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TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Proficiency in clay and glaze formulation and mixing. And reduction, oxidation, soda, and Raku kiln firings.
- A broad knowledge of ceramic hand building and throwing techniques and practices, as well as decorative and surface development techniques.
- A working knowledge of:
 - o Mold making and slip-casting
 - o Bronze casting and of foundry procedures for ceramic shell and Styro burn-out
 - o Ceramic gas-kiln construction and maintenance. Electric kiln maintenance
 - o Wood-shop practices and procedures: stationary, portable, and hand tools

EDUCATION

| 2015 | Master of Fine Arts, Concentration in Ceramics, Minor in Sculpture |
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| | Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA. |
| 2008 | Bachelor of Fine Arts, Concentration in Ceramics |
| | University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME. |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| 2015-Present | Visiting Assistant Professor and Studio Technician. Ceramics, Sculpture & 3-D Printing Technology Alma College, Alma, MI | | | |
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| 2013-2015 | Graduate Assistant for the Ceramic Department, Edinboro University. Edinboro, PA | | | |
| 2014 | Visiting Instructor, Lee Rexrode's Introductory Ceramics Class, | | | |
| | Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA(two-week lesson) | | | |
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| 2013-2014 | Instructor, Raku Workshop, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA | | | |
| 2013 | Ceramics Tutor, Lee Rexrode's Introductory Ceramics Class student | | | |
| | Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA(two hand-building lessons) | | | |
| 2014 | Visiting Artist, Cambridge Middle School, Cambridge, OH | | | |
| | Visiting Artist, Villa Maria Academy, Erie, PA | | | |
| 2013 | Artist Talk, McDonough Museum of Art. Youngstown, OH | | | |
| | Visiting Artist, Triple Threat, Youngstown State University Ceramics Department, | | | |
| | Youngstown, OH | | | |
| 2012-2013 | Graduate Assistant in Furniture Design and Wood Working, Edinboro University. Edinboro, PA | | | |
| | Graduate Assistant in Printmaking, Edinboro University. Edinboro, PA | | | |
| 2010-2011 | Ceramics Instructor, Breakwater School. After School Enrichment. Portland, ME | | | |

RESIDENCIES

2016 Second Annual Arrowmont Pentaculum. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

| 2015 | Instructor Assistant, Thaddeus Erdahl. Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN |
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| 2014 | Studio Assistant, Thaddeus Erdahl, Nature Nurture. Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC |
| 2010-2012 | Wool Dyeing Technician, Ramblers Way Farm, Saco ME |
| 2010 | Studio Manager, Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts, Newcastle, ME |

Clay Instructor, Mudmobile, Watersheds Community Outreach Van/Classroom, Damariscotta River Arts, Damariscotta, ME Studio Assistant, Cristina Cordova, Ultrafiguracion, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC 2009-2011 Teaching Assistant, Eddie Dominguez, Studio Based Learning Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME 2009-2010 Ceramics Instructor for Hand-Building, Portland Pottery, Portland ME **Teaching Assistant, Sharon Townshend, Maine Crafts Association Workshop Weekend,** 2009 Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, ME Gallery Associate, Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland, ME 2008-2009 2004-2007 Studio Technician Assistant, University of Sothern Maine Art Department, Gorham & Portland, ME

AWARDS

2008

2014

2015 **1**st **Place-Graduate Level**, Keystone Collegiate Exhibition.

Brockway Center for Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA

- Juried by Bill Strickland

Best in Show, Student Juried Show. Bruce Gallery Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Jurors Award, 39th Annual October Evenings Juried Exhibit. Meadville Council for the Arts,

Meadville, PA

Best in Show, Student Juried Show. Bruce Gallery Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA **B.F.A. Exhibition Purchase Award**, University of Southern Maine Art Collection

Art Discipline Award in Ceramics, "For Academic and Artistic Achievements,"

David Schneider, University Of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME

2007 Art Discipline Award in Ceramics, "For Academic and Artistic Achievements,"

Ray Chen, University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2016 **Earth Water Fire**, Pheonix Gallery, Lawrence, KS

Profit Margin, Charlie Cummings Gallery, Gainesville, FL

2015 **MKB Graduate Exhibition**, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA

The Migration: MFA Thesis, Performing Artists Collective Alliance, Erie, PA (solo Exhibition)

Student Juried Show, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA 100 Best Potters: NCECA/Providence, Pots on Wheels, Providence, RI

Keystone Collegiate Exhibition, Brockway Center for Arts and Technology, Brockway, PA

-Juried by Bill Strickland

More Than Just a Job, A Watershed Center Exhibition. New Bedford Art Museum.

New Bedford, MA

USM Faculty and Alumni Invitational, University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME

Zanesville Prize For Contemporary Ceramics, Syler Gallery, Zanesville, OH Merging Media: Invitational, Meadville Council for the Arts, Meadville, PA

Glazed By Fire: Atmospheric Invitational, Taos Clay Studio, Taos, NM

Erie Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA

-Juried by Sergei Isupov

Student Juried Show, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA Critics Choice: Invitational Exhibit, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME Portland Show: 7th Invitational Biennial, Greenhut Galleries, Portland, ME

PLAYDATE. Juried Show, The Ceramics Center, Cedar Rapids, IA

NCECA National Student Juried Exhibition, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design,

Milwaukee, WI

2013 4 Sight, Candidacy Exhibition, Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Drinking Vessel Invitational, Stonewall Gallery, Campbell Pottery Store and Gallery,

Cambridge Springs. PA

Chimera 11 Juried Exhibit, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA

39th Annual October Evenings Juried Exhibit, Meadville Council for the Arts, Meadville, PA

Graduate Art Association, Bates Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Edinboro MFA Ceramics, Bliss Hall Gallery, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH

Student Juried Show. Bruce Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

Over the River and Through the Woods, Bates Gallery, Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA

2012 Chimera 10 Juried Exhibit, Erie Art Museum, Edinboro, PA

38th Annual October Evenings Juried Exhibit, Meadville Council for the Arts, Meadville, PA

Mill-ennial, Juried Exhibition, Saco Museum/Dyer Library, Biddeford, ME In The Current: A Fish Exhibition, Common St Gallery, Waterville, ME Portland Show: 6th Invitational Biennial, Greenhut Galleries, Portland, ME

Gallery Artist, Flat Iron Gallery, Portland, ME 2011-2012

CODA Conference MCA Members' Exhibition, Eastland Hotel, Portland, ME 2011

Alumni Show, The University of Southern Maine, Gorham, ME 2010

> Ceramic Sculptures, Fore River Gallery, Portland, ME Ultrafiguracion, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC Contiguous, Crimson Laurel Gallery, Bakersville, NC

On The Line, Stable Gallery, Damariscotta, ME

2009 Fish-Birds and a Snail, Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland ME (Solo exhibition)

Seascapes and Vessels, Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland ME

Art 2009. Annual, Juried art show, Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME

RISE to The Occasion, Rise Gallery, Portland, ME Summer Salon, Daniel Kany Gallery, Portland ME

Produce: BFA Senior Thesis, University of Southern Maine Art Gallery, Gorham, ME

Earth, Air, Fire, Water. USM Kidder Gallery, Gorham, ME

MEMBERSHIPS

2008

2012-2014 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Graduate Art Association

2013 • Vice President

2012-2015 Edinboro University of Pennsylvania Clay Club

2014-2015 • President • Kiln Monitor 2013-

2006-2007 & 2013-2016 NCECA

Maine Crafts Association: Center for Maine Craft 2009-2011

PRESS

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Kany, Daniel. "Art Review: Art Gallery Show Is a Wide-Ranging Delight." Portland Press Herald [Portland, Maine] 26 Sept. 2010, Arts and Entertainment sec.: n. pag. Print.

Yale Kamilla, Avery. "Mutated Sea Life Fills Kany Gallery." Portland Press Herald [Portland, Maine] Jan. 2009, Switch Magazine sec.: n. pag. Print.