



EDUCATION

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

SAVANNAH, GA
MFA – Photography
GPA – 3.95
DECEMBER 2007

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

COLUMBIA, MO
BFA – Photography
GPA – 3.79 Magna Cum Laude
Alpha Chi Honor Society
JUNE 1990

ORGANIZATIONS

College Arts Association (CAA)
Society for Photographic Education
Virginia Beach Photographers
Roanoke Camera Club
Exposure Roanoke
Digital Imaging Marketing Association

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

- 2015 - 2019
- Charles H. Taylor Arts Center
- 2012 - 2015
- Second Helpings
- 2010
- Viridian Gallery
- 2008 - 2010
- Somerhill Art Gallery
- 1998 - 2000
- Hippo Gallery

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TEACHING WORK HISTORY

August 2015 - Current

INSTRUCTOR III & TEACHING ASSISTANT / LAB TECHNICIAN THOMAS NELSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAMPTON, VA

RESPONSIBILITIES: Teaching Duties included: Teaching 1-2 courses per semester; teaching students' creative techniques and professional practices; maintaining office hours; grading and using Blackboard; creating assignments, tests and classroom rubric.

Teaching Assistant/Lab Technician Duties included: Leading and organizing students for high school recruitment through studio demonstrations at the Hampton City Schools My Future Conventions. Inventory and ordering of studio, darkroom and camera supplies; working with students in the darkroom, MAC computer lab, studio and large format printing room; mixing chemistry for B/W film and paper processing; maintaining and repairing equipment in the studio, darkrooms and digital printing labs; supervising student interns and scheduling their hours in the lab. Documenting student art exhibitions and visiting artist shows in the gallery through photography and videography. Posting videos on YouTube of artist talks.

COURSES TAUGHT: Studio Lighting I, Digital Photography, Large Format Photography, and Studio Lighting II

June 2016 - Current

INSTRUCTOR ART INSTITUTE OF VIRGINIA BEACH VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

RESPONSIBILITIES: Teaching Duties included: Teaching 1-2 courses per quarter; teaching students' creative techniques and professional practices; maintaining office hours; grading; creating assignments, tests and classroom rubric. Other duties include working and recruiting for the photography department at Open House for new students.

COURSES TAUGHT: Beginning Photography, Photographic Design, Post-Production, Advanced Post-Production, Portraiture, Digital Image Management, Location Photography and View Camera

August 2013 - May 2014

CURATOR & STUDIO TECHNICIAN SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY ORANGEBURG, SC

RESPONSIBILITIES: Overseeing and managing the FAB Gallery, selecting and working with incoming artists, maintaining all studio equipment and darkroom equipment in the art department, coordinating events for the gallery and with the I. P. Stanback Museum, coordinating the campus Arts Festival, writing press releases and upkeep of all internet driven blogs and sites, serving on committees as needed, teaching, grading, using Blackboard and Banner, creating assignments, ordering and directing services for maintenance. Worked with the I.P. Stanback Museum in artifact preservation, assisted with registrar of artifact data and photographed the museum's collection.

COURSES TAUGHT: Exhibition Techniques & Digital Imaging

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS GRANTS & DESIGNS

2018

- "Thomas Nelson Community College," Richard Hodges, Arcadia Press, Photographs

2017

- Third Place, Faculty Show, The Art Institute, Virginia Beach, VA

2016

- Merit Award, Teachers Who Teach Art, Charles H. Taylor Gallery, Hampton, VA

2015

- Art Fields, 2015 Artist Catalog, South Carolina
- I.P. Stanback Museum catalogs and books on the SCSU African Art Collection.

2014

- \$2000 Grant, Walmart Foundation, Omni-Arts Festival funding, SCSU

2010

- "A Critique," Roanoke Camera Club Newsletter; 3 newsletters

2007

- Winner of Fall Thesis Grant, Savannah College of Art and Design
- "Silverworks," Savannah College of Art & Design
- 2007 SCAD Calendar and Website.

2006

- "Festival de Lacoste", Poster for Pierre Cardin, Lacoste, France
- Travel Scholarship, Savannah College of Art and Design

2007

- First Place, National Juried Exhibition, Arts & Culture Alliance, Knoxville, TN

2005-7

- Academic Fellowship, Recipient, Savannah College of Art and Design

2005

- "Salt Solutions" poster and flyers, A Call to Serve International, viewed in Georgia, Eastern Europe.

1989

- Photograph published on cover of Alpha Chi Honor Society national magazine "The Recorder."

August 2009 – July 2013

INSTRUCTOR II VIRGINIA WESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE ROANOKE, VA

June 2012 – June 2013

INSTRUCTOR ITT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SALEM, VA

May 2006 - August 2007

TEACHING ASSISTANT & TEACHING INTERNSHIP SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN SAVANNAH, GA

April 2010 – July 2013

INSTRUCTOR CITY OF ROANOKE – PARKS AND RECREATION ROANOKE, VA

October 2009 – June 2012

INSTRUCTOR PHOTO USA ROANOKE, VA

October 2004 – June 2013

PERSONAL TUTOR INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR COLUMBIA, MO SAVANNAH, GA ROANOKE, VA

TEACHING WORK HISTORY

Continued

RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties included; Teaching 2-4 classes per semester; working closely with students; maintaining office hours; taking care of the permanent collection; helping with student art show; maintaining and inventorying photography equipment; juror of art for a local elementary school; grading and using Blackboard; creating assignments.

COURSES TAUGHT: Photography I, Fundamentals of Design, Drawing I, Introduction to Digital Photography, Drawing II, Fundamentals of Design II, Digital Photography II

RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties included: Teaching 1-2 classes per quarter; substitute teaching when faculty were absent; tutoring students; photographing graduation ceremonies; advising students.

COURSES TAUGHT: Basic Design Theory and Method (Photoshop and Illustrator), Rapid Visualization and Drawing Techniques

RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties included: Teaching and lecturing undergraduates and graduate students; assisting with grading; maintaining both the digital darkroom and darkroom in France; administering tests; creating assignments.

COURSES TAUGHT: TA – SSS High School Program, TI – Photography Foundations I, TI – Advanced Digital & Digital Craft III (Graduate Course), TA – Lighting of Provence, TA – Travel Photography

ADULT EDUCATION TRAINING

Courses Taught: Lightroom 4, Beginning Digital Camera, Advanced Digital Camera, Beginning Studio Lighting, Photoshop Elements, Night Photography and Advanced Photoshop Elements. Conceived and presented classes in the usage of digital cameras, studio lighting, Photoshop Elements.

Digital Cameras for Beginners and Advanced Digital Camera

Conceived and presented classes in the usage of digital cameras, printing and downloading.

Teaching Photoshop CS 1-5, 7 and Elements to clients and students. Lessons on Dreamweaver CS3

Clients have included Professor Zig Jackson and artist Sandra Colquitt

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, SOFTWARE & EQUIPMENT

COMPUTER SKILLS

- MAC
- PC

SOFTWARE

- Adobe Creative Cloud and Mobile
- Classroom Management Software
- Capture One
- Microsoft Office
- DVD Architecture Software
- Rip Software - Image Print

CAMERAS ANALOG

- View Cameras 4x5 and 11x14
- SLR Cameras
- Medium Format cameras

CAMERAS DIGITAL

- View Cameras 4x5 with Leaf Back
- DSLR Cameras
- Medium Format Camera
- Cell Phone Cameras

DIGITAL DARKROOM EQUIPMENT

- Epson Printers – Large, Wide and Small Format
- Canon Pro printers
- Roland Sol-jet printers
- Colorspan printers
- Noritsu Paper, Negative and Slide Film Processors and Printers
- Durst Theta Printers
- Imacon Flextight Drum Scanner
- Film Scanners and Print Scanners

JUROR

2010

- *Art Heals*, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Hidden Valley High School, Roanoke, VA
- *Student Art Competition*, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Local Grade Schools, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA
- *Hot Time, Summer in the City*, Regional Exhibit, Invitational, Mooresville Artist Guild, Mooresville, NC

Sept. 1990 - Current

INDEPENDENT PHOTOGRAPHER MISSOURI, GEORGIA, VIRGINIA & SOUTH CAROLINA

RELATED WORK HISTORY

PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE: I have owned and operated Wessel Photography for over 28 years. As a small business I have taken on many clients and have completed a variety of assignments in these communities. The work has included: Portraits, Group Portraits, Fashion Photography, On Location Shoots, Senior Portraits, Weddings, Events, Artwork, Art Exhibitions and Product Photography.

My award-winning fine art photography is something that is constantly evolving. My photography has been exhibited in galleries and museums locally, nationally and shown several times internationally.

VIDEOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE: Over the last 10 years I have been hired to do small promotional videos and have created videos for schools that I have worked at. Many of these are artists talks from galleries at TNCC and SCSU. These videos are edited using Adobe Premiere.

PHOTO RESTORATION and RETOUCHING: Since 1995 I have worked professionally in Adobe Photoshop, and later in Lightroom and Bridge for clients to restore or retouch digital images either scanned or digitally captured.

EQUIPMENT: The work that I do has been created with a variety of cameras and studio lighting equipment. Most of the professional work was created with SLRs, DSLRs and a view camera. My personal work has also included Medium Format Cameras, View Camera with Digital Back and my cell phone.

DISPLAY and SOCIAL MEDIA: My print work has been displayed in galleries and museums. Over the years I have also developed exhibiting my work online on my personal website, Facebook, Instagram, DeviantArt, and other platforms.

Sept. 2009 - May 2014

LAB TECHNICIAN PHOTO USA ROANOKE, VA

RESPONSIBILITIES: This job was mostly a customer service-oriented position. Duties include: Printing images on photographic paper and inkjet, sales, answering phones, scanning images from a large variety of media, machine maintenance, opening and closing of store and other various duties.

Sept. 2005 – Aug. 2009

ASSISTANT MANAGER/LAB TECHNICIAN RITE AID/ECKERD Savannah, GA

RESPONSIBILITIES: As an Assistant Manager I trained employees, traveled, refurbished old Eckerd stores into new Rite Aid stores, and performed Store Manager duties when he/she was absent. Other responsibilities included inventory, planograms, receiving, cash handling, opening and closing of store, scheduling employees, bank runs and employee management.

Photo Lab Duties included: Printing images on photographic paper and inkjet, cashier, answering phones, scanning images from a large variety of media, machine maintenance, opening and closing of the lab.

GUEST SPEAKER LECTURES

2015, October 9 & 11

- Digital Imaging and Typography courses, TNCC, Williamsburg, VA

2014, January 16

- Film Camera Demonstration, Guest Lecturer, Photo 101, SCSU, Orangeburg, SC

2013, October 24

- *How We Got from There to Here*, Artist Lecture on two series *Direction and Tops, Bottoms & Middles* at SCSU, Fab Gallery, Orangeburg, SC

2010, November 11

- *Gathering in the Galleries*, Artist Lecture on *Aquae Sulis* series at the Viridian Gallery, Roanoke, VA

2010, October 29

- *Speaking Light Series*, Artist Lecture on *The Loving Family* series at Pointe Park University, Pittsburgh, PA

2008, February 12

- *Beginning Photography*, Presentation on the usage of digital cameras for beginners at Bay Camera, Savannah, GA

2007, November 8

- *Scanners: Flatbed, Nikon Cool Scan & Imacon Flextight Drum Scanners*, Black & White Techniques class guest lecturer, SCAD, Savannah, GA

2007, October 10

- *Outside Lighting and Onboard Flash Techniques*, Guest lecturer for Foundations I, SCAD, Savannah, GA

2007, October 6

- *Savannah College of Art & Design in Lacoste, France*, Presentation on SCAD's Lacoste Program for SPEse conference, SCAD, Savannah, GA

2007, September 12

- *How to Use a Zone VI Enlarger*, Guest Lecturer for graduate students Black & White Craft, SCAD, Savannah, GA

2015, October 9 & 11

- *Cyanotypes: Processes & History*, Presentation, Demo and Activity, Girl Scouts, SCAD, Savannah, GA

Sept. 2005 – Feb. 2008

B/W FILM SPECIALIST

BAY CAMERA
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

May 2006 – Aug. 2007

LAB ASSISTANT SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF ART & DESIGN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
LACOSTE, FRANCE

Feb. 2000 – Aug. 2005

DIGITAL IMAGING, LARGE-FORMAT & FRAMING MANAGER

COLUMBIA PHOTO
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

Sept. 1995 – Feb. 2001

OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF II-IV & CLERK II

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

May 1995 – Sept. 1995

STUDIO MANAGER

**PICTURE CORP. of
AMERICA**
Columbia, MO

RELATED WORK HISTORY CONTINUED

RESPONSIBILITIES: Developing black and white film for the clients of Bay Camera. As an independent contractor I had to process invoices for payment, keep good records of film coming in and out of the lab. Order and keep on hand materials for black and white chemical processing of film.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Lab in Lacoste, France Summer 06 and Lab Summer 07: Working with students in darkrooms and digital lab as needed. Mixing chemicals and maintaining darkrooms. Checking out equipment to students. Checking out studio equipment. Working with large format printers as needed, including changing ink cartridges. Working with students in darkrooms and digital lab as needed.

MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES: Duties included managing three departments: Large-Format Printing and Mounting, Framing and Digital Imaging. Within these departments I supervised 3-5 employees and trained them in various duties as needed within the department. Management duties included scheduling employees, ordering supplies, inventory, customer service and complaints.

DEPARTMENTAL DUTIES: These included using Adobe Photoshop to restore, manipulate and design images for clients. Used Premiere to edit and create video features and PowerPoint to create presentations for clients. Other duties included hi-resolution flatbed scanning of prints and negatives, photographing artwork, framing and matting, mounting on various substrates, lamination, and large-format printing on a variety of paper types.

EQUIPMENT: Noritsu printers and film processors, Agfa Large Format Scanner, Epson 9600 printer, Roland Sol-Jet Printer, ColorSpan X-12, ColorSpan 6000, PC and MAC computers, Rip software, Wizard Mat Cutter, Cameras and Darkroom Equipment.

MU NEWS BUEARU 1999-2001: Answering phones, filing news articles, copying. Put together the 2000 Missouri Press Association Award for best clips journal.

VETERINARY MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY 1997-99: Artwork for the Mule Club, photographing staff and faculty, filing, typing and processing information in LIMS, working with animal samples, giving out information to veterinarians and answering phones.

UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND CLINICS MEDICAL RECORDS 1995-97: Filing medical records, charting and answering phones.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Managing the studio inside of Kmart stores. Photographing portraits of children and adults. Working sales with clients to purchase photography. Ordering supplies and keeping inventory of film and equipment.

CURATOR – FAB GALLERY, South Carolina State University

2014

- *Spring Senior Show, Graduating Seniors Exhibit*
- *Omni Arts Festival, Regional exhibition and festival. Invitational for musicians, artists, artisans, vendors and students.*
- *High School, Middle School and Elementary School Exhibition, Invitational to Local Orangeburg and Area Schools*
- *41st Student Art Exhibition, Held in the I.P. Stanback Museum, Juried, Campus Wide Invitational*
- *Characters, Jenny Dowd, Wyoming Artist, Sculpture and Drawings, with an Artist Talk*
- *Mythgenation 1&2, Brian Sieveking, Virginia Artist, Painting, with an Artist Talk*
- *Alotta Paint, Stephen Crall, South Carolina Artist, Painting, with an Artist Talk*

2013

- *Fall Senior Show, Graduating Seniors Exhibit*
- *The Lookers, Winnie Gier, Georgia Artist, Appropriated Photography Collage, with Artist Talk*
- *How We Got from There to Here, Michael Wessel and Susan Smith, South Carolina Artists, with Artist Talk*
- *A Gaze Upon Woman, Janet Kozachek, South Carolina Artist, Drawing, with Artist Talk*

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

2005

Aquae Sulis and Wrapped Figures: Lacoste Exhibition / Vernissage: an installation inside *Chimerres* installation by Mimi Hoang and Eric Bunge of nArchitects, New York, NY; Lacoste, France

2002

Canon Digital Creators Contest, International Exhibit, Juried, Exhibition held in New York, NY, and Tokyo, Japan

SOLO & GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018

Faculty Art Exhibition, The Art Institute of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach, VA

2017

Faculty Art Exhibition, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA

Faculty Art Exhibition, The Art Institute of Virginia Beach, Third Place, Virginia Beach, VA

2016

Faculty Art Exhibition, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA

Faculty Art Exhibition, The Art Institute of Virginia Beach, Third Place, Virginia Beach, VA

Marred by Man and Time, Second Helpings Gallery, Roanoke, VA

2015

Faculty Art Exhibition, Thomas Nelson Community College, Hampton, VA

Direction, Sarah's Café, Roanoke, VA

The Exquisite Art of the Sensuous Dance, Sarah's Café, Roanoke, VA

2013

How We Got from There to Here, South Carolina State University, FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC

8x8 Photo Party, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, PA

The Loving Family, South Carolina State University, FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC

Art Faculty Exhibition, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA

2012

Roanoke Exposure Group Show, Second Helpings Gallery, Roanoke, VA

Roanoke Exposure Group Show, Frank's Restaurant, Vinton, VA

Mark Cline: Blue Ridge Barnum, Invitational, Taubman Museum of Art, Roanoke, VA

Art Faculty Exhibition, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA

2011

Tops Bottoms and Middles, Solo Show, Torinos, Roanoke, VA

The Last-Minute Art Show, Invitational, Jefferson Center, Roanoke, VA

Art Faculty Exhibition, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA

2010

Self, Family and Landscapes, WWTF Gallery, Three Person Exhibit, Roanoke, VA

I Shot the Serif, Faculty Art Exhibition, Virginia Western Community College, Roanoke, VA

2007

The Loving Family, Hall Street Gallery, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

Third Times the Charm, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, B. Matthews Gallery, Savannah, GA

Agree to Disagree, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, Starlander Gallery, Savannah, GA

SOLO & GROUP EXHIBITIONS Continued

2004

Nature – Anti-Nature and Form, Solar Gallery, Unity Center, Columbia, MO
All in Life's Work, Ninth Street Deli, Columbia, MO

2003

All in Life's Work, Solar Gallery, Unity Center, Columbia, MO

1990

Images in Light, Columbia College, Columbia, MO

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2019

Teachers Who Teach Art, Charles H. Taylor Gallery, Hampton, VA

2018

Halls of Art XXII, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA
Artists Who Teach, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Janice Maker, Charles H. Taylor Art Center, Hampton, VA
Halls of Art XXI, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA

2017

Artists Who Teach, Regional Exhibit, Juried, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA
Virginia Artists 2016, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Jeffery Allison, Hampton, VA
Halls of Art XX, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA
Halls of Art XIX, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA

2016

Halls of Art XVIII, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA
Virginia Artists 2016, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Jeffery Allison, Hampton, VA
Halls of Art XVII, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA
Teachers Who Teach Art, Juried, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA, Merit Award
Art Fields, National Show, Jurors: Stephanie Cash, Graham Boettcher, Kimberly Light, Emily Smith, Leslie Umberger, Lake City, SC

2015

Halls of Art XVI, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Public Arts Steering Committee, Hampton, VA
Art Fields, National Show, Jurors: William Andrews, William Eiland and Leslie Rankow, Lake City, SC

2013

Civil Rights Show, South Carolina State University, Juried, I. P. Stanback Museum, Orangeburg, SC

2011

Land + Link, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Pete Eshelman, Nancy Gray and Mark Taylor, O. Winston Link Museum, Roanoke, VA
2011 Biennial Juried Exhibition, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Carter Foster, Whitney Museum of American Art, NY; Roanoke College, Salem, VA
HOME...is Where the Camera is, Regional Exhibit, Online Gallery, Juror: Julie Blackmon, Photoplace Gallery, Middlebury, VT

2010

WVTF Art Show, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Della Watkins, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; WVTF Radio, Roanoke, VA
2010 John Faber Memorial Photography Contest and Show, Regional Exhibit, Juried, Smith Mountain Lake, VA

2008

Tis the Season, Desoto Row Gallery, Juried Show, Savannah, GA

JURIED EXHIBITIONS Continued

2007

National Juried Exhibition 2007, National Exhibit, Juror: Nandini Makrandi Jestice, Arts & Culture Alliance, First Place, Knoxville, TN

Atlanta Open Studio Exhibition, Regional Exhibit, Juror: Jenny Kuhla, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA

Growing Up and Looking Back, National Exhibit, Juror: Craig Burkhalter, Director of Contemporary Art Exchange, RFD Gallery, Swainsboro, GA

Silverworks Open Exhibition, Regional Exhibit, Juror, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

2006

Atlanta Open Studio Exhibition, Regional Exhibit, Jurors: Craig Stevens, Tom Fischer, and Jaclyn Cori-Norman; Atlanta, GA

Agree to Disagree, Regional Photography Exhibit, Invitational, Starlander Gallery, Savannah, GA

2004

Visions, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO

2003

Visions, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO

Boone County National Bank Art Show, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Drawing, Boone County Bank, Columbia, MO

2002

Visions, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO

2001

Visions, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Columbia, MO

Boone County National Bank Art Show, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Drawing, Boone County Bank, Columbia, MO

2000

Visions, Regional Photography Exhibit, Juried, First National Bank, Honorable Mention: Photography, Columbia, MO

1990

Boone County National Bank Show, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Boone County Bank, Honorable Mention: Painting, Columbia, MO

Columbia College Student Art Show, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, First Place: Photography and Drawing, Columbia College, Columbia, MO

1989

Alpha Chi Honor Society Art Exhibit, National Art Exhibit, Invitational, New Orleans, LA

Columbia Art League Art Exhibit, Regional Art Exhibit, Juried, Honorable Mention: Photography, Columbia Art League, Columbia, MO