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Education:

- 2015 MFA Painting, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Summa Cum Laude
- 2012 BFA Painting and Drawing, University of North Texas, Denton, TX. Magna Cum Laude.

Residencies:

- 2015 The Rooms Provincial Gallery Division and Parks Canada, Gros Morne National Park. NL, Canada.

Solo Exhibitions:

- 2015 *Abscission: MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL.
- 2013 *Deciduous Shadows*. Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL.

2 Person:

- 2014 *Underfoot and Overlooked*. Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL.

Selected Group Exhibitions:

- 2015 *Unique Impressions V: MGNE Annual Members Exhibit*. Zullo Gallery, Medfield, MA.
(in)finite: Recent Works by NIU MFA Candidates. Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL.
Nomadic Convergence. Northern Illinois President's Residence. DeKalb, IL.
10th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition. Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Nature Untamed. Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL.
Downtown Art Exhibition. Frontier Building, DeKalb, IL.
- 2014 *A La Cart*. Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL.
Baker's Dozen (+1). Northern Illinois University President's Residence. DeKalb, IL.
- 2013 *See PRETENTIOUS*. Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL.
- 2012 *Sixty Three Days*. Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL.
2012 Annual Graduate Arts Association Show. Studio Art Annex, DeKalb, IL.
Senior Painting Show. Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX.
Senior Invitational. Light Well, Denton, TX.
Junior Painting Show. Cora Stafford Gallery, Denton, TX.
- 2011 *Material Interactions*. North Gallery, Denton, TX.
- 2009 *Observation/Insight*. Eagle Exhibit Hall, Denton, TX.

Juried Exhibitions:

- 2015 *Chicago Artist Month 2015 EMA Jury Winners*. Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL.
Earthy Abstractions. Ellington-White Contemporary Art Gallery, Fayetteville, NC.
Jurors: Dwight Smith & Soni Martin, Professors, Fayetteville State University.
Layers: MGNE National Juried Student Exhibition. Curry College, Milton, MA.
Juror: Monotype Guild of New England.
- 2014 *Juried Grad Show*. Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL.
Juror: Alvaro Amat. Exhibition Design Director, The Field Museum.
- 2013 *Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition*. Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL.
Juror: Phillip Soosloff. Professor of Art, Rockford College.

- 2012 *2012 Annual Voertman Student Art Exhibition*. UNT Art Gallery, Denton, TX.
Juror: Clint Willour. Curator, Galveston Arts Center.
Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes. Eagle Exhibit Hall, Denton, TX.
Juror: Steve DeFrank. Professor, School of Visual Arts, NY.

Curation:

- 2013-15 Northern Illinois University President's Office. Co-developer of program.
Northern Illinois University President's Residence. Co-developer of program.
2013 *See Pretentious*. Graduate student work, Gallery 215, DeKalb, IL. Co-curator
2011 *Material Interactions*. Undergraduate student work, North Gallery, Denton, TX. Co-curator

Awards and Honors:

- 2012-15 Full Tuition Assistantship with monthly stipend in the School of Art at Northern Illinois University.
2014 Northern Illinois University Jack and Eleanor Olson Scholarship.
2013 Northern Illinois University Jonathan Ryan Lee Studio Art Scholarship.
2011 University of North Texas President's Holiday Card Contest, 3rd Place.
2009-12 University of North Texas President's List., 4.0 GPA.

Professional Experience:

- 2015 Lead Eco-Art Educator at Artist Boat, October 1- Present.
2013-15 Northern Illinois University Presidential Internship, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
Curating work in the NIU President's Home and Office.
Painting Graduate Assistant at Northern Illinois University, Fall 2013 - Spring 2015
Painting I, II, III, and IV, Figure Painting, Watercolor
2013 Studio Art Division Assistant at Northern Illinois University, Fall 2013
Illustration Lab Assistant at Northern Illinois University. Spring 2013
2012-13 Studio Art Office Assistant at Northern Illinois University, Fall 2012 - Spring 2013.

Workshops and Lectures:

- 2015 Gros Morne AIR Artist Talk and Demonstrations. Woody Point, NL, Canada.
Oak Park Art League Artist Talk and Workshop

Radio, Television and Magazine Interviews:

- 2015 Canada plus grand que nature (Canada, Larger than Life), Canadian French Television.
Old Crow Magazine. Corner Brook, NL, Canada.
Voices of Bonne Bay. Community Radio Station, Norris Point, NL, Canada.

Collections:

- 2014 Northern Illinois University President's Permanent Collection, DeKalb, IL.

Volunteer:

- 2012-15 Graduate Arts Association, President & Member.
2012 Art Walk, Art Attack Sycamore – DeKalb, IL: Opening studio to the public.
2011 The Nick Cave Project, Assisting Professional Artist Nick Cave in building sculptural performance pieces, Denton, TX.
The Witte Museum – San Antonio, TX. Visitor Services.