

# Jessie Lucille Knirsch

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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.

## Professional Experience:

- 2017-20 Art and Photography Center Coordinator at Yellowstone Forever, Yellowstone, WY. May 1- Present.
- 2016-18 NEISD Substitute Teacher, San Antonio, TX. Oct 2016 - May 2018.
- 2016-17 Art Department Head at Hobby Lobby, San Antonio, TX. Oct-April.
- 2016 Eco-Art Residency Program Coordinator at Artist Boat, Galveston, TX. Jan 1- April 4.
- 2015 Lead Eco-Art Educator at Artist Boat, Galveston, TX. October 1- Jan 1.  
Educating individuals on the preservation of coastal environments through art and science.
- 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.

## Residencies:

- 2017 Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge. Oak Harbor, OH.
- 2016 PLAYA Residency. Summer Lake, OR.
- 2015 The Rooms Provincial Gallery Division and Parks Canada, Gros Morne National Park. NL, Canada.

## Workshops and Lectures:

- 2017-19 Yellowstone Art and Photography Center, Yellowstone National Park, Wy.
- 2015 Gros Morne AIR Artist Talk and Demonstrations, Woody Point, NL, Canada.  
Oak Park Art League Artist Talk and Workshop, Oak Park, IL.

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place.
- 2009-12 University of North Texas President's List., 4.0 GPA.

## Radio, Television and Magazine Publications:

- 2018 Illustration in Yellowstone Quarterly, Yellowstone Forever, Bozeman, MT.  
Photograph in Yellowstone Quarterly, Yellowstone Forever, Bozeman, MT.  
Photograph on [BBC.com](http://BBC.com), Online.
- 2016 Illustration in Towers Literary Magazine. Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL.
- 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.

### **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

### **Collections:**

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

### **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.

### **Juried Exhibitions:**

- 2020 Art and Earth. Berkley Arts Council, Martinsburg, WV.  
Juror: Janis Goodman  
2016 *Branches, Brambles, and Roots*. View Gallery, Old Forge, NY.  
Juror: Bob Erickson  
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.

### **Selected Group Exhibitions:**

- 2016 *Points of View*. Lazy Susan Gallery, New York City, NY.  
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.  
*10th Annual Emerging Artists Exhibition*. Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL.  
*Nature Untamed*. Oak Park Art League, Oak Park, IL.  
2014 *Downtown Art Exhibition*. Frontier Building, 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.

**Volunteer:**

- 2012-15 Graduate Arts Association, President and Member.
- 2008-12 Talons: Spirit and Service Organization of the University of North Texas.  
Member and Committee Leader.
- 2007-15 North East Independent School District as an elementary school classroom volunteer.
- 2011 The Nick Cave Project, Assisting Professional Artist Nick Cave, Denton, TX.
- 2010 Visitor Service Assistant at the Witte Museum. San Antonio, TX.