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EDUCATION

- 2017** **The Pennsylvania State University** | MFA | University Park, PA
- 2011** **Rhode Island School of Design** | BFA (with honors) | Providence, RI
- 2008** **SUNY Suffolk Honors College** | Ammerman Campus | AA Liberal Arts | Selden, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022-Present** **Rhode Island School of Design** | Assistant Professor | Industrial Design | Providence, RI
Courses Taught: Design Principles I | Metal I | Independent studies in Object-based Human Subject Research | Graduate Thesis II | Exhibition Design | Research Design | Graduate Thesis I | Making and Meaning Lab | ID Advanced Studio
Service: ID Tech Committee Chair | E-Lab Chair | SEI Committee | Curriculum Committee | Instructional Committee | Wintersession Committee
- 2023-Present** **RISD Expanded Education** | The Art of Creativity: Leadership program | Creativity Expert
Lectures/Workshops: Engaging Others in the Work, Fostering Creativity in Groups, Charting your Creative Path, Cardboard Collab and Connect
- 2019-2020** **Rhode Island School of Design** | Critic | Industrial Design | RI
Courses Taught: Childhood education and Exhibit Design Independent Study | Graduate Shop Experience | Wood I | Metal I
- 2018** **The University of Maine** | Visiting Assistant Professor | Orono, ME
Courses Taught: Sculpture I | Sculpture II | Sculpture III
- 2015-2017** **The Pennsylvania State University** | Instructor | University Park, PA
Courses Taught: Sculpture for non-majors | Beginning Sculpture
- 2012-2014** **The Steel Yard** | Instructor/Lead Artist | Providence, RI
Courses Taught: Intro to Welding | Intro to Blacksmithing | Advanced Furniture Studio

GUEST LECTURER | VISITING ARTIST

- 2023** **TEDxRISD** | Speaker | Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
Effective Exhibitions Should... | American Association of Museums Conference | Panelist | Denver, CO
- 2022** **Spark Design Summit** | Guest Designer | Cambridge Innovation Center | Providence, RI
Providence Pechakucha | Guest Speaker | Providence, RI
Rhode Island School of Design | How do you get there? w/ Amy Leidtke | Providence, RI

- 2021** **Brown/RISD Master of Art in Design Engineering (MADE)** | Consultant/Facilitator/Critic | Brown University/Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
Yale School of Architecture | Guest Critic | Advanced Studio Final Reviews | New Haven, CT
- 2020** **Manifest Gallery** | Panelist | Cincinnati, OH
Rhode Island School of Design | Guest Lecturer | Interior Architecture | Topics in Exhibition and Narrative Environment | Providence, RI
- 2019-2020** **Brown University** | Guest Mentor | Senior Engineering Design Studio | Providence, RI
- 2019** **Rhode Island School of Design** | Guest Critic | Industrial Design | Design Principles I and II, | Providence, RI
DownCity Design | Guest Mentor, Young Designers Program | Providence, RI
- 2018** **Keystone College** | Guest Lecturer | Sculpture Studio | Factoryville, PA
Recessart | Visiting Artist | Brooklyn, NY
- 2016** **Providence ArtSpeaks** | Guest Speaker | Providence, RI
- 2015** **Harrisburg Area Community College** | Guest Lecturer | Sculpture Studio | Lebanon, PA
- 2008-2017** **Long Island School for the Gifted (LISG)** | Guest Artist/Consultant

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2011-Present** **H|O|D|C Hillel O’Leary Design Consulting** | Principal/Designer/Strategist | Northeastern US |
 Clients Include: Outsider Collective, Heritage Museums and Gardens, Acton Discovery Museum, Boston Children’s Museum, The Steel Yard, Truro Designs, Taylor Box co., Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence Public Library, Hasbro Children’s Hospital, The Dean Hotel, Rhode Island School of Design.
- 2019-Present** **LPISR | Li’IPocalypse Institute for Strategic Research** | Co-Founder/Creative Director | Providence, RI
 Co-created a multidisciplinary collaborative enterprise specializing in creative storytelling, and audience-centered design/development solutions serving community partners.
 Partners Include: Outsider Collective, RI Latino Arts, Roger Williams Park Conservancy, Cambridge Seven, Brown/RISD MADE Program,
- 2019-2020** **Providence Children’s Museum** | Exhibits Creative Director/Design Manager | Providence, RI
 Served as creative director of the Creativity Initiative, a multi-year project that aims to connect kids to local artists and designers to explore the roots of creativity and creative economy building. Collaborated with the Exhibit Developer and exhibit staff in grant-writing research, development, prototyping, installation, and curation.
- 2018** **SUNY Suffolk** | Studio Technician | Fine Arts | Selden, NY
- 2014-2019** **ArtifactIntact** | Mount-Maker | New England | 2014-2019
 Clients include: RISD Museum, Peabody Essex Museum, Harvard University, Anthony Quinn Foundation, Wadsworth Athenaeum.
- 2008-2013** **Providence Children’s Museum** | Exhibit Technician | Providence, RI

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- 2023** **DesignxRI** | Catalyst Program Mentor | Providence, RI
- 2022-Present** **Outsider Collective** | Board Member | Pawtucket, RI
- 2021-Present** **Providence Pechakucha** | Community Cultivation Committee | Providence, RI
Northeast Sculpture Collective | Founding Member | Northeastern US
- 2020-2021** **DownCity Design** | Design Team Member | ReDesign Project | Providence, RI
Provided research, development, and concept design for a new community non-profit design education facility in the West End of Providence.
- 2018** **8th International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art** | Steering Committee Member | Scranton, PA
- 2010-Present** **the Wurks** | Artist Collective Founding member | Providence, RI | 2010-Present
Co-developed the physical operations and collaborative organizational structure for a 20,000 square foot artist collective and project space including wood and metal shops, gallery, and artist studios.
- 2007-2009** **Yellow House Brawlers** | Artist Collective Co-Founder | New York
Provided creative direction, managed exhibitions, artist representation, and logistics.

PUBLIC WORKS

- 2022** **Presence and Absence** (forthcoming) | Site-responsive installation series | In collaboration with the Amesbury Carriage Museum and Amesbury Cultural Council (Funded by the Essex County Community Fund) | Amesbury, MA
- 2020** **Sarid/Measure** | Kennard Sculpture Park | Curators: Allison Newsome, Carolyn Kraft | Site-specific installations | Newton, MA
- 2017** **Thirst** | Site-specific installation | Joya Arte + Ecologia | Los Gazquez, Spain
- 2015** **The Shape of Things (to come)** | Site-specific installation | Breezewood, PA
- 2013** **Bridge** | Public Sculpture | Jenks Park | Central Falls, RI

SOLO/TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2018** **International Sculpture Center On-Track Exhibition**
Two-Person show with Elizabeth Kronfield | Steamtown National Historic Site | Scranton, PA
- 2017** **Brought to Light** (Thesis Exhibition) | Zoller Gallery | State College, PA
- 2015** **The Poetics of Materiality** | Harrisburg Area Community College Lebanon Campus | PA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 **Confluence (forthcoming)** | Boston Sculptors Gallery | Boston, MA

2023 **DesignxRI: A Decade of Design in Rhode Island** | Machines with Magnets | Providence, RI
Stirring + Layering | Boston Sculptor's Gallery | Boston, MA
BADFIT XI | Badfit Gallery | Providence, RI

2022 **Collective Worlds** | Hera Gallery | Juror: Meghan Clare Considine | Wakefield, RI
Wurks in Progress | The Wurks Gallery | Curators: Lois Harada, Julia Gualtieri | Providence, RI
Studies in Industry | Banana Factory Art and Education Center | Curator: Katie Hovencamp
 Bethlehem, PA
Rock Opera | Galleria Giovanni Benelli | Pietrasanta, IT
Newport Biennial | Newport Art Museum | Juror: Dr. Kimberli Gant | Newport, RI
Innovation Exhibition | United Nations Innovation Cell | Curator: Altimeter | NY, NY

2021 **Faculty Show** | Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art | Providence, RI
Little Things Matter | University of Southern Mississippi | Juror: George Beasley | Hattiesburg MS
Juried 31 International | Viridian Artists | Juror: Susan Harris | Chelsea, NY
Real or Imagined | Attleboro Arts Museum | Juror: Clare Bell | Attleboro, MA
National Juried Exhibition | Providence Art Club | Juror: Dr. Jamie Gabbarelli | Providence, RI
Anxiety in a Time of Pandemic | Indiana University Kokomo | Kokomo, IN
Artist's Vision 2021 | Marin Society of Artists | Juror: Kim Eagles-Smith | San Rafael, CA

2020 **Valdosta National 2020** | Valdosta State University | Juror: Claire Dempster | Valdosta, GA
Being In America | Manifest Gallery | Cincinnati, OH
Masc. | Coastal Contemporary Gallery | Curators: Shari Weschler, Michael White | Newport, RI
Staying Relevant | Linder Gallery at Keystone College | Curator: Katie Hovencamp | PA
December Virtual Gallery 2020 | The Greenpoint Gallery | Brooklyn, NY
Art in Isolation | North Dakota Museum of Art | Grand Forks, ND

2019 **Le Pietre Splendenti** | Curator: Roberto Tamagnini /Walter Tognocchi | Garfagnana, IT
Concrete and Adrift | Alexandria Museum of Art | Curator: Megan Valentine | Alexandria, LA

2018 **Into the Void** | Neon Void Gallery | Curator: Megan Tamas | North Adams, MA
Steering Committee Exhibition | Mahady Gallery | Marywood University | Scranton, PA
Abstract Sanctuary 5 | Verum Ultimum | Curator: Jennifer Cutshall | Portland, OR

2017 **Home Economics** | Woskob Family Gallery | Curator: Haley Finnegan | State College, PA

2016 **Hard Copy** | Sala Ex Marmi | Pietrasanta, IT
To the Moon: An Art Expedition | The Wurks Gallery | Providence, RI

2014 **Synthesis** | Keeseh Studios | Providence, RI

- 2013** **Industrial Evolution** | Granoff Center for the Creative Arts | Brown University | Providence, RI
- 2011** **SCCC Alumni Show** | Maurice N. Flecker Memorial Gallery | Selden, NY
- Vicinity** | Keeseh Studios | Providence, RI

CREATIVE DIRECTION

- 2023** **Art Car Derby** | collaboration with the Outsider Collective | Funded by a grant from the John E. Fogarty Foundation | the MET | Pawtucket, RI
- Food for Thought** | in collaboration with Epic Renewal | MIT Museum | Boston, MA
- Presence and Absence** (forthcoming) | Amesbury Cultural Council Gallery | Amesbury, MA
- 2020** **Feeling Real or Really Feeling** | collaboration with Brooke Goldstein and Steven Lubecki
Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI
- Creative Artifacts II** | Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI
- 2019** **Extravagant Properties** | in collaboration with Nick Carter | Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI
- Creative Artifacts I** | Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI
- Air is There** | in collaboration with Pneuhaus | Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI
- 2018** **Acton Discovery Museum** | Supplemental designer, Senior Fabricator | Acton, MA
- 2014** **Taylor Giant** | Taylor Box co. How Design Conference | Hynes Convention Center | Boston, MA
- 2013** **Driving Our Dreams: Imagination in Motion** | Heritage Museums and Gardens | MA
- Nautical Playground** | Lead Artist for the Steel Yard | Paul Cuffee School | Providence, RI
- 2012** **Exterior Architectural Elements** | in collaboration with the Steel Yard and Kite Architects | The Dean Hotel | Providence, RI
- 2011** **Children's Reading Room** | Providence Public Library | collaboration with Providence Children's Museum | Providence, RI

RESIDENCIES | FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022** **Digital Stone Project** | Conference and Residency | Gramolazzo, IT
- 2021** **Monson Arts Residency** (Waitlist) | Monson, ME
- 2019** **CTRI Innovations Residency** | Providence, RI
- 2017** **Joya: Art + Ecologia** | Residency | Los Gazquez, Spain
- 2016** **Digital Stone Project** | Conference and Residency | Gramolazzo, IT
- 2014** **Vermont Studio Center** | Residency | Johnson, VT
- 2012** **Socrates Sculpture Park** | Emerging Artist Fellowship (Finalist) | NY
- 2011-13** **A Better World by Design** | Community Fellow | Providence, RI

AWARDS

- 2023** **John E. Fogarty Foundation Grant** | in collaboration with Outsider Collective | Pawtucket, RI
Conference and Presentation Grant | Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
Professional Development Grant | Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
- 2022** **Essex County Community Fund Creative Community Grant** |
Co-writer: Jessica Neuwirth | Amesbury, MA
Best Event in RI | Pechakucka Providence | Rhode Island Monthly |
Providence, RI
Professional Development Grant | Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
- 2021** **Award of Distinction** | Little Things Matter Exhibition | Juror: George Beasley | Hattiesburg MS
- 2020** **Covid Relief Grant** | Interlace Grant Fund | Providence, RI
- 2018** **Certificate of Recognition** | Luxembourg Art Prize
- 2017** **Master of Fine Arts Fellowship in Painting and Sculpture (Nominee)**
Dedalus Foundation | 2017
- 2016/17** **Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award (Nominee)** |
International Sculpture Center
- 2016** **Autodesk Project Grant** | Digital Stone Project Residency
- 2014** **Vermont Studio Center Artist Grant** | Vermont Studio Center
- 2011** **Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition** | AICU Ambassadorship | Providence, RI
- 2008-11** **RISD Presidential Scholarship** | Rhode Island School of Design | Providence, RI
- 2008** **J. Robert Fisher Memorial Honors Scholarship** | Suffolk County Community College

COLLECTIONS

- United Nations** | Innovation Cell teaching collection | New York, NY
Recessart | Teaching Collection | Brooklyn, NY
Boston Children's Museum | Boston, MA
Heritage Museums and Gardens | Sandwich, MA

PUBLICATION

- What You Bring with You, and What You Take Away: Strategies for Supporting Creativity and Making Meaning in Immersive Exhibitions** | Exhibition Magazine | National Association for Museum Exhibition | Fall 2022 | Co-written with Dr. Jessica Neuwirth

MEMBERSHIPS | AFFILIATIONS

Boston Sculptor's Gallery | Associate Member | Boston, MA
BLDG 20 | Artist Collective Founding Member | Providence, RI
Bruxas Bruxas | Anti-Colonial Queer Futurist Art collective | International
International Sculpture Center | Member | New York, NY

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