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Education	and	Training

1998-2000	Undergraduate Studies, Ceramics	Halifax, NS, Canada
	The Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	
1984-1989	M.A. Architecture, The University of Washington	Seattle, WA, USA
	Masters Thesis: Dwelling in Asian Architecture	
1973-1975	BFA with Distinction, Studio Art, University of Colorado	Boulder, CO, USA
1968-1970	Undergraduate Studies with Distinction, Studio Art	Waltham, MA, USA
	Brandeis University	

Residencies		
2016	Residency, Traditional Chinese Ceramic Media and Methods	Jingdezhen, PRC
	Jingdezhen, PRC; the Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute, 7 weeks	
	Individual tutorials in quinhua and fencai decorative traditions	
2009	Tutorial: Traditional Chinese Decorative Techniques	Jingdezhen, PRC
	Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute, 5 weeks	
	Tutorials with porcelain masters: gucai; quinhua	
2001	Tutorial: Traditional Chinese Decorative Techniques	Jingdezhen, PRC

Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute, 3 weeks

Individual tutorials, porcelain decoration: gucai; quinhua; porcelain carving

### **Apprenticeships**

1970-1987 Apprenticeship, Design Boulder, CO, USA

Chögyam Trungpa, Rinpoche

At the age of 19, I began an individual design apprenticeship with Chögyam Trungpa, Rinpoche, the renowned artist and meditation master credited with bringing Tibetan Buddhism, and Buddhist inspired culture known as the Shambhala Lineage, to the West. This formative training featured a design process mixing Eastern and Western forms and principles in a unique aesthetic. The apprenticeship evolved into a close collaboration and independent work in the design of iconography, graphics, heraldry, jewelry, corporate icons, regalia, brocade, architectural interiors and graphics.

1996- Apprenticeship, Traditional Chinese Fengshui

The Xuankong School and the Land Wisdom Lineages of Traditional Chinese Fengshui Traditional apprenticeship to a Lineage Carrier of the Xuankong School of Traditional Chinese Fengshui; collaboration on diverse projects including fengshui-based master planning, architectural design and heraldry/iconography for residential, institutional and commercial international projects.

#### Exhibitions

(Spring 2021)	"Good Earth, the Pots and Passion of Walter Ostrom	Waterloo, Ontario, CA
	The Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery	
October 8	"Good Earth, the Pots and Passion of Walter Ostrom	Halifax, NS, CA
	The Art Gallery of Nova Scotia	
Fall 2020	"Craft Year 2020"; Juror's Choice Award	Halifax, NS, CA
	Craft Nova Scotia Members Exhibition, Mary Black Gallery	
2020	Summer Ceramics Exhibition, Studio 21, July-August	Halifax, NS, CA
2019	"Materiality and Perception in Contemporary Art"	Fredericton, NB, CA
	Marion McCain Exhibition of Atlantic Art, Beaverbrook Art Gallery	
2019	"Gina Stick: Ceramics", Studio 21, March 29 - May 1	Halifax, NS, Canada
2018	SOFA Chicago 2018	Chicago, ILL, USA
2017	FORM Miami, December 2017	Miami, FLA, USA
2017	SOFA Chicago 2017	Chicago, ILL, USA
2016	"Ritual Objects of Everyday Life" Solo Exhibition	Halifax, NS, Canada
	Mary Black Gallery, July 13-August 27	
2015	Gallery@Acts Fine Craft	Halifax, NS, Canada
2015	NSDCC Members Exhibition, Juror's Choice Award	Halifax, NS, Canada
2014	Gallery@Acts Fine Craft, Ceramics (Juried Show)	Halifax, NS, Canada
1980	58th Art Director's Annual, The New York Art Director's Club	New York, NY, USA

2020 Craft Nova Scotia Juror's Choice Award, Craft Year 2020 2016 Arts Nova Scotia Professional Development Grant NS, Canada Residency in Traditional Chinese Ceramic Media and Methods Jingdezhen, PRC, September 02 - October 30 2015 NSDCC Juror's Choice Award Halifax, NS, Canada Best in Show, Craft Year 2015 Members' Exhibition, Mary E. Black Gallery 2015 Arts Nova Scotia Creation Grant NS, Canada A provincial grant for the creation of new work 1980 Distinctive Merit, Graphic Design NY, NY, USA The New York Art Director's Club 1978 Award, Graphic Design **USA** 

### Installations

1977 ARTREK, Denver Museum of Art, Denver, Colorado.

Interior Design, Exhibition Display (Center Design Studio, Inc.

Excellence in Graphic Design, Printing Industries of America

A museum on wheels: a travelling exhibition selected from the Museum collections, installed in a large semi-truck that toured the state.

## Professional Design Experience

1992- Design and Consulting Services Halifax, NS, Canada

Residential, Commercial and Institutional Architectural, Graphic and Fengshui-based Design and Consulting

Architecture: Land use planning; Space Planning; Architectural Design; Project

Management; Sacred Architecture

Graphics: Corporate ID; Logotypes; Advertising; Print Media; Marketing/Presentation

Feng-shui: Evaluation; Design; Land Evaluation, Acquisitions and Planning

April, 2016- Ceramic Studio Artist Halifax, NS, Canada

Hand-thrown, one-of-a-kind porcelain objects, entirely hand-painted with Asian-based under-glaze and over-glaze enamels and lusters.

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designed for a western usage and sensibility.

1988-1990 Paul Pierce Associates, Architecture Seattle, WA, USA

Architectural Designer: multi-unit and mixed-use housing.

1980-1984 Kensington Jewelers Boulder, CO, USA

Architectural interior and custom furnishings design; corporate identification and advertising.

Custom jewelry design (precious gem) and display

1975-1980 Center Design Studio, Inc. Boulder, CO, USA

Co-Founder / Owner

Commercial, institutional and residential architecture; landscape architecture; graphics;

publication design; advertising and marketing

Clients included: The Denver Art Museum, The Denver Symphony Orchestra, The Arvada Center for the Performing Arts, Naropa Institute, The Saudi Arabian Public Transportation Corporation

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1973-1980 Art Director, Vajradhatu International Boulder, CO, USA

Corporate Identity, Graphics, Product Design, Heraldry, Publicity and Advertising, for Vajradhatu International and affiliated urban and residential facilities and centers

# Appointments; Art and Culture Leadership and Community Service

2011	Appointment: Artist to the Kalapa Court	Halitax, NS, Canada
2010	The Sakyong's Panel on Shambhala Environments	International
	Architecture, Heraldry, Iconography, Design	
1991-1995	Governor, The Council of Warriors	Halifax, NS, Canada
	Shambhala Community Leadership	
1990-1994	Board of Directors, Shambhala International	Halifax, NS, Canada
1990-1994	Chair, Shambhala International Design Committee	Halifax, NS, Canada

Corporate identity; heraldry, seals, logotypes, banners, heraldry

**Teaching** (Partial Listing)

2015	Dharma Art: Creating a Dharmic Culture	Saco, ME, USA
2010	The Profound Treasury of the Ocean of Dharma Retreat	Fredericton, NB, CA
	Container Principle: Creating Sacred Space	
2010	Public Lecture	Halifax, NS, CA

2010 **Public Lecture** 

Court Principle: Creating Sacred Space

2005 Shambhala Community

Residential and Commercial Development with Fengshui

2004 Assante Wealth Management Halifax, NS, CA

Culture and Sacred Architecture

2005 Mulan, Public Lecture Halifax NS, CA

The Land Wisdom Tradition: The Energy of the Land

2005 Halifax Horticultural Society, Public Lecture Halifax, NS, CA

The Land Wisdom Tradition: The Power Spot

2003, 2004 **Public Lecture** 

The Power of Contemplative Culture

1982, 1983 **Public Lectures** Boulder, CO, USA

Assistant Head of Study and Curriculum Development International

Halifax, NS, CA

Halifax, NS, CA

Vajradhatu Seminaries

1982, 1983 Contemplative Culture International

Vajradhatu

1975-1980 International Education Director, Dharma Art Programs Bedford Springs, PA, USA

A three-month course, Vajradhatu advanced program curriculum

1973-Senior Student, Teacher, Advisor and Meditation Instructor International

Tibetan Buddhist and Shambhala Lineages

Shambhala is a secular cultural teaching and lineage based on the awareness cultivated from

meditation, in which the arts and contemplative arts traditions figure prominently.

# Community Service and Memberships, Craft

2015-2020 The Nova Scotia Potter's Guild Nova Scotia, Canada

2015-2020 NSDCC Nova Scotia, Canada

**Juried Member** 

1971-1975 Center Craft Studio, Craft Cooperative Boulder, CO, USA

Co-Founder/Director

The first crafts cooperative in Boulder, Colorado; multidisciplinary: jewelry, metalwork, weaving,

ceramics

## Publication

Heidi McKenzie, "Gina Etra Stick: Limitless Meanings", Ceramics Monthly, October 2018 Jessica Knapp, Editorial, Ceramics Monthly, October 2018

Stick, Gina Etra. The Kalapa Center Sourcebook: A Sourcebook on Sacred Architecture, 2008.

Stick, Gina. "The K'an-yu of Sacred Architecture." The Kalapa Journal, Volume 4, 2002: 32-39

Stick, Gina, Dwelling in Asian Architecture, Masters Thesis, The University of Washington

Janowitz, Gina. "Intrinsic Symbols: Thangkas and Reality." LOKA 2, A Journal From Naropa Institute, Volume 2,

1976: 86-89.

## References, Ceramics

Walter Ostrom: Emeritus Professor Ceramics, NSCAD Joan Bruneau: Part-time Faculty, NSCAD; Ceramic Artist

Rory MacDonald: Chair, Craft Division, NSCAD; Assistant Professor, NSCAD

Aaron Nelson: Associate Director, Historic Clay District, Medalta

### Representation

Studio 21, Halifax

The Gardener Museum Shop

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Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/ginaetrastick/