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# **SELECTED EXHIBITIONS** (current – 2003)

2024 Solo Exhibition, Tower Fine Arts Gallery, details tbd, Fall

2023 Diverse/Eclectic, group invitational,

Hartnett Gallery, Rochester, NY, Aug. – Sept.

Impermanent Fix, Solo,

Mirabo Press, Buffalo, NY, Aug.

Open Studio, Group Invitational,

Loud Cow, Spencerport, NY, May-June

2021 Sculptors Drawing, traveling group invitational,

Traveling:

Wilmer Jennings Gallery at Kenkeleba

East 2nd Street. NY, NY Aug. - Dec.

SUNY Geneseo, Bertha V.B. Lederer Gallery,

Geneseo, NY Feb. - March

Vessel: Revisioning the Receptacle, group invitational,

Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE, Jan. – May

2020 Residuals, large-scale outdoor installation, Play/Ground,

in <u>collaboration</u> with Aster Topolski

Artpark, Lewiston, NY, Sept. - Oct.

2019 Space Transfixed, installation Inside/Out, 248 East Avenue,

Part of Current Seen: Small Venue Biennial, Oct.- Nov.

2018 <u>A Common Inculcation</u>, large-scale installation, three-day event

Play/Ground, Medina, NY, Oct.

2017 Coping Mechanisms, two-person show

Colleen Buzzard Studio Gallery Rochester, NY, July – Aug. Buffalo Art Studio Gallery Buffalo, NY, Sept. – Oct.

Placemakers, two-person show

Loud Cow Art Space,

Spencerport, NY, Oct. - Sept.

Rainforest IV, collaborative installation

Memorial Art Gallery

Rochester, NY, September

Take the Long Way Home, two-person show

Gallery Q, Out Alliance Rochester, NY, Dec. – Jan.

2015 <u>Compartmented</u>

Lyric Opera Company, 440 East Avenue,

Rochester, NY, December.

Social Justice, First Niagara Rochester Fringe Festival,

Collaboration with BioDance, Geva Theater, September.

Amid/In Western New York

Hallwalls, Buffalo NY, June-July.

2014 Cradle to Grave,

University at Buffalo Gallery, Buffalo, NY, Sept.-Nov.

2013 Waiting for the World to Change,

Anderson Alley, Rochester, NY, Sept.

2013 Uncanny Congruencies, Palmer Museum of Art, State College, PA (re)collection and (re)construction, Stedman Gallery, Rutgers Camden, NJ, Sept.- Oct. Regional Faculty Show, July - August, Gallery R, R.I.T., Rochester, NY Peepshow 2013: Hot Mess, one-night juried event, Squeaky Wheel, Buffalo NY, Feb. 22. 2012 Collaboration Biodance (dance company), No Dancing Allowed (revised) School of the Arts, Rochester NY, June The City is Asleep and Dreaming, one-night invitational event National Bank, 35 State Street, Rochester, NY, Dec. 7. Downstairs and to the Left, Hartnett Gallery, Rochester NY, Oct. 2011 Collaboration Biodance (commissioned by Finger Lakes Dance! No Dancing Allowed, Hochstein Performance Hall, Rochester NY, Nov. 2011 Once Familiar Twice Removed, solo, Buffalo Art Studio, Buffalo, NY, Sept. - Nov. Modern Icon: The Machine as Subject in American Art, Memorial Art Gallery, Lockhart Gallery, Rochester NY, Feb. – April. 2010 Collaboration Biodance (commissioned by Finger Lakes Dance!), No Dancing Allowed, Cracker Factory, Geneva, NY, October. Reimagining the Distaff Toolkit, group Exhibition, Traveling: The Berman Museum, Ursinus College, PA, Jan.-March. Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green Ohio, Nov. Beard Gallery, Wheaton College, Norton, MA, Sept.-Oct. The 40 Acres Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA, May-June, Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa, TX, July-Aug. Denison University Museum, Granville, Ohio, Jan.-March. How Good are Your Dwelling Places, four person exhibition, Koffler Centre of the Arts, Toronto, Ontario, January - March. 2009 Reimagining the Distaff Toolkit, group Exhibition, Traveling: Mandeville Gallery, Schenectady, NY, Sept.- Dec. The Morris Museum, Morristown, NJ, July-Sept. Eleanor D. Wilson Museum, Roanoke, VA Feb.-June. Gardiner Art Gallery, Oklahoma State University, Jan.-Feb. The Mead Museum, Amherst College, Oct-Dec Dwell, Two Person Exhibition Roberts-Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY; October - November. 2008 Reminiscence, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ; May – September 2007 2nd Rochester Biennial, Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, NY; June - September.

Video-Rama: Expanded Formats For the Moving Image,

Samek Gallery, Bucknell University,

Sculpture Since Bucknell,

Clifford Gallery, Colgate University, Hamilton, NY; March – April.

Lewisburg, PA; January – March. Apperceptions, solo exhibition,

2006

2005 In/Beyond New York, three person show

Hallwalls, Buffalo NY,

organized through Albright-Knox Museum, Buffalo, NY; April – May.

Thought at Work, group exhibition,

Gallery R, 775 Park Avenue, Rochester, NY; October.

2004 Domestic Odyssey, group exhibition,

San Jose Museum of Art,

San Jose, California; March – July.

2004 Items of Convenience, solo exhibition,

Moreau Art Gallery, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN; September - October.

2003 *re/order,* group exhibition,

Traveling:

Mercer Gallery, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY; April – May

Houghton House Gallery, Hobart and William Smith Colleges,

Geneva, NY; February - March.

Happiness is Electric Living, installation, Rochester Contemporary,

Sibley Building, Rochester, NY; May - June.

# **EDUCATION / RESIDENCIES**

2023	Mirabo Press, Buffalo, NY, August 2023
2020	University of Rochester Faculty Online Course Development, EDU 472
	Warner School of Education, University of Rochester, non-matriculated.
1990	Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture,
	Pennsylvania State University, College of Arts and Architecture.
1988	Graduate program, (non-degree) Bucknell University.
1986	Bachelor of Arts in Art, 1986, Bucknell University, Major: Studio Art.
1983	Bachelor of Arts program, 1981-1983, Pennsylvania State
	University, Major: Art Education.

### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATION**

2021 -	Chair of the Department of Art and Art History,
2006 – 2012	University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
1998 – 2004	Studio Coordinator, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
1998 -	Associate Professor of Art, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
1992 – 1998	Assistant Professor of Art, University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
1990 – 1992	Lecturer, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
1990 – 1992	Instructor, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
1988 – 1990	Instructor, (of record) Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
1986 – 1988	Departmental Teaching Assistant, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

# **PUBLICATIONS**

Amid/In WNY Exhibition Catalogue,

Edited by John Massier, Hallwalls, 2016

Porous Boundaries: Art and Essays

Edited by Cyril Reade and David Peters Corbett,

Manchester University Press, 2015

'Working with a Restriction,' 100 CREATIVE DRAWING IDEAS, Anna Held Audette, editor, Shambhala Publications, Inc.Random House distributors, 2004.

The Romantic Continuum, Penn State Journal of Contemporary Criticism,

Second and Fifth Editions, April 1990 and February 1994.

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Teaching the Incarcerated:

**Drawing Space** 

Five Points Detention Center, Romulus, NY, Cornell University and the University of Rochester's Decarceration Research Initiative

*Introduction to Art, (co-taught)* 

Buffalo (Batavia) Service Processing Center | Immigration Detention and Enforcement, Batavia, NY

#### Multi-media:

Material Matters, University of Rochester

Senior Studio and Seminar, University of Rochester

Introduction to Visual Production, University of Rochester

Appropriation and Collage, University of Rochester

Markings, Methods and Materials, University of Rochester

Techniques, Materials and Tools, Penn State University

Three-Dimensional Design, Penn State University

Two-Dimensional Design, Penn State University and Bucknell University

### Drawing:

Introductory level, University of Rochester, Bucknell University, Penn State University. Figure and Advanced level, University of Rochester, Penn State University.

# Sculpture:

(Re)Collecting the Object, University of Rochester.

Introductory level, University of Rochester and Penn State University.

Advanced levels, University of Rochester.

# Painting:

Advanced level, University of Rochester.

Non-Production Based:

Writing on Art, University of Rochester

# **PAPERS, LECTURES, PANELS**

A World Within a Library Within the Walls of Immigration,

Crossroads Conference Panel, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2017

Lecture,

Fine Arts Seminar / Ortlip Gallery Houghton College, February 11, 2016.

Seen, Artist talk,

Hartnett Gallery, Wilson Commons, University of Rochester, 2015

Film, Photography and Me,

Artist talk, Buffalo Arts Studio, Sept. 22, 2012

ART 21 Screening and Talk Back,

Little Theatre, East Ave. Rochester, NY. April 11.2012

Taking Things, Seriously: Art and Memory

Univ. of Rochester Medical Center, December 14, 2007

Dwelling, Roberts Weslyan College Gallery,

Artist talk, October 25, 2007

Apperceptions,

Artist talk, Samek Gallery,

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; August 26, 2005.

Design as Metaphor, invited lecturer,

Thought at Work, industrial design conference, Rochester Institute of Technology,

June 1, 2005. Rochester, New York; October 16, 2004.

Domestic Artistry,

Artist talk, Bay Area University of Rochester Alumni Group,

San Jose, CA, March 6, 2004.

Artist Talk, Recent Production

Rochester Contemporary, Rochester, New York; October 26, 2002.

Tower Fine Arts Gallery, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, New York; March 7, 2002.

Visiting Lecturer,

Art Appreciation class, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, New York; February 26, 2002.

Artist Talk,

Art Library Gallery, Alfred University, Alfred, NY; February 23, 2001.

Tools for the Making of a Happy Home, paper/panelist, Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture Annual Conference, Valley Forge, PA; November 5-7, 1999.

Visiting Artist, Ivan Wilson Arts Center,

Bowling Green, KY; September 30 - October 2, 1997.

Symposium, Object/Material,

Seton Hill College, Greensburg, PA; April 9, 1995.

Lecture, The Dysfunctionate Object,

The Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA, July 17, 1991.

The Imagery of Andy Warhol, lecture to coincide with Andy Prints: Recent Series by Warhol,

exhibit at Center Gallery, Bucknell University, May 15,1986

### **REVIEWS**

Amid/In Western New York at Hallwalls

The Public, Buffalo NY http://www.dailypublic.com/Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Toronto Shuffles Off to Buffalo, Sarah Milroy, Beyond/In Western New York,

The Globe and Post, Toronto, ON, June 1, 2005.

From Nature to Psychobabble, Cynnie Gaash / Eric Jackson-Forsberg, Beyond/In Western New York,

Artvoice, Buffalo, NY, May 26, 2005.

Beyond Expected, Richard Huntington, Beyond/In Western New York, Buffalo News, Buffalo, New York, April 22, 2005.

Feature Article,

Domestic Artistry,

Rochester Review, Quarterly Magazine, Rochester, New York; Fall 2003.

Art Afloat, Scott Wescott,

Review of Floating Suburbia, Erie City Paper, Erie, PA. July 9, 2000.

Harbour Beauty, Mary Birdsong, Review of Floating Suburbia,

The Arts, Showcase (weekly), Erie, PA.September 28, 2000.

Quartet in Artistic Harmony, Tim Higgins,

Four Artists Exhibit at the Allentown Art Museum,

A.M. Magazine, The Morning Call, Allentown, PA, June 21,1991.

Remnants of a Lost Art, Sandy Cullen,

Three-person exhibition at the Doshi, Patriot News, Harrisburg, PA, April 27, 1989

#### RELEVENT EXPERIENCE

Young Student Enrichment Funding Committee, Flower City Arts Center, Rochester, NY <u>Silence</u>, Curator/Organizer

Multidisciplinary, multisite exhibition, University of Rochester, April 2015

Toolmaker in Residence, Signal Culture, Owego, NY,One Week Residency, Sept. 2015

Consultant, FRA Engineering, Brooks Landing Phase II

Public Art Consultant to a Rochester City project, 2009

Juror, Imaging Space

Center at High Falls Gallery, 2007

Curator, Regional invitational

Hartnett Gallery, University of Rochester, February - March, 2005

Co-Director of Programming,

Rochester Contemporary, non-profit art gallery,

Rochester, NY, May – November, 2004

Juror, SUNY Brockport Undergraduate Exhibition, Brockport, New York; April, 2001.

Curator, The Campus That Wasn't,

Hartnett Gallery, University of Rochester, October - November, 2000

Faculty Advisor / Director, Hartnett Gallery, Wilson Commons, University of Rochester, 1993 - present Shop Technician,

Pennsylvania State University, School of Visual Arts, 1990

Interim Gallery Director,

Pennsylvania State University, School of Visual Arts, 1990

Studio Assistant to:

Michael Steiner, sculptor, Bridgewater, CN; Summers, 1988 & 1989.

Neil Anderson, painter, Lewisburg, PA; 1987 - 1988

William Lasansky, sculptor, Lewisburg, PA; 1985-1987

Gallery Assistant,

Center Gallery, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA; 1984 – 1988

#### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Art Committee, University of Rochester (University-wide)

College Curriculum Committee, University of Rochester

University of Rochester Humanities Center Director Search Committee, 2016

IES Program Reviewer, Sienna Italy, November, 2015.

Board of Directors, Visual Studies Workshop, 2012 - 2017

Digital Media Studies Program Steering Committee

Humanities Project, Chair, interdepartmental leadership position

George Eastman House / University of Rochester working group

Board Member, Memorial Art Gallery

Art Committee, Memorial Art Gallery

Program Committee, Memorial Art Gallery

Art Committee, Wilmot Cancer Center, / University of Rochester Medical Center

Archeology, Technology and Historical Structures Program Steering Committee

Film and Media Studies Program Steering Committee

American Studies Program Steering Committee

College Curriculum Committee

Public Art on River Campus Humanities Project, Primary Investigator

Art on Campus Committee, Chair

Area Studies Hiring Groups (Eastern Studies, African Studies)

The College Program Planning Committee

Dance Program Review/Assessor/Hire Committee

Multidisciplinary Fund Initiative Advisor for the Provost's office

Sage/Studio Art Committee

**Commencement Committee** 

Hartnett Gallery Advisory Board