

EDUCATION

- 1999 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
M.F.A.
- 1995 **Iowa State University**, Ames, IA
B.F.A.
- 1992 **The School of the Art Institute of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

EXHIBITIONS

- 2015 **Fire! The Resurrection of Mr. Imagination**, The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, Farmville, VA (collaborative work with Greg Warmack)
MSUN Cultural Center, Havre, MT
- 2014 **Fire! The Resurrection of Mr. Imagination**, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA (collaborative work with Greg Warmack)
- 2009 **University System Faculty**, Carroll College, Helena, MT
- 2003 **Norton Pease (drawings) and Elisa Nappa (sculptures)**, University of Montana, Missoula, MT
Integral Figure, Santa Cruz Mountains Art Center, Ben Lomond, CA
Curator: Brenda Berg; Second place and honorable mention
- 2002 **Text in Painting**, Montana State University-Northern, Havre, MT
solo exhibition
- 2001 **37**, The Parrish Art Museum, South Hampton, NY, Curators: Tom Eccles, Director, Public Art Fund, New York; Nicole Klagsbrun, Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery; Shamim Momin, Branch Curator, Whitney Museum of American Art at Philip Morris, New York
- 2000 **Evanston + Vicinity 15th Biennial Exhibition**, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL, Jurors: Elizabeth Smith, Chief Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago; Gregory G. Knight, Director of Visual Arts, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs/ Chief Curator, Chicago Cultural Center
- 1999 **MFA Thesis Exhibition**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Baldwin Gallery, St. Louis, MO
solo exhibition
- 1998 **Double Space**, New York, NY
solo exhibition
- 1996 **Wellness House Art Auction**, Drake Hotel, Oak Brook, IL;
Best of Show, Juror; Joseph R. Shapiro, MCA founder, Chicago

AWARDS

- 2012-07 **Montana Addy Awards: one Gold, five Silver**, Great Falls, MT
District XI Addy Awards: one Silver, Seattle, WA
- 2011 **Annual Faculty Award for Excellence in Service**, MSUN, Havre, MT
- 2003 **Second Place + honorable mention**, Santa Cruz Mountain Art Center, Santa Cruz, CA
- 1998 **Wahlert Scholarship**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
Department Scholarship, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 1997-96 **Teaching Fellowship**, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 1996 **Janice Peterson Anderson Award in Design**, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
-awarded to one of 6,000+ students within the College of Design encompassing seven departments

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- 2000 **U.S. Patent No.: 6,120,845; Method For Applying a Decorative Finish to the Surface of an Object; Docket No. 910236-2001**, Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

PUBLISHED ILLUSTRATIONS

- 2015 **Long Time Comin' –Lost Sounds From the Treasure State**, 12 page insert
- 2006 **How To Save Money While Married To A Woman**, School of Wealth, cover + inside illustrations
- 2001 **Maximize Your Life**, DDM Press/Dennis Publishing 2001, p. 17
- 1998 **Havic The Bothering (Skool Daze)**, PGI Limited 1998
cards 1-15, 22-31, 38-4

PUBLISHED WEBSITES

- 2014 **forgottenwomenofbosniafilm.com** (collaboration with Tom Metcalfe)
- 2011 **imagineMontana.org**
waywhite.com (site for professional skier, Kelly Long)

- 2009 **tascfx.com** (wesmell.com/tascfx)
Northern Athletic Scholarship Program (wesmell.com/Legends)
- 2008 **wesmell.com** *Silver Addy Winner, District XI
mini-cine3D (wesmell.com/bigthink)
bigthinkink.com (wesmell.com/bigthinkink)
- 2007 **helphillcounty.org** (wesmell.com/unitedway) *Gold Addy Winner
MSUN Water Quality (wesmell.com/water)
MSUN English (under construction – wesmell.com/english)
downunderfitness.com (wesmell.com/PTD)
- 2006 **climbingtoward.org** (wesmell.com/CT/ct.html)
luckypupdesigns.com (wesmell.com/luckypup.html – on hold)
montanajunkyarddogs.com (offline)
- 2005 offline: **filmdionysia.com**
kadenketo.com
rosariesthemovie.com
co.blaine.mt.gov

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2002-01 **Paul Kasmin Gallery, New York, NY**
Preparator
- Responsible for the installation and de-installation of all exhibitions
 - Worked closely with exhibiting artists (i.e. Nancy Rubins and Frank Stella) relating to installation, shipping, and conservation
 - Directed tandem exhibitions- Frank Stella and Morris Louis '01
 - Established current inventory and well keep for artwork storage
- 2001-97 **Spencer Brownstone Gallery, New York, NY**
Preparator, '97-98, Chicago Art Fair '99 and 2000
- Established inventory control for management and tracking
 - Managed gallery's collection (transportation, packing and unpacking)
 - Responsible for the installation and de-installation of all exhibitions
- 2000 **Barbara Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY**
Freelance Preparator
- Installed Drawing '00 exhibition
- Pace Wildenstien Gallery, New York, NY**
Preparator
- Installation of artwork/packing and unpacking
- 1998-96 **John Berggruen Gallery, San Francisco, CA**
Chicago Art Fair '96, '97, and '98
- Installation of artwork/packing and unpacking
 - Managed the movement of exhibiting artwork

- 1997 **Andre Emmerich Gallery, New York, NY**
Freelance preparator
- Installed Man Ray exhibition, including Le Violon d'Ingres (Ingres's Violin)
- 1996 **Forum for Contemporary Art, St. Louis, MO**
Internship
- Installed exhibitions including the packing and unpacking of artwork
 - Proofread exhibition catalogue (New York Abstractionists '96-'97)
 - Head Janitor
- Phyllis Kind Gallery, Chicago, IL**
Internship
- Performed administrative duties (typing, labeling, coffee pouring, etc....)
 - Maintained exhibition rooms
 - Aided with the installation of work

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Present-02 **Montana State University- Northern, Havre, MT**
Professor of Art and Graphic Design, full-time faculty
- Instructor of record for:
 - Global Communication- Arth 160
 - Electronic Design- Gdsn 240
 - 2-D Design- Artz 107
 - Graphic Applications- Gdsn 231
 - Art History- Arth 330
 - Web Design- Gdsn 232
 - Figure Drawing- Art 391
 - Painting- Art 391
 - Electronic Design II- Gdsn 340,
 - Sculpture- Art 391
 - Graphic Design II- Gdsn 350
 - Graphic Design III- Gdsn 450
 - Electronic Illustration- Gdsn 320
 - Metal Sculpture- Artz 363
 - Color Theory- Art 151
 - Software covered during this period: Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Flash, Dreamweaver, GoLive (until 2004), ImageReady, Fireworks, Muse, Premier Pro, Character Animator and QuarkXpress (until 2004)
 - Script language covered: ActionScript 1-3, HTML, CSS, basic Java, and PHP
- 2003 **Stone Child College, Rocky Boy Agency, MT**
Adjunct Instructor of Art
- Instructor of record for two courses (two semesters)
 - Instructor of record for Art 180 (Abstract Applications in Mixed Media) focusing on critical thinking in conceptual art as it relates to "process"
 - Instructor of record for Art 120 (2-D Design)

- 2002-2000 **Baruch College, City University New York**, New York, NY
Adjunct Lecturer
- Instructor of record for two courses (four consecutive semesters)
 - Instructed required graphics class surveying graphic design (basic graphic communications, GDSN 2050), and covering the following software: Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, QuarkXPress in conjunction with the Macintosh computer
 - Instructed elective course (graphic communication: computer-based image-making, GDSN 2052) utilizing Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator as tools for digital manipulation in conjunction with the Macintosh computer
- 2002-01 **Raritan Valley Community College**, Somerville, NJ
Adjunct Lecturer
- Instructor of record (three consecutive semesters)
 - Instructed 2-D studio course covering all elements of design, including color theory
 - Course was designed as both an open studio and computer lab using Fractal Painter in conjunction with the PC
- 2000 **Felician College**, Rutherford, NJ
Adjunct Lecturer
- Instructor of record for two courses (one semester)
 - Instructed lecture survey course in art history (prehistoric to Renaissance)
 - Instructed graphic design production course
- St. Clare of Montefalco**, Chicago, IL
Instructor of record, Spring '00
- Instructed K-8 grade art classes
 - Responsible for all aspects of the courses
 - Initiated the first annual art fair and student exhibition
- 2000-99 **Chicago Public Schools/ Kennedy High School**, Chicago, IL
Substitute Teacher (Art, Chemistry, and Physics)
- Instructed high school classes
- 1999-98 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
Astronomy Guide, Physics Department
- Guided astronomy tours on observation deck
 - Maintained and utilized institutional telescope
- 1999 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
Studio Assistant, Spring '99
- Constructed gallery walls for exhibitions
 - Prepared and held workshop seminars
- 1998 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
Teaching Assistant to Diana-Guerro Macia, 2-D Design, Fall '98
- Directed classroom critiques and designed class projects
 - Kept regular office hours for students
- 1997 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
Studio Assistant, Spring '97
- Maintained studio equipment
 - Prepared and held workshop seminars

- 1996 **Washington University**, St. Louis, MO
Teaching Assistant, 2-D Design, Fall '96
- Directed classroom critiques and designed class projects
 - Kept regular office hours for students

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Present-10 **Chair, College of Education, Arts & Sciences and Nursing, MSUN**, Havre, MT

I function as an academic officer for the College of Education, Arts & Sciences and Nursing (CEASN). The CEASN is comprised of full-time instructors and adjunct faculty at the Havre Main Campus, the Lewistown Campus and Great Falls Campus, as well as those teaching through Distance Education. All academic and administrative decisions and recommendations pertaining to the departments are the prerogative of both the Chair and the Dean, subject to review by the Provost/Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and the advisory roles of the faculty. In early October, 2010, I came into the position which was without a Dean until Fall 2011. I shared the Dean role with the Provost at that time. During the summer of 2014, I took on the primary responsibilities of both the Dean and Chair of CEASN after the Dean's departure in June of that year.

In addition, I:

- Was elected by CEASN faculty in three elections and appointed by three separate Chancellors.
- Participated in a comprehensive Academic Program Prioritization Review, whereby all the institution's academic programs--majors, minors, and certificates--were assessed in order to determine whether they should be Grown, Maintained, Revised/Integrated, or Phased Out. The link to this project, and the report can be found here:
<http://www.msun.edu/provost/assessment/docs/ProgramPrioritizationReview-2012-2013.pdf>. This comprehensive project lays the groundwork for program growth and development.
- Collaborated with a number of Tribal Colleges across Montana's Hi-Line. We have recently secured a U.S. Department of Education grant with Fort Peck Community College (FPCC), *Teachers of Native Nations*. This grant facilitates an educational pathway for students from FPCC to transfer into MSUN's Elementary Education program.
- Ensure the consistency and stability of general education course learning objectives across the college, in compliance with state Board of Regents (BOR) mandates
- Have experience with the following accrediting bodies:
 - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
 - Montana's Office of Public Instruction (OPI), *Graduate Programs, Elementary and Secondary Education*
 - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
 - National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (now ACEN).
- Chair all CEASN search committees, EASN Full College meetings, and Education Admissions and Retention committee 2010-2015.
- Review CEASN faculty for continuation, post tenure, promotion and tenure, including reviewing student teaching evaluations; conducting classroom observations; reviewing scholarly activity, state and local committee participation, and national, state and institutional service.
- Schedule and staff all classes within CEASN to meet the needs of students.
- Mediate for faculty problems related to the institution.

- Determine budget allocations within the college and monitor budgets including the preparation of purchase requisitions and expenditure reports as required by University policy.
- Advise students in outside program areas as new faculty transitioned into that role (i.e. Criminal Justice and Elementary and Secondary Education)
- Edited accreditation response for NWCCU and the NWCCU Seven Year Report.
- Aided in the transition from an outdated Institutional Assessment system to the current system employing Taskstream.
- Collaborate with faculty in the design of goals for professional development.
- Work with faculty to determine curriculum additions, modifications and terminations.
- Teach two to three courses per semester while performing administrative duties.
- Am accustomed to, and familiar with working within a Collective Bargaining/Union context.
- Perform 12 other duties as defined by the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA).

- Present-15 **Accreditation Review Task Force, MSUN, Havre, MT**
- Charged to create General Education Assessment for accreditation
 - Edited accreditation response for NWCCU and Seven Year Report
 - Aided in identifying new assessment system and key personnel in implementation of the new system
- Present-15 **Strategic Advancement Team, MSUN, Havre, MT**
- Charged with developing a four year schedule and four day week schedule
 - Charged with exploring options in Fine Arts offerings in the areas of Art, Theater and Music
 - Incorporated four courses into General Education Category VI
- Present-14 **Budget Advisory Committee, MSUN, Havre, MT**
- Facilitate, in conjunction with other department heads and student leadership, the allocation and implementation of the institution's overall budget and prioritizations
 - Administer Budget Policies and Procedures
- Present-12 **Common Core Number (CCN) Liaison, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE), Helena, MT**
- Acting liaison for MSU-Northern
 - Attending regular meetings
 - Collaborated with faculty to uphold the CCN mission and that of the University system
- Present-10 **Academic Council, MSUN, Havre, MT**
- Assisted in the creation of system wide assessment for both program outcomes and institutional outcomes
 - Reviewer, both as a council member and as an academic officer, the Strategic Prioritization Process that became a state model
 - Reviewer of all faculty hires
- Chancellor's Council, MSUN, Havre, MT**
- Administer institutional policies and procedures
 - Reviewer of academic programs and implementation

- Present-08 **General Education Council- Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education**, Helena, MT
- Nominated as the MSU-Northern Representative
 - Reviewer of Montana Universities' and Colleges' Gen Ed programs and courses
 - Member of several sub-committees
- 2015-2014 **Havre Lion's Club**, Havre, MT
President
- Direct the role of local community's International Club (70+ members)
 - With the help of members, raise and allocate money to benefit the community
- 2009-07 **United Way of Hill County**, Havre, MT
President
- Voted President for two consecutive terms
 - Central leadership of 15 Board of Directors
 - With the help of board members, raise and allocate money annually to help fun supporting partners
- 2008-06 **MSU-Northern General Education Committee**, Havre, MT
Chair
- Voted Chair for two consecutive terms
 - Helped create a Gen Ed Assessment for University as well as Northwest Accreditation
- 2008-02 **MSU-Northern Cultural Development Committee**, Havre, MT
Chair
- Created an Annual Battle of the Bands ('03 - '08)
 - Collaborated with other Campus Committees
- 2006-04 **MSU-Northern Light**, Havre, MT
Faculty Advisor
- Advisor to student editorial staff for two consecutive years
 - Directed students through bi-weekly deadlines

PROFESSIONAL, LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- 2017 **Corequisite, Montana**, Missoula, MT
- 2016 **North West Commission of Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) Annual Meeting and Workshops**, Seattle, WA
Corequisite Montana, Bozeman, MT
- 2015 **One MSU Symposium, MSUN**, Havre, MT
- 2013 **One MSU Symposium, MSU**, Bozeman, MT
- 2013 **ACE Leadership Academy for Department Chairs**, Long Beach, CA

UNIVERSITY, COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Present-16 **Referee, USA Hockey, Havre, MT**
Assistant Coach, Havre High School – USA Hockey, Havre, MT
- Present-13 **The Voice of Triangle Communications and Hill County Electric, Havre, MT**
- Present-10 **MSUN Graduate Council, Havre, MT**
MSUN Academic Council Member, Havre, MT
- Present-08 **General Education Council- Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Helena, MT**
MSU-Northern Instructional Technology, Havre, MT
- Present-04 **Havre Lion’s Club, Havre, MT**
Hill County Search and Rescue, Havre, MT
Care Center volunteer w/dogs, Havre, MT
MSUN KNMC Radio Advisory Board, Havre, MT
- 2014-2004 **Hunting Guide, Legends for Lights Fundraiser, Havre, MT**
- 2014-2012 **Assistant Coach, Havre Bantam – USA Hockey, Havre, MT**
- 2013-2004 **United Way of Hill County, Havre, MT**
- 2012-2011 **Assistant Squirt Hockey Coach (level 1 coaching certificate), Havre, MT**
- 2010-2006 **MSUN Curriculum Committee, Havre, MT**
- 2008-04 **Co-creator/Organizer, Climbing Toward Camp, Havre, MT**
MSUN Student Health Advisory Board, Havre, MT
MSUN General Education Committee, Havre, MT
- 2008-02 **MSUN Cultural Development Committee, Havre, MT**
- 2005-03 **Assistant Havre High School Hockey Coach, Havre, MT**
- 2006-04 **MSU-Northern Light Advisor, Havre, MT**
- 2005 **Community Education Instructor Havre Public Schools, Havre, MT**
- 2005-02 **Northern Showcase Committee, Havre, MT**