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EDUCATION

- 2018** University of Colorado at Boulder, **Master of Fine Arts**, Sculpture & Post-Studio Practices, Boulder CO
Graduate Certificate in Women & Gender Studies
- 2009** SUNY New Paltz, **Bachelor of Fine Arts**, cum laude, Sculpture, New Paltz NY
Minor, Journalism

SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2021** **Play Hard**, Vision Gallery + Chandler Museum, Chandler AZ
- 2020** **Conflux**, Colorado Mesa University Art Gallery, Grand Junction CO
- 2018** **Crowd Control**, NURTUREArt, Brooklyn NY
- 2015** **Chew Me Up / Spit You Out**, Brooklyn Wayfarers, Brooklyn NY
- 2013** **Every girl wants a ring (pop)**., Elsewhere Studios, Paonia CO
- 2012** **The Clothes Project**, ROTA Gallery, Plattsburgh NY
The Clothes Project, Cary House Gallery, Salem NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** **Maps – Contours of a Story**, Scottsdale Public Art, curated by Saskia Jorda
Scottsdale AZ
MSA Select – Oxford, Gallery 130, University of Mississippi, juried by Jason Kimes and Wayne Andrews, University MS
59th CAIN National, Joseph A. Cain Memorial Gallery, Del Mar College, juried by Alejandro Macias, Corpus Christi TX
- 2024** **obsess and observe**, Uncool Gallery, Brooklyn NY
Solidarity, Space One Eleven, Birmingham, AL
Roadside Attraction, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale AZ
Diversity in the Desert: Expanding the Airport’s Art Collection, Phoenix Airport Museum, Phoenix AZ
Florida Atlantic University Faculty Exhibition, Boca Raton Innovation Center, Boca Raton, FL
- 2023** **Works From the FAU Faculty**, Schmidt Center Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL
Diversity in the Desert: Expanding the Airport’s Art Collection, Phoenix

- Airport Museum, Phoenix AZ
- 2022** **2022 Faculty Biennial**, Fort Lewis College Art Gallery, Durango CO
- meet me when i come**, In the Hedgerow, Syracuse NY
- 2021** **Out of Office**, Collar Works, Troy NY
- Socially Distanced**, Center Space Gallery, Scottsdale AZ
- Fruits of Our Labor**, Shepherd's Settlement Farm, Syracuse NY
- 2020** **Ransom 2**, Brooklyn Wayfarers, Brooklyn NY
- 2020 Faculty Biennial**, Fort Lewis College Art Gallery, Durango CO
- Roadside Attraction**, Multiple Locations, Phoenix AZ
- Artist Breakfast Club**, Civic Center Gallery, Scottsdale AZ
- Art D'Core Gala**, True North, Phoenix AZ
- Artlink's 20th Annual Juried Exhibition**, Park Central, Phoenix AZ
- 2019** **Eleutheria**, Cobra Flute Projects, Phoenix AZ
- Inspired by History**, Chandler Museum, Chandler AZ
- Mesa Prototyping Project Exhibition**, Mesa ArtSpace Gallery, Mesa AZ
- Artlink's 19th Annual Juried Exhibition**, Park Central, Phoenix AZ
- Expanded Impression**, South Gallery, Longmont CO
- 2018** In Collaboration with dancer **Laura Malpass**, Charlotte York Irey Theatre, Boulder CO
- Make it stick, don't get stuck**, MFA Thesis Exhibition, CU Art Museum, Boulder CO
- There. Here. Near.**, Museum of Boulder, Boulder CO
- ARCHIVE: Notes from the Field**, Norlin Library, Boulder CO
- Kings Exhibition**, Boulder CO
- 2017** **Fieldwork 7**, The Feed Store, Byers CO
- Meet Me at the Corner of Arts & Science**, Cabal Gallery, Denver CO
- Sustainable Arts**, Centennial Hall, Ewen MI
- Kings Exhibition**, Boulder CO
- 2016** **Play Nice: Visual Notions on Gender**, Good Thieves Press Gallery, Denver CO
- Conference on World Affairs**, CU Boulder, Boulder CO
- The Nowness**, Kings Exhibition, Boulder CO
- 20th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition**, FSP in the City @Casket, Minneapolis MN
- On Death and Dying**, CU Art Museum, Boulder CO
- Sustainable Arts**, Centennial Hall, Ewen MI
- 2015** **Light Industrial Ecosystem**, Garner Arts Center, Garnerville NY
- Body in Eden**, Brooklyn Wayfarers, Brooklyn NY
- 2014** **Almanac**, Brooklyn Wayfarers, Brooklyn NY
- DIY Sustainable Arts**, Centennial Hall, Ewen MI

- Bushwick Open Studios**, Brooklyn Wayfarers, Brooklyn NY
2012 **First Fridays**, The Pember Museum, Granville NY
2010 **INTERNational**, Barn 2 Gallery, Salem NY
2009 **Virtuous/Vicious Cycles**, Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, New Paltz NY
Sculpture Now: New Paltz, Gallery 116, New Paltz NY

COLLECTIONS & REPRESENTATION

Permanent Collection, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Museum, Phoenix AZ
 Fine Art Complex, Tempe AZ

TEMPORARY PUBLIC ART

- 2022** **Art on the Street**, Lafayette CO
Tucson Jewish Sculpture Garden, Tucson AZ
2021 **Tucson Jewish Sculpture Garden**, Tucson AZ
2019 **City of Coppell Old Town Art Splash**, Coppell TX
Sculpture Walk Springfield, Springfield MO
2010 **Franconia Sculpture Park Outdoor Exhibition**, Franconia MN
2009 **Kingston Sculpture Biennial**, Kingston NY

FELLOWSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

- 2025** **Talking Dolls**, Detroit MI
2024 **Uncool Artist**, Brooklyn NY
2023 **Vermont Studio Center**, Johnson VT
In the Hedgerow, Syracuse NY
2020 **MoMAZoZo Artist Residency**. Carrizozo NM
2019 **Mesa Prototyping Project Community Residency**, Mesa AZ
ChaNorth, Pine Plains NY (Awarded but unable to attend)
2014 **The Visitor Center**, DIY Sustainable Adventure Art Camp, Ewen MI
Wayfarers Studio Program, Brooklyn NY
2013 **The Contemporary Artists Center**, Troy NY
2012 - **Elsewhere Studios Artist Residency**, Paonia CO
2013
2010 **Salem Art Works Artist Internship Fellowship**, Salem NY
Franconia Sculpture Park Intern Artist Fellowship, Franconia MN

CURATORIAL

- 2023** **19 Degrees of Being**, Graduating Senior Communication Design & Studio Art Majors, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College
62nd Annual Student Juried Exhibition, juror Rachelle B. Pablo (Diné)
Hay Comida en la Casa, Janet Diaz, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College

- Bouquets for Days*, Art @ Innovation, Center of Innovation, Durango, CO
Healing Together, Community Partnership with Sexual Assault Services Organization, Exit Gallery, Durango CO
- 2022 *Inaugural Native Artist In Residence – Gregg Deal*, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College,
2022 Faculty Biennial, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College,
Stretch Bounds, Graduating Senior Communication Design & Studio Art Majors,
61st Annual Student Juried Exhibition, juror Derrick Velasquez
Transformative Light, Julie Anne Ward, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
- Life in Small Moments*, Art @ Innovation, Center of Innovation, Durango, CO
Magnitude in Gratitude, Art @ Innovation, Center of Innovation, Durango, CO
- 2021 *Pandemic as Portal*, jetsonorama in collaboration with Esther Belin and Gretchen Groenke,
The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
somatic, Cydnei Mallory, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
Interlude to Persona, Graduating Senior Communication Design and Studio Art Majors,
The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
60th Annual Student Juried Exhibition, juror Ari M. Myers, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
Likes Charge, Melanie Clemmons, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO
Looking Up, Art @ Innovation, Center of Innovation, Durango, CO
- 2020 *2020 Faculty Biennial*, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College, Durango CO

AWARDS & GRANTS

- 2025 **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Professorship**, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- 2024 **Distinguished Lecture Series Faculty Research Award**, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
- 2023 **Emergency Grant**, Robert Rauschenberg Foundation distributed by New York Foundation for the Arts, New York, NY
- 2022 **Lodger's Tax: Arts & Culture**, City of Durango's Creative Economy Commission, Durango CO
Art on the Street Lafayette, See & Respond! Award, Lafayette CO
Puffin Foundation, Individual Artist Grant, Teaneck NJ
Traditional Scholarship & Research Grant, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
- 2021 **Traditional Scholarship & Research Grant**, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
- 2020 **Traditional Scholarship & Research Grant**, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
- 2019 **CERF+**, Get Ready Grant, Montpelier VT
- 2018 **Foundation for Contemporary Arts**, Emergency Grant, New York NY
King Award, awarded by Yasmeen Siddiqui, Boulder CO
Charles Francis Truscott Scholarship in Fine Arts, Boulder CO

- 2017 **Welman Scholarship**, Boulder CO
 2015 **UGGS Travel Grant**, Boulder CO
 2012 **New York State Council on the Arts** individual artist grant for *The Clothes Project*,
 New York, NY
 2009 **Herbert Lewis Kammerer Memorial Prize for Excellence in Sculpture**,
 New Paltz NY

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

- 2023 **3D Printing and Photogrammetry**, Midsouth Sculpture Alliance Confab, Hosted
 by University of Oklahoma, Norman OK
 2022 **Grab the M.I.C** workshop in teaching first-year students, Fort Lewis College,
 Durango CO

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES & SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Americas Initiative Research Lecture**, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL
 2024 **Sound as Sculpture**, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Surrender Series Artist Talk, Uncool Artist Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Art of the Studio Project Panel, College Art Association, Chicago IL
 2023 “Rebuilding Community with Experimentation, Collaboration, and Exploration”
 included in the panel *Resurrecting Art Club: Utilizing Foundational Courses to Rebuild
 Artistic Community in a Post-COVID Era* **Foundations in Art: Theory and
 Education (FATE)**, Denver CO
 Professional Development Mentor, **Foundations in Art: Theory and Education
 (FATE)**, Denver CO
 2022 **Vision Kids Workshop**, Vision Gallery, Chandler AZ
Faculty Biennial Panel Discussion, The Art Gallery at Fort Lewis College ,
 Durango, CO
 2021 **Visiting Artist Lecture Intermedia Studies**, Arizona State University, Phoenix AZ
 2020 **Visiting Artist Lecture**, College of Creative Studies, Detroit MI
 2019 **Mesa Prototyping Workshop**, CARE, Mesa AZ
Visiting Artist Lecture Intermedia Studies, Arizona State University, Phoenix AZ
 2017 **Visiting Artist Lecturer**, Metropolitan State University of Denver, Denver CO
Sustainable Building Lecture, Visitor Center Artist Camp, Ewen MI
 2015 **Visiting Artist Lecture**, Visitor Center Artist Camp, Ewen MI
 2013 **Visiting Artist Lecturer**, Union College, Schenectady NY
 2011 **Visiting Artist Lecturer**, Union College, Schenectady NY
Artist Lecture, Salem Art Works, Salem NY
 2010 **Artist Lecture**, 3D Symposium, Franconia Sculpture Park, Franconia MN

SELECTED PRESS

John Lehdorff, "Where the Gaint Cupcake Lives" Boulder Weekly, June 23, 2022
Ella Cobb, "Art on the Street returns to downtown Lafayette", Daily Camera, June 9, 2022
Elizabeth Montgomery, "Must-see metro Phoenix arts in May", AZ Central, April 27, 2021
"Chandler Exhibits Celebrate Play and Playgrounds", SanTan Sun News, March 25, 2021
Allison Standish, "Arizona artists Melissa Sclafani and Bobby Zokaites at 437CO", The Criterion, February 13, 2020
Tammy Gemahlich, "February First Friday features 'Conflux', first graders and more", The Daily Sentinel, February 6, 2020
David Ludlam, "CMU art and design department announces visiting artists Bobby Zokaites and Melissa Sclafani", CMU Now, January 28, 2020
"Meet Melissa Sclafani" Voyage Phoenix, March 12, 2019
"AZCreatives: the local artists who inspire us", Voyage Phoenix, Feb 8, 2019
Katie Killary, "Back Like Never Before: Top Art Openings To Get You Going In 2015!", Bushwick Daily, Jan 8, 2015
Marian Lorraine, "Magic on Magic on Magic: Wayfarers Lights Up Bushwick", Arts in Bushwick, May 30, 2014
Natalie Jablonski, "In the U.P., Dreaming Up a Place for Artists", WXPR, Ewen, MI, August 18, 2014
"ArtBeat: What to See", Nippertown, August 2, 2012

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2023 – Present Assistant Professor of Art & Head of Sculpture, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL
2022 - 2023 Certificate Program Director, Museum Management Certificate, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
2020-2023 Assistant Professor & Gallery Director, Art & Design Department, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO
2021 - 2022 MFA Studio Advisor, Maine College of Art & Design's Low Residency MFA Program
2019 - 2020 Adjunct Instructor, Benedictine University, Mesa AZ
2018 Instructor, Art & Rural Environments Field School, Antonito CO
2017 - 2018 Graduate Assistant, Art & Rural Environments Field School, Boulder CO
2015 - 2018 Instructor of Record, University of Colorado, Boulder CO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023- Assistant Professor + Head of Sculpture, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL

Present

2020 - Assistant Professor + Gallery Director, Fort Lewis College, Durango CO

2023

2019 - Adjunct Instructor, Benedictine University, Mesa AZ

2020

2018- Preparator + Registrar, Lisa Sette Gallery, Phoenix AZ

2020

2016 - Program Assistant, Art & Rural Environments Field School, SW US.

2018

2015 - Instructor of Record, Sculpture, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder CO

2018

2015 + Instructor, Visitor Center Artist Camp, Ewen MI

2017

2015 - Grant Writer, ArtShape Mammoth, International

2016

2014 - Fabricator, The Factory NYC + Substrate, Brooklyn NY

2017

2010 - Artist Programs Coordinator + Curator, Salem Art Works, Salem NY

2012

2010 - Studio Assistant / Manager for various artists:

2017 Diana al Hadid, Boaz Vaadia, Marylyn Dintenfass, + M12Studios