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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Chicago MA Applied Linguistics, Expected Graduation, May 2012
University of Illinois at Chicago MFA Studio Arts, May, 2010
Knox College BA in Studio Art and International Studies, Honors in Studio Art, June 2002

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2012 **(upcoming) Warrenville Inspired** (Group Exhibition) Warrenville Historical Society, Warrenville, IL
- 2011 **ATTENDANT** (Group Exhibition) curated by Happy Collaborationists, *MDW Fair*, Chicago IL
Living with Everyday Problems (Two-Person Exhibition) *Violet Poe Projects*, Bloomington, IL
This is Paul Halupka (Traveling Group Exhibition) *C33 Gallery*, Columbia College, Chicago, IL/ *DeCaprio Gallery*, Moraine Valley Community College, Palos Hills, IL
Self Portrait as a Rock Star (Group Exhibition) *Current Gallery*, Baltimore, MD
- 2010 **National** (Group Exhibition) *University Galleries*, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
Gravity and Its Friends (Group Exhibition) *Voice of the City Studio*, Chicago, IL
UIC MFA GOLD (Group Exhibition) *NEXT Art Fair*, Chicago, IL
MFA Thesis Exhibition (Group Exhibition) *Gallery 400*, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 **Woodpecker 2016** (Performance) *Chicago Artist Month*, Chicago, IL
artXposium (Group Exhibition) *West Chicago City Museum*, West Chicago, IL
That You Can Carry (Solo Exhibition) *Second Bedroom*, Chicago, IL
- 2008 **Birds of Prey** (Group Exhibition) *Heaven Gallery*, Chicago, IL
- 2007 **Elm Draughthouse Short Film Screening** (Screening) *Elm Draughthouse*, Millbury, MA
Remake: The Sequel (Group Exhibition) *The Gene Siskel Film Center*, Chicago, IL
- 2004 **Abstraction & Freedom** (Two-Person Exhibition) *Beloit Fine Arts Incubator*, Beloit, WI
Women in the Middle: Borders, Barriers, and Intersections (Electronic Group Exhibition) *National Women's Studies Association Conference*, Milwaukee, WI
Red (Group Exhibition) *Gallery 218*, Milwaukee, WI
- 2003 **Wearable Sculpture Fashion Show** (Group Exhibition) *Turner Hall*, Milwaukee, WI
El Día de los Muertos (Group Exhibition) *UW Milwaukee*, Milwaukee, WI
- 2002 **A Presence that Disturbs Me with Joy** (Undergraduate Honors Solo Exhibition) *Knox College*, Galesburg, IL

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

- 2012 (upcoming) **Graduate Student Forum Presentation:** "Writing with Google Image Search" *TESOL*, Philadelphia, PA
(upcoming) **Presentation:** "writingwithfoundimages.jpg: Online Image Searches and Writing" *IL-TESOL-BE*, Lisle, IL.

- Invited conference participant**, “Mind and Material” Panel, *Jackalope Art Conference*, Northing Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
- 2011 **Panel Presentation**: “Re-Imag(e)ining Writing: Tutoring as Visual Practice” *National Convention on Peer Tutoring in Writing*, Miami, FL,
Panel Presentation: “Re-Imag(e)ining Meaning: A Visual Art Approach to the Writing Process,” *Writing Day: Document*, UIC Writing Center, Chicago, IL
Art Residency, ACRE, Steuben, WI
- 2010 **Panel Chair**: “Performing Playce: Artist Interventions in Public Space.”
Panel Presentation: “Woodpecker 2016: Volunteer Training.” *Performance Studies International*, Toronto, Canada.
“Woodpecker 2016: Let Friendship Shine,” *Hot Media Lecture Series*, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
Graduate Tuition Waiver (Spring) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Lecture *Re-Imag(e)ining Meaning: A Visual Art Approach to the Writing Process*.
Writing Day: Document, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Lecture *Woodpecker 2016: Let Friendship Shine*. *Hot Media Lecture Series*, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009/10 **Graduate Tuition Waiver** (Fall/Spring) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2009 **BOT Tuition Waiver** (Summer) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Participant *Summer Institute in Performance Studies: Past Imperfect*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2008/09 **BOT Tuition Waiver/Koeffler Scholarship** (Fall/Spring) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2007 **Harold Arts Residency**, Chesterhill, OH 2001
- 2001/02 **Isaac O. Peterson Studio Award** Knox College, Galesburg, IL
Young Award: Ceramics Knox College, Galesburg, IL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011/12 **Teaching Artist**, Chicago Artists Partnership in Education (CAPE), Chicago, IL
Arts integration in 8th grade Chicago Public School science class
Teaching Artist, Family Day, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Art projects for young children and their families related to museum displays.
- 2011 **Lecturer**, *Caught in a Bad Romance: Critical Reflections on Lady Gaga*
(VART 492, Spring) University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
Upper-level undergraduate course on contemporary art and critical theory.
- 2010 **Teen Council Art Advisor** Chicago History Museum, Chicago, IL
High school students developed artworks for museum display focused on themes of immigration and citizenship.
- 2009/10 **Instructor of Record**, *Sculpture I: Beginning* (AD 140, Fall/Spring) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Undergraduate foundation course in theory and practice of contemporary sculpture.
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant**, *Drawing I: Beginning* (AD 102, Spring) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Undergraduate foundation course in drawing techniques and processes.
- 2008 **Teaching Assistant**, *Moving Image I* (AD 278, Fall) University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL

- Intermediate undergraduate time-based course focusing on video production.
Video/Media Literacy Instructor Upward Bound Summer Academy/Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA
 High school students created a digital yearbook and learned about media literacy and video production.
- Art and Storytelling Workshop Facilitator** Girls, Inc. Holyoke, MA
 Workshop activities explored contemporary art through games, stories, and making.
- Art Teacher** CHOICES, Lynch Middle School, Holyoke, MA
 After school comic book art class for middle school students.
- 2007 **Storytelling Instructor** After School Matters/Beverly Arts Center
 Co-taught high school after school program on storytelling and job readiness skills.
- 2006/07 **Student Tours Facilitator** (Fall/Spring) Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
 Lead tours of museum exhibitions for 1st-12th grade students.
- 2004 **French Teacher** StanleyMaria, Chicago, IL
 Instructed children ages 6-15 in French language and Francophone culture.
- Workshop Leader** Beloit Fine Arts Incubator, Beloit, WI
 Workshop for grades 2-5 exploring multiculturalism and the role of art in culture.
- 2002/03 **English Teaching Assistant** (Fall/Spring) Lycée Victor Hugo, Carpentras, France
 Instructed high school students in oral and written English. Created lesson plans, activities, and materials based on themes of American life and culture.
- 2002 **Teaching Assistant, Sculpture** (ART 117, Spring) Knox College, Galesburg, IL
 Introductory undergraduate course.
- 2001 **Teaching Assistant, Ceramics** (ART 216/316, Fall) Knox College, Galesburg, IL
 Introductory and intermediate ceramics wheel course.

INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- 2006 **Interpreter** Kovler Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture, Chicago, IL
 French/English interpreter for a West African man seeking asylum.
- 2005 **Fiber Arts Assistant** Heartland Alliance, Chicago, IL
 Assisted with in-class instruction for a mother/daughter fiber arts program coordinated between the Hartland Alliance Refugee Center and the Lillstreet Art Center.
- 2003 **Arts Programming Intern** Beloit Fine Arts Incubator, Beloit, WI
 Assisted with programming designed to encourage community involvement.
- Applications Intern: US, UK, Spain** Concordia International Paris, France
 Manage applications for outgoing international volunteer projects. Completed residence leader training, May 2003.
- 2001 **Archive Intern** Luhring-Augustine Gallery, New York, NY
 Converted slide archive to digital files.

STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE

- 2000 **Ghana** Slavery in the Americas Mini-Term trip, Knox College
Dakar, Senegal French Language/Francophone Culture Seminar, Laurence University
- 1999/00 **Besançon, France** (Fall/Winter) French Language Seminar, Université de Franche-Comté

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

College Art Association / Performance Studies International / TESOL / IL TESOL-BE

LANGUAGE

High Proficiency in French