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EDUCATION

2020	MFA, Studio Art, Sculpture emphasis University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Nebraska
2016	BFA, Studio Art, Sculpture emphasis BA, Art History, Contemporary and Craft emphasis Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, Illinois. Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020	Spring	Graduate Instructor of Record, Beginning Drawing Art majors and non-majors University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2019	Spring	Graduate Instructor of Record, 3-D Design Art majors and minors University of Nebraska-Lincoln
	Fall	Graduate Instructor of Record, 3-D Design Art majors and minors University of Nebraska-Lincoln Art Camp Instructor LUX Center for the Arts
2018	Spring	Graduate Instructor of Record, Beginning Sculpture University of Nebraska-Lincoln Art majors and non-majors
	Fall	Graduate Instructor of Record, Beginning Sculpture University of Nebraska-Lincoln Art majors and non-majors
2017	Fall	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Beginning Sculpture Art majors and non-majors University of Nebraska-Lincoln

COURSES TAUGHT

Beginning Drawing
Beginning Sculpture
3D Design

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Collection and Exhibition Intern
Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln Nebraska
- 2016 Installation of *Sculpture on Campus Alumni Exhibition*
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Art and Design West Gallery
- Installation of *Patrick Dougherty: A Photo Exhibition*
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Art and Design West Gallery
- Assistant, 386 B Figure Modeling course
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 2015 Assistant, 202A Introduction to Sculpture course
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 2014 Undergraduate Research and Creative Assistant
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

LECTURES

- 2019 Visiting Artist and Lecturer
Northwest Missouri State University
- Visiting Classroom Lecturer, Intermediate and Advanced Sculpture
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- 2017 “A Personal Account of the Intersection of Art History and Contemporary Studio Practice”
6th Annual Art History Symposium
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
- 2016 “Craft Versus Art: An Analysis of an Artificial Divide”
5th Annual Art History Symposium
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- Upcoming *Plastic Prayers* – Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Nebraska
- Down the Road* – Project Project, Omaha, Nebraska
- 2020 *I Poked You Where We Were Connected* – Eisentrager Howard Gallery,
Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2018 *Vessel for Man and Child* – Medici Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2017 *This is My Body* – Medici Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2016 *Sophia Ruppert - Solo Art Series* - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery,
Jupiter, Florida

SELECT GROUP AND JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *The Salina Biennial* – Salina Art Center, Salina, Kansas
Curator Ksenya Gurshtein
- Artists Choosing Artists* – The Burkholder Project, Lincoln, Nebraska
Artistic Director Anne Burkholder
- 2019 *Firsthand* – Northwest Missouri State University, Maryville Missouri
Artistic Director Veronica Watkins

- 2019 *Whiplash* – Tugboat Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Artistic Director Peggy Gomez
Space is Fluid – Architecture Hall, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Curator Adrian Dilva
Indelible – Sink Studios, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Artistic Director Lindsay Epperson
Uncanny Comfortable – Lincoln Calling, Parish Studios, Lincoln Nebraska
 Artistic Director Spencer Munson
- 2018 *Medici 25th* - Eisentrager Howard Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Artistic Director Patricia Davis
Gifted - Lux Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Nebraska
 Curator Katelyn Farneth
Concurrence - The Lee Dam Art Center for Fine Art, Marysville, Kansas
 Artistic Director Angela Sutton-Schmale
- 2017 *Our Daily Armor* - The Virago in Contemporary Art and Adornment,
 Seattle, Washington
 Artistic Director Tracy Cilon
Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
 Juror Margaret Keller
- 2016 *Varsity Art XX* - Art St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
 Artistic Director Robin Hirsch-Steinhoff
The Rockford Midwestern Biennial - Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, Illinois
 Juror Sarah Krepp
Art in the Park, Nokomis, Illinois
 Artistic Director Will Shalter
29th September Competition - Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, Louisiana
 Juror Francis Pavy
Sculpture on Campus - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
 Juror Afruz Amighi
Small Works Art Show, Woodriver, Illinois
 Juror Joe Page
Sculpture on Campus - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois.
 Juror Patrick Dougherty
Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
 Juror Martin Brief
- 2015 *The Twenty-Sixth Cedarhurst Biennial* - Cedarhurst Center for the Arts,
 Mt. Vernon, Illinois.
 Jurors Kathryn Nahorski and David Brinker
Small Works Art Show, Woodriver, Illinois
 Juror Amy Howard
- 2014 *Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition* - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
Sculpture on Campus - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
 Juror Amy Hautt
- 2013 *Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition* - SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois

ONLINE EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Assemblage* – The Olympia Project
 Curators Julia Speed and Sophie Olympia Riese
 Earth Mother II – Envision Arts
 Director Ginger Cochran
- 2017 *All Women Art Exhibition* - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery,
 Jupiter, Florida
 Artistic Director John R. Math
- Abstracts Art Exhibition* - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery,
 Jupiter, Florida
 Artistic Director John R. Math
- 2016 *Open Art Exhibition* - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery, Jupiter Florida
 Artistic Director John R. Math
- Abstracts* - Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery, Jupiter, Florida
 Artistic Director John R. Math

PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 *Space is Fluid*, WAI Architecture Think Tank, Fold Curatorial and Publishing
 Space is Fluid, Intelligentsia Gallery
 Tugboat Proudly Presents: "Whiplash", Tugboat Gallery
 Art Connects Northwest Students, Northwest Student Media
- 2017 *Our Daily Armor III*, Virago Gallery
- 2016 *Sculpture on Campus at SIUE: A Conversational Dialogue with Afruz Amighi,*
 Thad Duhigg, and Sophia Ruppert. Polymath: An Interdisciplinary Arts
 and Sciences Journal
- Sophia Ruppert – Solo Art Exhibition*, Light Space and Time Gallery
 RAM Opens Rockford Midwestern Biennial, Rockford Art Museum
 Meet the Artist: Sophia Ruppert, Art St. Louis

SERVICE

- 2018-19 President, Visual Artists in Practice, UNL (Graduate Arts Organization)
- 2017 Volunteer, Lincoln Summer Fest, LUX Center for the Arts, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2016 Secretary of Sculptors at Wagner, SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois
 Chief Coordinator for visiting artist Jill Downen, SIUE
 On Site Sculpture Installation, Sculpture on Campus, SIUE
 Co-Coordinator for Sculptors at Wagner fundraising, SIUE
 Volunteer, Friends of Art Annual Art Auction. SIUE
 Co-Coordinator, Sculpture on Campus, SIUE
- 2015 Chief Coordinator, Sculpture on Campus, SIUE
 On Site Sculpture Installation, Sculpture on Campus, SIUE
 Exhibition Installation Crew, Patrick Dougherty photography exhibition, SIUE
 Secretary of Sculptors at Wagner, SIUE
 Chief Coordinator for visiting artist Harry Webber, SIUE
 Volunteer, Friends of Art Annual Art Auction. SIUE

- 2014 Chief Coordinator, Sculpture on Campus. SIUE
On Site Sculpture Installation, Sculpture on Campus, SIUE
- 2013-15 President, Sculptors at Wagner, SIUE, Edwardsville, Illinois

HONORS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 Kimmel Foundation Emerging Artist – Visual Category, Mayor’s Art Awards, Lincoln, Nebraska
Francis William Vreeland Award in Art, UNL
- 2019 Dan and Barbara Howard Creative Achievement Award, UNL
Cedar Point Residency Scholarship, Cedar Point Biological Station
Lake Ogallala, Nebraska
- 2017-20 Othmer Fellowship, UNL, Lincoln Nebraska
- 2016 Fifth place, 3-D category, Abstracts, Light Space & Time Art Gallery
Jupiter, Florida
Honorable Mention, three-dimensional category, Open Art Exhibition,
Light Space & Time Online Art Gallery, Jupiter, Florida
- 2015 Art Club Award, Annual Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, SIUE
- 2014 Third place, 2014 Sculpture on Campus juried competition, SIUE
- 2014-16 Member of Phi Eta Sigma, SIUE honor society, SIUE
Provost Scholarship for continuing Art and Design students, SIUE

GRANTS AND RESIDENCIES

- 2020 Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts, Nebraska City, Nebraska
3 week residency
- 2019 Cedar Point Biological Station, Lake Ogallala, Nebraska
1 week residency
Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts, Graduate Student Scholarly
and Creative Activity Grant, UNL
- 2016 Recipient of a stipend to build *Adorn* for SIUE
- 2015 Recipient of a stipend to build *Threshold* for SIUE
- 2014 Recipient of a stipend to build *Onward* for SIUE

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND ABILITIES

Sculpture

Assemblage
 Blacksmithing - gas forge, power hammer
 Casting - bronze, aluminum, wax, gypsum and plaster, concrete, non-traditional
 Clay Modeling - figure, drapery, sighting/measuring
 Concrete Finishing
 Crate Making
 Fabrication – steel, copper, bronze, brass, nickel, wood, wax, non-traditional
 Framing
 Found Object Manipulation
 Glass – cutting and soldering
 Lathe

Mold Making - ceramic shell, plaster, rubber, sand, standard investment
Multimedia Installation, Site Specific Installation
Saws - band, chop, circle, compound miter, hand, jig, table, scroll, wall
Plasma Torch
Welding - MIG, TIG, Oxyacetylene

Textile

Sewing – machine and hand
Crochet
Embroidery
Paper Making
Fabric Dying

Ceramic

Glaze Chemistry
Hand Building
Kiln Design and Construction
Plaster Mold Making
Slip Casting
Wheel - electric and treadle

Fine Metalwork

Casting
Electroforming
Fabrication
Raising
Soldering
Stone Setting

Digital

Epilogue Fusion Laser Cutter and Engraver
Laguna Plasma CNC and 3 axis CNC Milling
Ultimaker 3D Printer
Aspire
Photoshop
Illustrator
Apple iMovie 10.1.8

REFERENCES

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