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EDUCATION

Teaching and Learning

Illinois State University, Normal, IL | 2022-2023

MFA *cum laude* | Fine Art Photography

Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA | 2009

BA | Art Education, emphasis on Darkroom Photography | Minor in Communications

Goshen College, Goshen, IN | 2002

Certification:

Student-at-Large | Advanced Ceramics

Eureka College, Eureka, IL | 2015

Student-at-Large | Assessment in Art Education

Art of Education University, Osage, IA | 2017

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Art, Goshen College

Goshen, IN | 2024-present

Courses Taught: ART255: Photography, ART204: Ceramics, ART304: Ceramics II, ART404: Advanced Ceramics, ART312: Teaching Visual Arts, ART108: Digital Design

- Reworked art education course to include current research and methodology.
- Began reaching out to local school districts to form a relationship between the college and local high school art departments.

Photography, Advanced Placement, and 3D Art Teacher, Metamora Township High School

Metamora, IL | 2018-2024

Courses Taught: Darkroom Photography, Sculpture, Ceramics, Art One

- Created two new courses: Ceramics and 3D Design & Craft.
- Increased enrollment in 3D art classes by 25%.
- Served on various committees, including MTHS Steering Committee and Homeroom Committee – a group of professionals that wrote social-emotional curriculum for students.
- Became trained in newest Advanced Placement testing requirements and offered AP 3D for the first time at the school.
- Increased local community outreach by displaying student work at local venues, galleries, and in the local paper.
- Started an Art Club that is open to all students and meets once a week before school (2019-present).
- Began a fine arts journal in collaboration with the teachers from the English department. The book is printed and then sold at a large art show and poetry reading held at the school which features artists from the published book.
- Served in professional learning communities that focused on various aspects for curriculum development.

- Increased the number of area art competitions that students competed in from 2 shows a year to 5 shows a year, giving students real-world experiences as working artists.
- Served as Writing Club Advisor (2019-2021).
- Served as Assistant Yearbook Advisor (2021-present).
- Opened up the classes to new art experiences through multiple field trips and guest speakers within the field of art.

Art Teacher, Eureka Middle School

Eureka, IL | 2016-present

Courses Taught: 5th Grade Art, 6th Grade Art, 7th-8th Grade Art Explore, Photoshop

- Increased visual art displays within the school by 25%
- Created a school-wide spring arts show in collaboration with the music department.
- Served on a committee that researched standards-based assessment and grading.
- Served on a committee researching differentiated instruction across many subject matters.
- Created multiple all-school and multi-generational art experiences throughout time employed.

Art and Photography Teacher, Morton High School

Morton, IL | 2014-2016

Courses Taught: Photography, Art One, Art Two, Drawing, AP Studio Art, 2-D, 3-D

- Increased enrollment in visual art classes from one semester class per year to ten semester classes and increased the number of shows students participated in yearly from one to five.
- Rebuilt and designed a program of studies to better prepare art students for college while exposing more of the student body to art.
- Increased community exposure to the work of students by increasing the participation in art shows from one show a year to over four shows a year.
- Started first ever student-run fine arts journal and artist reception which was highly attended by the community.
- Freshman class sponsor.

Art Teacher, Morton Junior High School

Morton, IL | 2014-2015

Course Taught: Introduction to Art

- Taught 8th grade exploratory class.

Art Gallery Coordinator and Adjunct Art Faculty, Illinois Central College

East Peoria, IL | 2013-2014

Course Taught: Art Appreciation

- Managed art galleries on campus, as well as student workers employed by the galleries.
- Recruited and curated student artists for the student gallery on campus.
- Planned and hosted a portfolio day for high school students in the area. Added the first artist reception, which brought over 100 prospective parents and students to the art department on a single night.
- Planned and coordinated *Arts Week* – a weeklong event that exposed students, faculty, staff, and community members to different forms of art throughout the week.
- Wrote an entire job manual in order to promote consistency in the gallery coordinator position moving forward.

Art and Photography Teacher, Washington Community High School

Washington, IL | 2004-2011

Courses Taught: Darkroom Photography, Digital Photography, Advanced Digital Photography, Independent Study Photography, Art One, Drawing, Advanced Placement Studio Art Portfolio

- Proposed, audited, wrote curriculum, and implemented college-level Advanced Placement courses in 2-D Design, 3-D Design, and Drawing.
- Proposed and implemented curriculum for a Digital Photography course and laboratory, and later added an Advanced Digital Photography course. As of my departure in May 2011, these courses were the most in-demand courses in the art department.
- Partnered with a member of the English department to create an annual fine art journal featuring juried artwork and creative writing by students. The journal continues today.
- Initiated various mural projects for the students. One project includes working with Make-a-Wish foundation in order to install a mural at the Children's Hospital in Peoria, IL.
- Initiated the art department's involvement in the annual Mid-Illini Technology Exposition.
- Established the Fine Arts Department's involvement in the regional Scholastic competition.
- Collaborated with teachers across multiple disciplines in the development and expansion of the high school's annual Renaissance Fair.
- Started the local artist series; meant to expose students to local artists in the town they lived in, arranging local field trips during classroom hours to visit studios and the artists at work.
- Expanded the number of student art exhibitions from two to six per year.
- Lead art students on a trip abroad that focused on art from Paris, Florence, and Rome.
- WCHS Speech Team Coach. 2005-2007

Adjunct Art Faculty, Robert Morris University

Peoria, IL | 2007-2008

Course Taught: Humanities

- Taught art appreciation to non-art majors from the school of business.
- Exposed students to a wide variety of fine arts, including dance, theatre, music, and visual arts.

Art Instructor, Heartland College and McLean County Art Center

Bloomington, IL | 2003-2004

Courses Taught: Darkroom Photography, Getting to Know Your Camera, Painting

- Wrote summer camp painting curriculum for junior high art students.
- Taught classes for adults, young adults, and children.

Art Director and Instructor for Early Childhood, Chesterbrook Academy

Bloomington, IL | 2003-2004

- Wrote and implemented the first art curriculum for kindergarten and preschool classes, as well as the after-school program.
- Gained a better understanding of early childhood art education and practice.

Student Teacher, Kenwood Academy High School

Chicago, IL | 2002

Courses Taught: Photography One and Photography Two

- Student-taught in an inner city school on the south side of Chicago.
- Learned the value of diversity in an art classroom.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Sole Proprietor & Artist

T.Wysefisher Art and Design

Eureka, IL & Goshen, IN | 2013-present

Resource Person & Artist-in-Residence

Corrymeela Community Centre

Ballycastle, Northern Ireland, UK | 2011-2013

Sole Proprietor, Photographer, & Metalsmith

Bonithno Designs

Peoria, IL | 2005-2011

Owner and Curator

Venue Art Gallery and Wine Social

Washington, IL | 2008-2009

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Darkroom Printing (Film and Paper Processing)
- Alternative Photographic Processes (Cyanotype, Liquid Emulsion, Pinhole, Camera Obscura)
- Medium and Large Format Photography
- Digital Printer Profiles
- Transparency Film and Printing
- Drawing
- Various Printmaking Techniques
- Ceramic (Handbuilding, Throwing, Glazing, and Firing)
- Painting (watercolor, oil, and acrylic)

ART-SPECIFIC EXHIBITIONS & COMMISSIONS

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| 2025 | <i>Art Faculty - Current and Retired Show</i> , Group Show, Hershberger Gallery, Goshen, IN |
| 2025 | <i>Refractions</i> , Solo Art Show, Hershberger Gallery, Goshen, IN |
| 2022 | Mural for local church. |
| 2021 | Mural for residential home, Eureka, IL |
| 2020 | Mural for school wall, Metamora, IL |
| 2019 | Ceramics and jewelry sales, Home & Farm Artisan Market, Eureka, IL |
| 2015 | Pumpkin Festival Photography Show, Professional Division, Morton, IL |
| 2014 | Faculty Art Show, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL |
| 2013 | Commissioned Series, <i>City and Sea</i> , Davey Village Opening, Corrymeela, Ballycastle, N. Ireland, UK |
| 2009-2010 | Showcased work at Venue Art and Wine, Washington, IL |
| 2008 | Commissioned Piece, <i>Broken Down</i> , Academy of Art University, San Francisco, CA |
| 2008 | Academy of Art University Spring Arts Show Juried Competition, San Francisco, CA |
| 2007 | Juried Lilac Art Festival - Participating Artist, Eureka, IL |
| 2007 | Mid-Illini Teachers Art Show, Morton, IL |
| 2005-2007 | Studio 222: Bloomington, IL |
| 2005 | Juried Sugar Creek Arts Festival: Normal, IL |
| 2002 | <i>Strength</i> , Senior Art Exhibit in Photography: Goshen College, Goshen, IN |
| 2001 | Best-of-Show in Photography: Goshen College, Goshen, IN |
| 2000 | Best-of-Show in Metal Jewelry Design: Goshen College, Goshen, IN |

LECTURES, PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

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| 2025 | Metalsmithing workshop, Grand Haven, MI |
| 2025 | Artist residency at The Putney School, Putney, VT |
| 2023 | Led workshop on relaxation through art for district-wide K-12 teachers, Metamora, IL |
| 2022 | Attended National Art Education Association National Convention, New York, NY |
| 2021 | Attended Illinois Art Education Association State Convention, Normal, IL |
| 2019 | Led workshop on Social Media in the Classroom for high school teachers, Metamora, IL |
| 2018 | Attended Illinois Art Education Association State Convention, Normal, IL |

- 2017 Attended Art of Education graduate level course on Assessment in Art, Online
- 2016 Attended National Art Education Association National Convention, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Attended Illinois Art Education Association State Convention, Lisle, IL
- 2013 Presented *Storytelling with Photography*, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 2012 Presented *Making an Art Installation*, Demonstration and workshop inspiring a group of “non-artists” create photographic art that tells a story. Corrymeela Community, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland, UK
- 2012 Presented *Creating a Student-Run Fine Arts Journal*, Presentation and Display, National Art Education Association National Convention, Seattle, WA
- 2010 Attended Illinois Art Education Association State Convention, Lisle, IL
- 2008 Attended *Advanced Placement* course training for Studio Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 2007 Presented *Starting a Fine Arts Journal with No Funding*, Presentation, National Art Education Association National Convention, New York, NY
- 2007 Presented *Digital Photography as a Curriculum Tool*, Demonstration and presentation, K-12 educators in Math, Science, English, and Reading at the Washington All-District Teacher Conference, Washington, IL
- 2006 Attended National Art Education Association National Convention, Chicago, IL
- 2006 Attended Art Educators Conference, College of Creative Studies, Detroit, MI
- 2005 Attended Adobe Professional Photo Imaging Conference, Peoria, IL

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

- 2026 Mininger Grant, Goshen College, Goshen, IN
- 2025 Mininger Grant, Goshen College, Goshen, IN
- 2021 PNC Education Grant, Metamora, IL
- 2017 Delta Kappa Gamma Early-Career Educator Grant, Eureka, IL
- 2016 Morton Community Foundation Grant, Morton, IL
- 2015 PPP Grant, Morton High School, Morton, IL
- 2012 Excellence in Education Award, Washington Community High School, Washington, IL
- 2011 Presenter at National Art Education Association National Convention, Seattle, WA
- 2011 National City Bank Education Grant, Washington, IL
- 2010 Washington Community High School Board of Education Grant, Washington, IL
- 2010 The Mary Packwood Art Classroom Grant from Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2007 Presenter at National Art Education Association National Convention, New York City, NY
- 2007 The Mary Packwood Art Classroom Grant from Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2006 Recipient of The Mary Packwood Art Classroom Grant from Illinois State University, Normal, IL

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“**Contemporary Art Center Artists**,” Contemporary Art Center, 2015, <http://www.peoriacac.org/Directory/Artist%20Directory.html>

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“**ICC Revives Art Week**,” *Ciproud*, April 21, 2014. <http://www.centralillinoisproud.com/news/top-local-news/icc-revives-art-week>.

Heidi Bowman, “**Working for Peace in Ireland**,” *Woodford County Journal*, September 6, 2013. 1 and 4.

“Love, Acceptance, and Belonging at Corrymeela.” *Corrymeela Community*, May 2012. 13.

Jonathan Wright, “Venue Blooms in Washington,” *Art & Society*, November-December 2008.24-26.

Andrea Roth, “We Just Want to Be Part of This,” *Peoria Journal Star*, December 18, 2008.

INTERNATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND ART TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

2025	Seoul, South Korea
2023	Northern Ireland, Scotland, and England, UK
2015	Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2011-2013	Various Locations, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
2012	Doolin, Dublin, and Galway, Republic of Ireland
2012	Marrakech and surrounding area, Morocco
2012	Amsterdam, Holland
2012	Brussels and Bruges, Belgium
2011	Edinburgh and Glasgow, Scotland
2008	Seoul, South Korea
2007	Paris, France
2007	Florence, Milan, Pompeii, Siena, and Rome, Italy
2004	Uberaba, Brazil
2000	Belfast and Londonderry, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom
2000	Barcelona, Spain
2000	Paris, France
2000	Rome, Italy
2000	London, England

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021-2022	Promotional Photographer, St. Jude Eureka Run, Eureka, IL
2020-present	Roanoke Mennonite Church Board Member, Eureka IL
2019	Fine Art Photographer, Mennonite Relief Sale, Bloomington, IL
2016-present	Community Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Coordinator and Founder, Eureka, IL
2016-present	Promotional Photographer, Roanoke Mennonite Church, Eureka, IL
2014-2017	Art Instructor, Korean Language Class, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
2014-2018	Etc. Shop Board Vice President and Marketing Photographer, Eureka, IL
2013-2018	Eureka Business Association Member, Eureka, IL
2016	Designer, Illinois Mennonite Women’s Retreat, Tiskilwa, IL
2015	Pumpkin Festival Art Show Judge and Speaker, Morton, IL
2015	Designer and Photographer for Mennonite Women Conference, Morton, IL
2014-2015	Service and Fellowship Co-Chair, First Mennonite Church, Morton, IL
2014	Art Instructor, Eureka Public Library, Eureka, IL
2013-2015	Promotional Photographer, First Mennonite Church, Morton, IL
2013-2015	Thanksgiving Basket Coordinator, Morton, IL
2013-2014	Picture Person, Davenport Elementary School, Eureka, IL
2011-2012	Director of Christmas Open Day, Ballycastle, Northern Ireland, UK
2012	Community Forgiveness Mural, Randallstown Primary School, Northern Ireland, UK
2010	Make-A-Wish Foundation Student Mural, OSF Saint Francis, Peoria, IL
2009-2010	Washington Cherry Festival Planning Committee, Washington, IL
2008-2009	Washington Chamber of Commerce, Washington, IL

2008 D.O.O.R. (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection) Denver, CO
2007 Brochure Design & Printing, Washington Community High School, Washington, IL
2006 Brochure Designer, Sisterhood of the Traveling Dress, Washington, IL

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Art Education Association (2004-present)

Women's Caucus for Art (2025-present)

National Council of the Education of Ceramic Arts (2026-present)

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