

Jeff Kuratnick

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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Developed an expansive ceramics program over the course of 5 years: Created a kiln yard at Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art: built 40 cu. ft. downdraft gas kiln; 35 cu. ft. wood/ soda/ salt kiln, and 10 cu. ft. raku kiln. Managed & Enhanced Throwing/ Handbuilding Studio (14 potter's wheels, clay extruder, slab roller, pug mill); Glaze Laboratory (3 electric kilns and full chemical inventory): Supervised ceramics studio technician and artist in residence programs.

Increased student attendance by 400% for Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art's Ceramics Program. 100 annual 2012; 500 annual 2017.

Secured funding from and developed programming for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' *Museum Access for Kids Program*: bringing 400 students with special needs from 8 North Central Montana School Districts to Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art for exhibition tours and ceramic arts programming at no cost to schools.

Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art selected in 2017 as State of Montana administrative lead for all sites regarding John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts' *Children's Visual Art Discovery Programs*. In addition to visual arts programming, the museum is responsible for providing educational consultation and administrative support to programs cities and host sites across the state, including: Great Falls, Missoula, Miles City and Lewistown.

CURRENT POSITION

- 2017 – **Master of Fine Arts Candidate, Ceramics**
Premium Welch Fellowship | Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
Graduate Certificate Candidate, Non Profit Management & Social Enterprise
Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2016 – **Research Consultant**
The Marks Project: The Dictionary of American Studio Ceramics 1946 – Present, Riverside, CT

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2012 - 17 **Education Director**
Department Head | Ceramics Area Head, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- 2010 - 11 **Coordinator of Interpretive Programs**
Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science and Art, Scranton, PA

COLLEGE LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Instructor of Record**, 3D Design, Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- 2015-17 **Guest Lecturer in Clay & Glaze Chemistry**, Montana State University| College of Technology, Great Falls, MT
- 2015 **Visiting Artist/ Lecturer**, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA
- 2014 **Visiting Artist/ Lecturer**, Art Seminar (ART 297) Lecture, Brigham Young University, Rexberg, ID
Visiting Artist/ Lecturer, Careers in Art Seminar, University of Great Falls, Great Falls, MT
- 2010 **Ceramics Continuing Education Instructor for K-12 Educators**, Northeast Educational Intermediate Unit 19, Archbald, PA

RESIDENCIES

- 2018 **Short Term Residency**, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, Montana

EDUCATION

- 2009 **Bachelor of Arts**, Art Education Certification (K–12), Ceramics Concentration, **(3.77/4.00 QPA)**, Shippensburg University, PA
- 2006 **Coursework in Art Education**, Keystone College, La Plume PA

SELECTED EXHIBITION RECORD (*denotes solo exhibition)

- 2018 **22nd San Angelo National Ceramic Competition**, (juror, Peter Held), San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts, San Angelo, TX
- Group Exhibition**, Glass Room Gallery, Lamar Dodd School of Art, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- 2016 **Ceramics Invitational 2016**, Kauffman Gallery, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA
- Small Works Exhibition** (concurrent with National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference), Steeple of Light Art Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- Small Works from a Big State**, The Clay Studio of Missoula, Missoula, MT
- 2015 **Montana Clay: The Past, Present & Future of Ceramics Under the Big Sky**, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- The Effects of Utility**, University of Great Falls Library Installation, University of Great Falls, Great Falls, MT *
- 2014 **Ceramics Invitational**, The Shape Gallery, Shippensburg, PA
- 2013 **Grounded**, Portal Gallery, Great Falls, MT
- For the Senses**, Marquis Art Gallery, Wilkes Barre, PA
- 2013 National Juried Exhibition**, South Arkansas Art Center, Merkle Gallery, El Dorado, AR
- 2012 **Sphere of Influence Invitational**, Linder Gallery, Keystone College, La Plume, PA
- Valdosta National 2012**, Valdosta State University Gallery, Valdosta, GA
- 2011 **Moscow Clayworks on the Hudson**, Frank Giorgini's Broderick Fine Art Gallery, Freehold, NY
- Roberson Regional**, Roberson Museum, Binghamton, NY
- Pink Ribbon Invitational Exhibition**, Luzerne County Community College, Nanticoke, PA
- Summer Exhibition**, Artists for Art Gallery, Scranton, PA
- Essentials**, Main Street Gallery, Carbondale, PA
- Diverse City**, ArtWorks Gallery & Studio, Scranton, PA
- 2010 **Inner City Outward Reach Music Alive Program Invitational**, Melberger Arts Center, Scranton, PA
- North Eastern Pennsylvania Regional**, The Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA
- Fire and Rust**, ArtWorks Gallery and Studio, Scranton, PA
- 2009 **Feetings: Monumental Sculpture Installation**, (temporary), Third and Market Streets, Philadelphia, PA
- Alumni Art Exhibition**, Linder Gallery, Keystone College, La Plume, PA
- 2008 **N.A.E.A. Exhibition: Art Teachers/ Students' Creations Dedicated to Hurricane Katrina Survivors**, Ernst N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA
- Stone Steel and Wood**, H. Ric Luhrs Performing Arts Center, Shippensburg, PA

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 **Lead Curator**, Go West: Post War Ceramics (*Wildenhain, Senska, Voukos, Natzler, Prieto, Trinitas, Melchert*), Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- 2015 **Lead Curator**, Montana Clay: Founding Mudders & Potters Exhibition, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- Co-Curator**, Montana Clay: Current Members Exhibition, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- 2013-16 **Co-Director**, Portal Gallery, Great Falls, MT
- 2012-16 **Lead Curator**, Annual Vision Strength & Access Student Exhibition, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT

2010 **Guest Curator**, Moscow Clayworks, Moscow, PA

PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

Brigham Young University Ceramics Department, Rexberg, ID

Everhart Family Collection, Tyler, TX

Moscow Clayworks, Moscow, PA

Richard Notkin, Vaughn, WA

University of Scranton President's Office, Scranton, PA

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

ArtWorks Gallery & Studio, Scranton, PA

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Boehm, Dr. Edward Jr., Sondra Meyers, and Drake Gomez. *William Tersteeg Sphere of Influence*. La Plume, Pennsylvania: Keystone College, 2012.

Bowland, Julie. *Valdosta National 2012 Catalog*. Valdosta, Georgia: Valdosta State University Fine Arts Gallery, 2012.

Harrison, Robert. *Sustainable Ceramics a Practical Approach*. Westerville, Ohio: The American Ceramics Society, 2013.

Reintjes, Brandon, "Hope & Possibility in Montana Clay," *Ceramics Monthly*, January 14, 2016, <http://ceramicartsdaily.org/ceramics-monthly/article/hope-and-possibility-in-montana-clay/>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 **Conference Presenter** - Montana Arts Council/ Office of Public Instruction: Montana Arts Education Leadership Summit - Myrna Loy Center for the Visual & Performing Arts, Helena MT
Visiting Artist Workshop, C.M. Russell High School, Great Falls, MT
- 2015 **Host Site Coordinator** – Montana Clay Annual Meeting, Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
Demonstration | Montana Clay, Helena State Capitol Building, Helena, MT
Visiting Artist Workshop (high school & adult), Moscow Clayworks, Moscow, PA
Shippensburg, PA
- 2014 **Conference Panelist**, *Filling the STEM Pipeline*, Montana National Girls Collaborative Project Conference, Montana State University – Helena College, Helena, MT
- 2013 **Public Lecture**, *Ceramic Art History & Montana's Sense of Place* (in conjunction with Josh DeWeese Exhibition), Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Great Falls, MT
- 2011 **Artist in Residence** (co-residency), Pre-K – 3rd Grade, Scranton School District, Scranton, PA
- 2010 - 11 **Ceramics Instructor** (Persons with Special Needs), Artworks Gallery and Studio, Scranton, PA
- 2010 **NCECA Presenter's Assistant**, Ben Culbertson's *Vegetable Oil Based Alternative Fuel Combustion Burner Systems for Insulating Fire Brick or Ceramic Fiber Kilns*, (engaged in research, project and presentation execution) National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 2008 - 09 **Ceramics Studio Technician**, Shippensburg University Art Department, Shippensburg, PA

INSTITUTIONAL GRANT WRITING & CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- 2017-18 **\$10,000** The Marks Project, Inc. | Southern Highland Craft Guild Documentation Project, Craft Research Fund | The Center for Craft Creativity & Design, Inc. (on-site consulting, field research, grant reporting)
- 2017-18 **\$17,557** State of Montana: Children's Visual Art Discovery Program, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (written, applied, secured)
- 2017 **\$7,825** Auction to Support Paris Gibson Square Museum of Art, Western Heritage Artists, LLC (lead administrator, on-site coordinator)

\$2,500 Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2016-17 **\$17,557** State of Montana Children's Visual Art Discovery Program, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing
 Arts (administered)

2016 **\$2,500** Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2015-16 **\$11,743** Museum Access for Kids Program, John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2015 **\$2,500** Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2014 **\$5,000** Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Community Development Block Grant (CBDG)
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

\$2,500 Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

\$1,000 Girls Game Design Course Support, Montana Girls STEM Collaborative
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2013 **\$3,000** Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Community Development Block Grant (CBDG)
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

\$2,500 Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

2012 **\$2,500** Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Kingsbury Memorial Trust Grant: U.S. Bank
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

\$2,068 Art Education Support for Persons with Special Needs, Community Development Block Grant (CBDG)
 (written, applied, secured & administered)

\$5,000 Exhibitions & Education Support, Browning Kimball Foundation (administered)