

## 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- 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

- 2021 Gallery G // TBD // Manchester University // North Manchester, IN  
Aughinbaugh Gallery // TBD // Messiah College // Mechanicsburg, PA  
2020 McKinney Center Gallery // TBD // University of North Alabama // Florence, AL  
Harcum Art Gallery // TBD // Wilmington College // Wilmington, OH  
Cecelia Coker Bell Gallery // *Introspection* // Coker University // Hartsville, SC  
2019 Phaze 2 Gallery // *Zac Benson: Installation and Sculpture* // Shepherd University // Shepherdstown, WV  
Chakeres Interactive Gallery // *God Help Us All* // Springfield Museum of Art // Springfield, OH  
Beach Gallery // *Among the Perishing* // Springfield Museum of Art // Springfield, OH  
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

- 2019 Hiestand Galleries // 2019 Miami University Young Sculptors Competition // Miami University, Oxford, OH  
Peerless Gallery // 2019 Annual Alumni Invitational Show // Peoria, IL

- 1619 Flux:Art + Activism // *Perspectives Of Home:An Exhibition Of Social Practice* // Louisville, KY
- 2018 NYC Phoenix Art // *January Exhibition* // Online Exhibition  
Ann Street Gallery // *Forget Me Not* // Newburgh, NY
- 2017 Center for Contemporary Political Art // *Defining the Art of Change* // Washington, DC  
Alex G Spanos Heart Center at Mercy Hospital // *Who Is My Neighbor?* // Sacramento, CA  
Rosewood Gallery // *Art Ed 2017* // Rosewod 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
- 2016 Howard County Center for the Arts // *Reconstructions* // Columbia, MD  
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
- 2015 Gallery I // *HoCo Open 2016* // Howard County, MD  
Sculpture By the Sea // *Sculpture Inside* // Bondi Beach, Australia  
Mist Gallery // *September Exhibition* // Online Exhibition
- 2014 Ground Floor Gallery // *You've Got Mail* // Brooklyn, NY  
Herman Maril Art Gallery // *Holes Over Bridges* // College Park, MD
- 2013 Gallery 102 // *Interpreting Icons* // Washington, DC
- 2011 The Lodge Gallery // *Transforming New York Street Objects* // New York, NY  
Rochester Contemporary Art Center // *6x6x2013* // Rochester, NY
- 2010 Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN  
The Renaissance Center // *Wood Works* // Dixon, TN  
AI Art Labs // *We Make Objects; Objects Make Us* // Knoxville, TN
- 2009 West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN  
Union University Student Gallery // *Student Show* // Jackson, TN  
University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Fall  
University Center // *Phoenix Exhibition* // Knoxville, TN // Spring
- 2008 EURCA Undergraduate Research Exhibition // Knoxville, TN  
West Tennessee Regional Art Center // *Artist of the 21st Century* // Humboldt, TN  
Studio 212 // *Maryville Art Walk* // Maryville, TN

## **LECTURES // PRESENTATIONS // VISITING ARTIST**

- 2019 Gallery Talk // Shepherd University // Shepherdstown, WV  
Cedarville University Research and Scholarship Symposium // *Exploring Ideas Through Art*
- 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

## **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

## **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

## REVIEWS // PUBLICATIONS

- 2019      **The Shepherdstown Chronicle** // *Installation art exhibit reflects artist's family history of social justice* // October 18, 2019  
**Peoria Magazine** // *A Showcase of Creative Connections* // August 2019 Edition  
**Wotisart Magazine** // *Featured Artist* (June) // 27th Edition  
**Average Art Magazine** // *Featured Artist* (June) // 35th Edition  
**CIVA Featured Artist** // *March*  
**Cedars** // *God, Life and Art* // Vol. 71 // Issue 8  
**Springfield News-Sun** // *Gallery, artist talks planned* // Thursday, March 21  
**Cedars** // *Ministry Moments* // Vol. 71 // Issue 7
- 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

## GRANTS

- 2019      **Vice President for Academics Faculty Scholarship Grant** // *Cedarville University*
- 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**

- 2019 2019 Miami University Young Sculptors Competition // *Finalist*
- 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

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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