

EDUCATION

Roger Williams University School of Law, Summa Cum Laude, 2020

Masters of Studies in Law, Community Leader Fellowship

Rhode Island School of Design, 2014

BFA with Honors, Painting | Concentration, English Arts

EXPERIENCE

Co-Director | U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, Providence RI, Mar 2020 — Present

- Coordinate network of 30k+ artists, organizers and cultural workers prefiguring a role of the state
- Build organizational capacity, deepening donor and funder relationships, and cultivating new funding leads
- Expand and maintain diverse partnerships with nonprofits, organizations and cultural institutions
- Support and oversee team of organizers, volunteers, 35-person Advisory Board and others
- Manage daily operations, including project management, time tracking, payroll and finances

Assistant Professor | Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI, Sept 2022 — Present

- Create and execute syllabi for full-time teaching course load, including courses in MFA Painting Graduate 2nd-Year Critique course, Foundations of Drawing, and Senior Painting Degree Projects

Adjunct Professor | Roger Williams University, Bristol RI, Sept 2020 — June 2022

- Create and execute syllabi for three courses: 'Intermedia' mixed media course for undergraduate visual arts majors, 'Professional Practices,' and 'Foundations of Drawing'

Chairman | Providence Board of Canvassers, Providence RI, Aug 2020 — Aug 2023

- Oversee all municipal elections processes for the City of Providence
- Recruit, train and support pollworkers, volunteers and others before and during all election activities
- Hold hearings and oversee rulings for appropriate challenges and disputes between candidates
- Certify election results for all municipal elections

Director of Public Policy | The Nonviolence Institute, Providence RI, Mar 2016 — Aug 2020

- Plan and execute organization's public policy advocacy in violence reduction and criminal justice reform
- Create position papers, testimonies, press conferences and other collateral in line with policy strategy
- Cultivate relationships with broad coalition of legislators, organizations and community members
- Manage team of staff and volunteers creating and overseeing organization's database and reporting

Homicide Victim Advocate | The Nonviolence Institute, Providence RI, Oct 2014 — Mar 2016

- Provide direct case management and emergency services to victims of violence and homicide
- Offer support to the family of homicide victims through visits, legal advocacy and other ways
- Coordinate educational forums, mutual support sessions, and other events
- Document client contacts and services, maintain data collection and reporting procedures

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025

The Dead Teach Me How To Die By Letting Me Wildly Live | Brown University Lindemann Arts Center, Providence, RI

Resonance | Nancy Devine Gallery, Warren, RI (two-person)

2024

We Live Until | Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI (solo)

2023

An Historical Correction Experienced with Sight | University of New Hampshire Museum of Art, Durham, NH (solo)

2022

But Mostly We Waited for Spring, When There Could Be Gardens | Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA (solo)

Conference Call | Skowhegan Exhibition Space, New York, NY, (two-person)

To See is to Forget | Dowling Walsh Gallery, Rockland, ME (solo)

Portales: Reimagining the Future | Waterfire Arts Center, Providence, RI

2021

The Current of American Water | Dowling Walsh Gallery, Rockland, ME (solo)

In Cages with Lions | Herreshoff Museum, Bristol, RI

Ali Youseffi Project Exhibition | Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

Tacit, Facet...Small and Mighty | Brookline Arts Center, Brookline, MA

2020

In The Clear | Sistered Gallery, Portland, ME (two-person)

New American Paintings' COVID-19 Affected Artists | Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA

State of the Art II | Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

2019

We Speak Upon the Ashes | Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA (solo)

2019 New England Biennial | deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA

SOM | Abington Gallery, Penn State, Abington, PA

A Blacker Landscape | University of Rhode Island, Providence Gallery, Providence, RI (solo)

2018

The Phantom of Liberty: Contemporary Works in the RISD Museum Collection | RISD Museum, Providence, RI

Coded. | Boston Center for the Arts; Mills Gallery, Boston, MA

NAVA | Napoleon Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Cosmic Traffic Jam | Zevitas Marcus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS + FELLOWSHIPS

- ***Creative Impact Award Recipient***, Waterfire Arts Center, Providence, RI 2024
- ***Grant Recipient***, Rhode Island State Council of the Arts, 2024
- ***Artist-in-Residence***, Yaddo Corporation, Saratoga Springs, NY, 2022, 2023 + 2024
- ***Community Leader Fellow***, Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI, 2018 — 2020
- ***Chairman***, Providence Board of Canvassers, Providence, RI, 2020 — 2023
- ***Artist-in-Residence***, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento CA, 2021
- ***Member, Board of Directors***, New Urban Arts, Providence RI, 2019 — Present
- ***Member, Board of Directors***, Protect Families First, 2015 — Present
- ***Grant Recipient***, Rhode Island State Council of the Arts, 2020
- ***National Committeeman***, Young Democrats of Rhode Island, 2016 — 2018
- ***Fellowship Recipient***, Art Matters Foundation, 2018
- ***Fellowship Recipient***, Rhode Island Foundation Maccoll Johnson Fellowship, 2017
- ***10 to Watch in 2017***, Providence Monthly Magazine, 2017
- ***Citizen Citation***, City of Providence, 2017
- ***Council Member***, Mayor Jorge Elorza's Advisory Council to Reduce Gun Violence, 2016-2020
- ***Keynote Speaker***, NAACP Freedom Fund Gala, 2016
- ***Community Service Award***, NAACP Providence Branch, 2016
- ***Community Service Citation***, City of Providence, 2016
- ***Community Service Citation***, Office of the Governor of Rhode Island, 2016
- ***Community Service Citation***, City of Pawtucket, 2016
- ***Artist-in-Residence***, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, 2015
- ***Community and Justice Award***, Rhode Island for Community and Justice, 2015
- ***Award for Excellence in Community Service***, RI Office of the Attorney General, 2015
- ***Community Service Award***, RI State Treasurer's Office, 2015
- ***Grant Recipient***, Rhode Island State Council of the Arts, 2014
- ***Fellowship Recipient***, New Leaders Council of Rhode Island, 2014