Studios showcase and tour" Bloomfield, NJ
- 2009** "Narrative Art" Watchung Art Center, Watchung, NJ
- 2009** "Intentionally Untitled" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2009** "From Across the River" Steuben West Gallery, Brooklyn NY
- 2008** "Incorporeal" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2008** "Portals and Port-Smiths" Finley S. Gallery, Montclair, NJ
- 2006** "Enter In: Arts Conference", Zarephath, NJ
- 2002** "Gravity Artist Exhibition", Dancing Goat Gallery, Orange, NJ
- 2001** "Gravity Artist Exhibition", Dancing Goat Gallery, Orange, NJ
- 2000** "CBGB's Artist Showcase", New York, NY
- 1999** "Metro Arts Festival – Artist Showcase", Liberty State Park, NJ

SELECTED AWARDS and JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2010** Honorable Mention: "Clash of the Artist " Art For Progress, NY, NY
- 2009** Best in show: "Juried Exhibition" Watchung Art Center, Watchung, NJ
- 2009** Finalist: "My Art Space, 2009 Miami Competition" Aqua Art Miami Exhibition, Miami, FL
- 2009** Finalist: "Art in Action" International Arts Movement -Tribeca Performing Arts Center, NY
- 2009** William Nagengast Award: "Juried Member exhibition" Somerset Art Assoc., Bedminister, NJ
- 2008** Juried Exhibit: Somerset Art Association, Bedminister, NJ
- 2008** Honorable Mention: "Juried Member Exhibition" Visual Art Center, Summit, NJ.
- 1992** 1st place: Painting, "Juried Exhibition" The College of NJ, NJ
- 1989** 1st place: "DECA", State Outdoor Advertising competition, NJ
- 1989** 1st place: "DECA", Regional Outdoor Advertising competition, NJ