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EDUCATION

2017-2020 Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in Painting
Minor in Entrepreneurship
Summa Cum Laude
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

2018 Book Arts in Italy Program
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Florence School of the Arts, Florence, Italy
Schuola de Grafika, Venice, Italy
La Tipoteca, Cornuda, Italy

EXPERIENCE

Summer 2021 Camp Counselor and Art Educator
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lakes, MI

April 2021-Present Substitute Teacher
Livingston County School Districts, EDUStaff, MI

Jan 2021-June 2021 John Kollig Collection Supervisor
Richmond Center for Visual Arts- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Duties included:
Handling, hanging, packaging, and documenting donation of 230+ works by artist John Kollig
- Lead team of gallery assistants in completing condition reports and packaging works

2016-present Illustrator
Fluency Matters, Chandler, AZ

- Developing illustrations for beginner level Spanish language books that enhance the readers understanding of the text

2019-2020 Gallery Technician
Gwen Frostic School of Art- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Duties included:
Handling, hanging, packaging, and documenting works of art
- Operating power tools and machinery including scissor lift and forklift
- Attending to gallery desk during business hours and completing office work regarding donor's system

LeadCorp Intern
Western Michigan University Office of Student Engagement, Kalamazoo, MI

- Organizing and planning activities and retreats for upcoming leaders on Western Michigan Universities campus
- Facilitating activities related to leadership, diversity and inclusion, and teamwork for student organizations on campus

Racial Equity Discussion and Education (R.E.D.E)
United Campus Ministry- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

- Facilitating activities related to exploring identity and dismantling racism through conference attendance and readings

2018, 2019

PeaceJam Mentor

Great Lakes PeaceJam, Kalamazoo, MI

- Mentor a group of high school students through a two-day conference
- Duties included leading groups from one activity to another, facilitating discussions on current world events, and provide emotional support and energy

2019

Peer Mentor

Western Michigan University Office of Student Transitions, Kalamazoo, MI

- Mentor a group of 20+ students by providing office hours and one-on-one tutoring
- Assist with academic and social based problems by providing insight and resource

First Year Seminar Co-Facilitator

Western Michigan University Office of Student Transitions, Kalamazoo, MI

- Complete tasks related to being a teacher's assistant in a leadership-based course: grading papers, facilitating team building exercises, building relationships outside of class with students

Boys and Girls Club Kalamazoo Volunteer

Boys and Girls Club of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI

- Attend weekly meetings and service visits to the Boys and Girls Club
- Entertain children and young teens grades 1-8 through conversation, games, and educational activities
- Assist in solving conflicts among children with limited authority

Letterpress Intern

Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI

- Operating Vandercook printing presses to create works of art
- Maintaining studio and tools by cleaning, and organizing
- Assisting with classes that include, but are not limited to: papermaking, bookbinding, letterpress, and printmaking for all age groups

Learning Community Assistant

Western Michigan University Residence Life, Kalamazoo, MI

- Mentoring of 70+ fine arts students by providing office hours, one-on-one tutoring, and art related events
- Facilitating artistic events that build community within the residence hall and promote creativity and academic success
- Maintaining relationships with students to provide academic and personal guidance

CONFERENCES/ WORKSHOPS

- 2020 *Fine Artist Summit*
Online Conference
- College Art Association Conference*
Chicago, IL
- How to Turn your Art into Income*
Addington Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Summit on Racism: *Bringing the Struggle Home; Addressing Racial Disparities in Education, Health and Housing in Our Community*
Lawrence Education Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- Amos Kennedy: *Letterpress Poster Workshop*
Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- Avolio Glass Workshop
Avolio Glass Studio, Kalamazoo, MI

AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2020 *Director's Service Award*, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI
Gary L. Belleville Student Employee of the Year, Western Michigan University
Hallock Advancement of Education Award, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Art Star Award: Painting, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI
Alpha Lambda Delta- Stemler Study Abroad Scholarship, National Honors Society of Alpha Lambda Delta
Michigan Arts and Cultural Affairs New Leaders Grant, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center
Heineke Institute Study Abroad Scholarship, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2019 *West Michigan Area Art Show*—Fourth Place, Kalamazoo Institute of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Western Michigan University Signature Focus in Diversity & Inclusion, Western Michigan University
Gwen Frostic School of Art Enrichment Grant, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Enrichment Grant, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Jody Brylinski Outstanding P.E.A.K. Experience, Western Michigan University
DeVries Professional Immersion Fund, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Angie Gayman Carmer Art Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Hallock Advancement of Education Award, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Merit Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University

- 2018 *Annual Student Exhibition*—Third Place, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Angie Gayman Carmer Art Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Lydia Siedschlag Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Merit Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Lee Honors College Development Scholarship, Western Michigan University
Hallock Advancement of Education Award, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
- 2017 *Study Abroad Scholarship*, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
Merit Scholarship, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University
National Stuck at Prom Duct Tape Contest—Third Place, Duck Brand Duct Tape

JURIED ART EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *57th Annual MEA/MAEA Art Acquisitions Purchase Exhibition*, Michigan Education Association, MI
Fresh Looks, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
- 2020 *Annual Student Exhibition*, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI
Office for Sustainability's Art Exhibition Wall, Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, MI
Michigan Collegiate Art Exhibition, Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI
You Can't Make Me Sit Straight: Queers on Queerness, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Tulip Time Klompen Garden, Holland, MI
- 2019 *West Michigan Area Art Show*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Annual Student Show, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Annual Jewelry & Metals Student Exhibition, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Annual Sculpture Student Exhibition, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Tulip Time Klompen Garden, Holland, MI
100 years of voting, Ladies Library Association of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI
Michigan Collegiate Art Exhibition, Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI
- 2018 *Annual Student Show* Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2017 *Foundation Exhibition* Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI Michigan
Michigan State University Federal Credit Union, East Lansing, MI
Scholarship Alert Lansing Art Gallery, Lansing, MI

ART EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Button Box, Solo Exhibition, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
Button Quilt, Solo Exhibition, Fowlerville District Library, Fowlerville, MI
- 2020 *Student Slideshow*, Society of North American Goldsmiths, USA
Hot Off the Press, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2019 *Annual Jewelry & Metals Student Exhibition*, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Annual Sculpture Student Exhibition, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
Under Pressure Steamroller Printmaking, Gwen Frostic School of Art, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2018 *Kalamazoo Book Arts Center Study Abroad Exhibition*, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo, MI

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 *Fowlerville college student's senior art exhibition pays homage to family history*, Fowlerville News and Views (Ashlee Buhler) 1-3-2021
Generous gift expands University art collection Western Michigan University News (<https://wmich.edu/news/2021/02/63282>)
- 2020 *'Twist of fate' gives painting grad space to come into her own as an artist*, WMU News (Erin Flynn) 12-14-2020
WMU Alumni Night of Gratitude Featured Student, Western Michigan University, WMU Alumni Office, Online Video 10-21-2020
- 2017 *Yes, these Fowlerville promgoers dressed in Duct Tape*, Lansing State Journal (Kathleen Lavey) 6-18-2017
Local Couple Wins \$3K Scholarship for Duct Tape Prom Attire, WHMI 93.5 FM Livingston County Radio 7-15-2017

MEMBERSHIPS

College Art Association
Michigan Arts Education Association
Phi Kappa Phi
Alpha Lambda Delta Honors Society

References available upon request