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EDUCATION

Savannah College of Art and Design **Savannah, Georgia**
Master of Fine Arts in Painting, GPA: 3.94 *November 2015*

Indiana University of Pennsylvania **Indiana, Pennsylvania**
Master of Science in Education: Art, GPA: 3.88 *May 2008*

CERTIFICATIONS

- AP Studio Art: 2D Design, *Rice University, Houston, Texas, 2018*
- GoGuardian Educator, *Online Certification, 2017*
- Google Certified Educator, *Online Certification, 2016*
- PA Certification in Art Education, *Pennsylvania Department of Education, 2008*

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Art Education Association, *2017-Present*
- Associated Artists of Pittsburgh, *2016-Present*
- College Art Association, *2015-2018*

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Nominee, Educator of the Year, *Propel Schools, 2018-2019*
- Recipient, Educators' Scholarship, *Savannah College of Art & Design, 2013-2015*
- Recipient, Educators' Forum Scholarship, *Savannah College of Art & Design, Summer Educators' Workshop, 2012*

EXPERIENCE

Visual Arts Educator ***August 2016-Present***
Propel Montour High School **McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania**

- Initiated diverse programming in the Arts for grades 9-12 as founding staff member.
- Collaborated with Arts Education Collaborative to write and implement a district wide curriculum designed for grades K-12
- Collaborated with Pittsburgh Children's Museum to develop Professional Development workshops based on studio learning habits
- Developed partnerships with local artists, art organizations, and museums to support experiential student learning
- Co-planned Montour High School's first ever Historically Black College & University and Diversity Tour, offered to twenty five of our scholars
- Participated and facilitated professional learning year round, focusing on culturally relevant teaching, content knowledge, and providing rigorous and agile instruction
- Acted as staff mentor to rising seniors for Amizade Global Service Learning program
- Participated in global travel and service learning experiences with Amizade scholars
- Collaborated with Artist Image Resource to teach and organize the first annual Arts Showcase for Propel Montour High School
- Introduced AP Studio Art to course catalog with 80% completion in the first year
- Lead extra-curricular activities for scholars, including Art Club, Yearbook Club, Female Leadership Academy, and Home Team student council

Crew Lead Pathway ***August 2017–Present***
Propel Schools **McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania**

- Assisted staff members in developing and implementing Crew, advisory programming focusing on character building, academic rigor, social and emotional learning
- Facilitated professional learning for staff monthly based on implementation of Crew and school wide procedures as a lead teacher
- Served on Instructional Cabinet, focusing on restorative practices and academic mindset
- Planned school wide events focusing on team building, service learning, and school pride
- Structured lessons focusing on growth mindset, academic habits, and mindfulness
- Coordinated volunteer and service learning opportunities for high school scholars to reach their 100-hour requirement

Visual Arts Educator ***August 2008-July 2013***
Propel Montour Elementary School **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**

- Developed lesson plans, prepared for five daily class periods for grades K-8
- Connected Art and Science through individualized course framework for grades K-2, alongside classroom teachers and museum educators
- Served on Instructional Cabinet and CORE Team, focusing on academics and positive behavior implementation
- Participated in after school Art Club, School and Community Council, and Extended School Year

RELATED ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant to Vanessa Platacis, professor of Painting ***Spring 2015***
Savannah College of Art and Design **Savannah, Georgia**

- Facilitated group discussion, lecture and presentation during Professional Practices class
- Held office hours for extra help sessions and check-ins for B.F.A. candidates
- Assisted in organizing and setting up B.F.A. group shows
- Supported final visual portfolio development and presentation

Teaching Assistant to Eun Lee, Professor of Printmaking ***Fall 2014***
Savannah College of Art and Design **Savannah, Georgia**

- Co-facilitated studio demonstrations, discussions, and critiques
- Lead a demonstration and organized a unit summarizing techniques taught throughout the course

EXHIBITION RECORD

Solo Exhibitions

- Fleeting Elation, *Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh, PA*
- Di(Pro)gress, *Fresh Exhibitions Gallery, Savannah, GA*

Selected Group Exhibitions

- Off the Wall, *curated by Jill Larson, Pittsburgh, PA*
- AAP 106th Annual, *Southside Works, Pittsburgh, PA*
- Just Say'n, *Bottleworks Gallery, Johnstown, PA*
- Electric Kool-Aid, *Brew House Association, Pittsburgh, PA*
- AAP Newest Members Exhibition, *MINE Factory, Pittsburgh, PA*
- AAP group Juried Exhibition, *Kauffman Gallery, Shippensburg, PA*
- Port City Review Showcase, *Alexander Gallery, Savannah, GA*