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## EDUCATION

- 2018 *Cranbrook Academy of Art*, Masters in Fine Arts - Ceramics
- 2010 *Western Michigan University*, Bachelor in Fine Arts: Emphasis in Photography & Intermedia

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 (*Upcoming*), ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus, OH
- 2018 *Masters of Fine Arts - Thesis Exhibition*, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2010 *Body of Work, BFA Thesis Exhibition*, Eleanor R. & Robert A. Devires Student Art Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2008 *Unique Definition Solo Photography Show*, Dino's Coffee Lounge, Kalamazoo, MI

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *All Media Exhibition*, Detroit Artist Market | DAM, Detroit, MI
- 2018 *Experiencing Perspectives*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Farmington Hills, MI  
*Symbiotic*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit | MOCAD, Detroit, MI  
*Basically 15x50*, G1 Exhibit Space, Pittsburgh, PA  
*M.O.V.E.*, Forum Gallery, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2017 *Experiencing Perspectives*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Farmington Hills, MI  
*DYAD*, David Salkin Creative, Chicago, IL  
*CFE: Small Works*, ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus, OH  
*I Don't Know What You Did Last Summer*, Forum Gallery, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2016 *Live? Laugh! Love...*, Forum Gallery, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015 *Faculty and Student Art Exhibition*, Pontiac Creative Arts Center, Pontiac, MI  
*MI Mud Student Exhibition*, Henry Ford College, Dearborn, MI
- 2010 *Art Hop, Group Exhibition*, Park Trades Center Kalamazoo, MI  
*4x6 Art-Lets, Group Exhibition*, South Haven Center for the Arts,

South Haven, MI

*Inspired Interpretations*, An exhibition of artwork by Western Michigan University Art and Honors Students, Lee Honors College, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

*Society of Photographic Education Midwest Regional Conference Pin-Up Show*, Group Exhibition, Gallery 2121, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

*A Collective Exchange*, Group Exhibition, Gallery 303, Student Art Center, Salisbury, MD

2009 *4:3x15 Video Installation*, Devries Student Gallery, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

## PUBLICATIONS

2019 *Experiencing Perspectives*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Farmington Hills, MI

2017 *Experiencing Perspectives*, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services, Farmington Hills, MI

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2010 *The Laureate Lee Honors College*, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

2009 *Western Herald Western Michigan University*, Kalamazoo, MI

## COLLECTIONS

Maxine and Stuart Frankel Collection

## WORK EXPERIENCE

2018

*Cranbrook Academy of Art*, Department Assistant, Bloomfield Hills, MI

- Assistant to the Artist in Residence with running the department
- Handle all scheduled events
- Make sure fellow students are up to date on events going on around department

2016-2018

*Cranbrook Art Museum*, Assistant, Bloomfield Hills, MI

- Install/Uninstall shows
- Handle artworks
- Document artworks
- Building maintenance

*Cranbrook Art Academy - Wood shop, Assistant, Bloomfield Hills, MI*

- Make sure all equipment is running properly
- Help students work through their projects and ideas
- Maintain the shop to keep it in working order and clean

2017

*Mayco, Designer, Columbus, OH*

- Formulate new glaze recipes
- Test glazes
- Deliver exceptional, friendly and fast service

2014-2016

*Epsilon, Art Director Auburn Hills, MI*

- Determine which photographs, art, or other design elements to use
- Talk to clients to develop an artistic approach and style
- Determine how best to represent a concept visually
- Present designs to clients for approval other printed material

2011-2013

*Collaborative Advantage Marketing, Foodworks, Marketing Design & Coordinator Birmingham, MI*

- Responsible for design layout, graphics and overall aesthetics of presentations, direct mail pieces, constant contact email blasts and other printed material
- Assist in packaging label development and product mock up creation
- Create concepts and color palette options
- Experience with adhering to brand style guides
- Responsible for designing and maintaining company product portfolio
- Product Photography

2010

*South Haven Center for the Arts, South Haven, MI*

- Assist in installing and deinstalling exhibits
- Help organize, record and clean the permanent art collections

- Assist in mailings and membership renewals
- Maintain a digital photo resource/database of past exhibits and future exhibits

2009

*Western Herald Photographer, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI*

- Take photographs to record stories
- Attend events
- Edit images for newspapers

2008

*323 East/Ohm Digital Design Intern, Royal Oak, MI*

- Work on possible website layouts
- Design flyers, ads and promotions
- Make business cards for other designers and workers
- Take pictures of special events held by company
- Sit in during business meetings with clients.

2005-Present

*California Pizza Kitchen, Somerset Mall, Troy, MI*

- Works well under pressure
- Train new staff
- Deliver exceptional, friendly and fast service