

EDUCATION

- 2017 University of Maryland // Masters of Fine Arts // GPA 4.0 // College Park, MD
2012 University of Colorado // Post Baccalaureate Program in Sculpture and Post-Studio Practice
Boulder, CO
2011 The University of Tennessee // Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, Secondary Focus in Ceramics
Magna Cum Laude // Knoxville, TN
2006 Union University // Additional Undergraduate Coursework // Jackson, TN

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2017-19 Cedarville University // Assistant Professor of Studio Art // Cedarville, OH
Three-Dimensional Design
Fundamental, Intermediate & Advanced Sculpture
Fundamental, Intermediate & Advanced Ceramics
2015-17 University of Maryland // Graduate Teaching Associate // College Park, MD
Three-Dimensional Art Fundamentals
Elements of Sculpture: Wood and Mixed Media
Advanced Sculpture Studio: Wood and Mixed Media
Elements of Drawing I

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS // solo

- 2018 Williams Gallery // *Rekindling Consciousness* // Indiana Wesleyan University // Marion, IN
Union University Gallery // *Awakening* // Union University // Jackson, TN
2017 University of Maryland Art Gallery // *Voices to be Heard* // College Park, MD
2016 Thompson Art Gallery // *Soul Stirrings* // Furman University // Greenville, SC
2013 Barefoots Joe // *It Is What It Is* // Jackson, TN
2010 Bea Paine Gallery // *Reclaiming Creation* // Bluefield Area Arts Center // Bluefield, WV
2009 Union University Student Gallery // *Explorations in Wood* // Jackson, TN

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS // group

- 2018 Alex G Spanos Heart Center at Mercy Hospital // *Who Is My Neighbor?* // Sacramento, CA
Center for Contemporary Political Art // *Defining the Art of Change* // Washington, DC
2017 Rosewood Gallery // *Art Ed 2017* // Rosewood Arts Centre, Dayton, OH
Dadian Gallery // *ReFORMation* // Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC
Connersmith // *Academy 2017* // Washington, DC
SpaceCamp Gallery // *Artists For Truth* // Baltimore, MD
Tawes Hall // *Visualizing Migration* // College Park, MD
Ewing Gallery // *BENSON SCULPTURE: a common lineage* // Knoxville, TN
Howard County Center for the Arts // *Reconstructions* // Columbia, MD

- 2016
 Lessedra Art Gallery // 7th Lessedra International Mixed Media Exhibition // Sofia, Bulgaria
 Herman Maril Art Gallery // Collections // College Park, MD
 Laboratory Research Gallery // Continuing Graduate Student Work // College Park, MD
 Lih Pao International Sculpture Biennial // To Stand for Nothing and Stand Up For No One
 Traveling Exhibition at Participating Institutions:
 Ya-Tang Hall, Taichung Cultural & Creative Industries Park // Taichung City, Taiwan
 National Taiwan University of Arts // New Taipei City, Taiwan
 New Taipei City Art Center // New Taipei City, Taiwan
 The Pier-2 Art Centre in Kaohsiung // Kaohsiung City, Taiwan
 Stamp Gallery // Drawing Board // College Park, MD
 The University of Montana online exhibition // Walking Through Glue // Missoula, MT
 Stamp Gallery // MidPoint 2016 // College Park, MD
 Laboratory Research Gallery // Preparation as Practice // College Park, MD
 Gallery I // HoCo Open 2016 // Howard County, MD
- 2015
 Sculpture By the Sea // Sculpture Inside // Bondi Beach, Australia
 Mist Gallery // September Exhibition // Online Exhibition
 Ground Floor Gallery // You've Got Mail // Brooklyn, NY
- 2014
 Herman Maril Art Gallery // Holes Over Bridges // College Park, MD
 Gallery 102 // Interpreting Icons // Washington, DC
- 2013
 The Lodge Gallery // Transforming New York Street Objects // New York, NY
- 2011
 Rochester Contemporary Art Center // 6x6x2013 // Rochester, NY
 Union University Student Gallery // Student Show // Jackson, TN
- 2010
 The Renaissance Center // Wood Works // Dixon, TN
 AI Art Labs // We Make Objects; Objects Make Us // Knoxville, TN
 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // Artist of the 21st Century // Humboldt, TN
- 2009
 Union University Student Gallery // Student Show // Jackson, TN
 University Center // Phoenix Exhibition // Knoxville, TN // Fall
 University Center // Phoenix Exhibition // Knoxville, TN // Spring
 EURCA Undergraduate Research Exhibition // Knoxville, TN
- 2008
 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // Artist of the 21st Century // Humboldt, TN
 Studio 212 // Maryville Art Walk // Maryville, TN

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS // PUBLIC WORKS

- 2017
 University of Tennessee // God is Greater // Knoxville, TN
- 2016
 Lihpao Cultural Arts Foundation // To Stand for Nothing and Stand Up For No One // Taiwan
- 2015
 University of Maryland // Wye Oak Building // College Park, MD
 Union University // Oasis // Jackson, TN
- 2013
 Metro Nashville // Anchor in the Storm // Nashville, TN
- 2011
 Anderson Center // Red Wing Brand // Red Wing, MN
 Union University // 500 Years // Jackson, TN
- 2010
 Walter Shroyer // Mankind's Grip on Nature // Bluefield, WV
 Ijams Nature Center // Wrapped // Knoxville, TN
 Bluefield College // Juxtaposition and Infinite Space // Bluefield, VA
 Art in Public Places Knoxville // Dogwood Arts Festival // Knoxville, TN
- 2008
 Beardsley Farm // Random Precision // Knoxville, TN

TEMPORARY PUBLIC WORKS // COMMISSIONS

- 2016 The City of Palo Alto Public Art Program // *Running Wall* // Palo Alto, CA
Alexandria Community Supported Arts // *Ceramic Bowls* // Alexandria, VA
Alumni Association Award // *Buried in History* // University of Maryland
- 2015 Sculpture By The Sea, Bondi // *Conspicuous Consumption* // Sydney, AUS
ARTsites 2015 // *You're Doing Great* // Columbia, MD
New Albany Public Art Project // *I'd Rather Have a Tree* // New Albany, IN
Suwanee SculpTour // *Tic-Tac-Toe Bench* // Suwanee, GA
- 2014 Georgetown GLOW // *Lit From Within* // Washington, DC
- 2012 University of Colorado // *Conspicuous Consumption* // Boulder, CO
University of Colorado // *Arch* // Boulder, CO
- 2011 Knoxville Museum of Art // *Stimulus Package* // Knoxville, TN
The University of Tennessee // *Extinction of the Masses* // Knoxville, TN
Prairie Center of the Arts // *Interwoven* // Peoria, IL
Vermont Studio Center // *Explorations in Snow* // Johnson, VT
- 2009 Maryville Arts Coalition // *Random Precision* // Maryville, TN

REVIEWS // PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 The Woven Tale Press // Vol. 6 // Issue 4 // p. 1-8
The Woven Tale Press Central // *Artist Interview* // Interview by Jennifer Nelson
Cedars // *The Global Refugee Crisis: Perspective - Raising Awareness Through Art* // Vol. 70 // Issue 9
Cedarville Review Artist Spotlight // Vol. 18 // Article 3
- 2017 Cedarville.edu // *CU Professor Combines Faith and Culture at Seminary Art Show* // Thursday, Dec. 14
Cedars // *New Art Professor Molds Students* // Vol. 70 // Issue 3
Lessedra Gallery // *7th Lessedra International Competition Catalogue*
- 2016 Palo Alto Weekly // *"Upfront: Local news, information and analysis"* // Friday, October 21
SustainableUMD // *"Wye Oak Building's Design Honors Grow"* // Fall 2016
Washington Post // *Midpoint 2016 reviewed "In the Galleries" column* // Sunday, May 1
Bmore Art blog // *Midpoint 2016 reviewed "BmoreArt Picks" column* // Tuesday, March 22
Stamp Gallery Blog // *"Interview with Midpoint artist Zac Benson"* // June 20
- 2015 SustainableUMD Spotlight // Fall Issue
International Business Times // *Sculpture by the Sea 2015* // October 26
Sculpture by the Sea // Nineteenth Annual Exhibition Catalogue and Site Map
- 2013 Cardinal & Cream // Vol. 97 // Issue 12
- 2010 Art Calendar // *Mankind's Grip on Nature* // Vol. 24 // Issue 1 // p. 6
- 2009 Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // *Infinite Space* // Vol. 51 // Issue 1
Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // *Bowl* // Vol. 50 // Issue 2 // p. 43
The University of Tennessee // *Designed and Published Sculpture Tour Website*
Phoenix Literary Arts Magazine // *The Different Shades of Wood* // Vol. 50 // Issue 2 // p. 41
- 2008 The Daily Beacon // *Community* // Vol. 109 // Issue 38 // p. 2

RESIDENCIES

- 2011 Prairie Center of the Arts // June // Peoria, IL
Anderson Center for Interdisciplinary Arts // May // Red Wing, MN
Vermont Studio Center // January // Johnson, VT

LECTURES // PRESENTATIONS // VISITING ARTIST

- 2018 Visiting Artist & Gallery Talk // *Indiana Wesleyan University* // Marion, IN
- 2017 Visiting Artist // *University of Tennessee* // Knoxville, TN
Presentation // *Library of Congress, Emerson Hall* // Washington, DC
- 2016 Gallery Talk // *Furman University* // Greenville, SC
Artist Talk (via Skype) // *Union University* // Jackson, TN
Presenter // *Common Threads in Arts and Humanities: Research Symposium* // University of Maryland
- 2011 Presentation // *Jackson Central Merry High School* // Jackson, TN
- 2010 Artist Talk // *Bluefield College* // Bluefield, WV
Presentation // *Madison Academic High School* // Jackson, TN

GRANTS

- 2018 Vice President for Academics Faculty Scholarship Grant // *Cedarville University*
- 2016 College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Grant // *The University of Maryland*
Departmental Travel Grant // *The University of Maryland*
- 2015 Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant // *The University of Maryland*
College of Arts and Humanities Graduate Student Travel Grant // *The University of Maryland*
Departmental Travel Grant // *The University of Maryland*
- 2009 The University of Tennessee Undergraduate Summer Research Grant

AWARDS

- 2017 David C. Driskell Award // *The University of Maryland*
- 2016 The 3rd Lih Pao International Sculpture Biennial Awards // *Excellence Award*
International Sculpture Center's 2016 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture
Honorable Mention
Daniel Nicholson Ohlke Memorial Fund Award // *The University of Maryland*
- 2015 Artists To Look Out For // *Starry Night Programs* // Truth of Consequences, NM
Sadat Art for Peace // *Honorable Mention*
- 2014 Dean's Fellowship // *The University of Maryland*
- 2013 Jack Kent Cooke Graduate Arts Award Finalist // *The University of Tennessee* Nominee
- 2011 3-D Award // *Student Show* // Union University
- 2010 Featured Artist // *MYARTSPACE.com*
3-D Award // *Student Show* // Union University
Top 3-D Award // *Artists of the 21st Century*

INTERNSHIPS

- 2013 Socrates Sculpture Park // *Sculpture Intern* // Long Island City, NY
- 2009 Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts // *Faculty Assistant* // Julia Galloway // Gatlinburg, TN
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts // *Work Study Intern* // Gatlinburg, TN

MEMBERSHIPS

- Christians in the Visual Arts (CIVA)
College Art Association (CAA)
International Sculpture Center (ISC)