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PROFILE

Adjunct Professor, School of Media, Culture & Design, Woodbury University, Los Angeles

Distinguished Instructor, UCLA Extension, Los Angeles

Award-winning playwright, published performance art scholar, widely exhibited visual artist and graphic designer with 30+ years of experience teaching performance art, playwriting, art history, studio art and graphic design at the undergraduate and graduate level.

EDUCATION

- 2005 **PhD**, Performance Studies/Art History/Art Education
School of Visual Arts, Penn State University, State College, PA
Thesis: *Performing Identity; The Politics and Pedagogy of Witnessing the Self*
Advisor: Charles Garoian, PhD
Lecturers: Jacques Derrida, Ivan Illich, Alphonso Lingis, Henry Giroux
- 1996 **MFA**, Studio Art
School of Visual Arts, Penn State University, State College, PA
Summa Cum Laude
Advisor: Micaela Amato, MFA
- 1988 **BFA**, Studio Art
School of Art, The University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
Major in Painting, Minor in Art History
University Gold Medal

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-Present Adjunct Professor
Woodbury University, Burbank, CA
 Courses: Performance Art, History of Modern Art, History of Contemporary Art, History of Graphic Design, Art & Activism
- 2018-Present Distinguished Instructor
UCLA Extension, Los Angeles, CA
 Courses: Contemporary Art, Museums of the World, Autobiographical Collage, Beginner Drawing
- 2021-2022 Visiting Online Instructor
University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
 Courses: Mixed Media Painting, Abstract Painting
- 2013-2020 Adjunct Online Professor
Empire State College (SUNY), Saratoga Springs, NY
 Courses: Digital Art & Design (Beginner and Advanced)
- 2013-2018 Adjunct Professor
Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ
 Courses: Drawing, Art History (Survey)
- 2012-2016 Adjunct Professor
School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
 Courses: Technology in Art Education (Graduate)
- 2009-2012 Adjunct Professor
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
 Courses: Performance Art, Museum Education (Graduate)
 Master's Thesis Advisor
- 2005-2015 Adjunct Professor
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV
 Courses: Introduction to Art (Online)
- 2005-2013 Adjunct Professor
SUNY College at Old Westbury, Old Westbury, NY
 Courses: Print Design, Foundations Design, Creative Thinking, Beginner Drawing
- 2007-2009 Adjunct Professor
Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
 Courses: Contemporary Art History

- 2006-2009 Adjunct Professor
Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY
 Courses: Art History (Survey)
- 2004-2005 Visiting Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Art Education
Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV
 Courses: Aesthetics and Art Criticism, Foundations Design, Art Education Theory, Methods & Research. Supervised all student-teachers in pre-service field practicum.
- 2000-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Art Education
Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
 Courses: Aesthetics & Art Criticism, Visual Culture, Foundations Design, Art Education
- 1998-1999 Adjunct Instructor
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
 Courses: Foundations Design
- 1992-1994 Lecturer
The National Theatre School of Canada, Montreal, QC
 Courses: Art History (Survey) for Set, Costume and Lighting Design students and Technical Production students.

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Shepherd University: Served on Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Professional Education Unit Council, and Hiring Committee.

Kutztown University: Advisor to all art education majors; Departmental Union Council Representative; Undergraduate Exceptions Committee; Interdisciplinary Major Committee; Coordinator of Senior Exhibition; Library Liaison; Website and Public Relations Committee; LGBTQ+ Student Faculty advisor.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MUSEUM EDUCATION

- 2004-2014 Museum Educator/Lecturer
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY
 Conducted gallery talks and guided tours for adult visitors in the Education and Visitor Services Departments. Conduct guided tours (with in-gallery sketching) for children in the Department of Family Programs. Conducted offsite lectures and studio workshops for the Department of Community and Workplace Programs.
- 1996-1998 Museum Educator
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
 Conducted museum tours for middle and high school students in the Department of School Programs. Provided outreach services to New York City area schools through classroom visits. Conducted museum tours for adults in the Department of Visitor Services.
- 1988-1991 Museum Educator
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
 Conducted exhibition research and daily museum tours in the Young Adults Division. Conducted studio workshops for elementary and secondary school students in the Studio Visit Program. Created teachers' kits, self-guided and audio-visual educational material. Co-wrote Art Gallery of Ontario's recommendation report to the Ontario Ministry of Education regarding the role of visual arts in the curriculum. Co-taught museum education practicum for University of Toronto pre-service teachers.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY-BASED ARTS EDUCATION

- 2022-Present Director, Instructor
The Blank Theatre's Young Playwrights Academy, Los Angeles, CA
 Teaching online teen and young adult playwriting classes.
- 2015-2019 Instructor
Provincetown Art Association and Museum, Provincetown, MA
 Taught adult drawing and painting workshops.
- 2017-2018 Instructor
Magen David Yeshiva High School, New York, NY
 Taught Graphic Design course for high school juniors and seniors.

- 2013-2015 Instructor
School of Visual Arts Summer Programs, New York, NY
 Taught ESL-specific art history/art appreciation courses to incoming international students.
- 2005-2011 Facilitator/Teacher
Studio in a School/New York City Department of Education, NY
 Conducted citywide Blueprint training for New York City public school art teachers. Participated in artist residency programs in New York City public schools. Designed and delivered 14-week studio programs in collaboration with classroom teacher.
- 1991-1993 Instructor
Segal Centre (Formerly Saidye Bronfman Centre) Montreal, QC
 Taught adult drawing, painting and art history courses.
- 1998-2000 Instructor of Record (PhD)
Penn State University, State College, PA
 Taught performance art and art criticism courses. Taught large-section Introductory Art Appreciation course (350 students.) Supervised multiple teaching assistants. Team-taught combined lecture/studio course for non-majors.

PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

- “Would I Live or Would I Die?” *University of Manitoba Today*, Online Magazine, 2021
- “SICK,” Stageplays, Cyberpress, New York, 2021
- “Have Social, Cultural or Political Events Ever Impacted A Work In Progress?” *The Dramatist*, July/August 2017, 22-31
- “Jefferson Market University Offers First Playwriting Course,” *WestView News*, 2017, 13(9), 24
- “Education, Activism, Performance Art: Sharing Metaphors for Cultural Work.” In T. Quinn. (Ed.), *Democracy and Education*, 2005, 15(3-4), 76-79
- “AIDS and Art.” In D. Bégin (Ed.), *One Voice*, 1998, 3(4), 11-12

GRANTS, AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Faculty Development Major Grant, Woodbury University
- 2020 Winner, Playwriting Competition, *One City One Pride* Arts Festival, Los Angeles
- 2016 Award for Excellence in Playwriting, New York International Fringe Festival
- 2005 Online Education Development Grant, Shepherd University
- 2000 Individual Artist Grant, Franklin Furnace Fund for Performance Art

- 1996 Creative Achievement Award, College of Arts and Architecture, Penn State
 1996 Exhibition Grant, Dean of Graduate Research, Penn State
 1994-1996 Graduate Study Grant, Quebec Government
 1991 Educator's Award, Ontario Association of Art Galleries
 1990 Major Artist Grant, The Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation
 1987 University Gold Medal in Fine Arts, The University of Manitoba
 1987 Scholarship The Simon Chang Foundation

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “The Joys of Self-Producing,” Online Lecture, The Dramatists Guild, 2022
 2021 “The Art of Pandemics,” College of Liberal Arts Lecture Series, Woodbury University, Burbank, CA
 2018 “Doing It All: On Being a Generalist in a Specialist World,” The John M. Anderson Endowed Lecture Series, Penn State, State College, PA
 2016 “A Life in the Arts,” Visiting Artist Lecture, State University of New York, Purchase College, Purchase, NY
 2014 “Careers in the Arts,” 50th Anniversary of Penn State’s College of Arts and Architecture, State College, PA
 2009 “Video in Performance Art,” Visiting Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
 2003 “Performing Identity,” Visiting Artist Lecture/Performance and Graduate Critiques, Towson State University, Baltimore, MD
 2002 “Women in Postmodern Art,” Guest Speaker, Pace University, New York, NY

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 2004 “Diversity in the Classroom,” College Art Association, Seattle, WA
 2003 “ReFramings: Acknowledging Queer Subtext in the Art Historical Canon,” New York City Art Teachers Association, New York, NY
 2003 “A Visual Culture Class Responds to 9/11,” National Art Education Association, Minneapolis, MN
 2000 “Making the Links Between Education, Activism and Performance Art;” “Art History and the Student;” National Art Education Association, Los Angeles, CA
 1999 “The Body of the Other,” Performing Diversity Symposium, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

- 1998 “Arts Futures: The Emerging Systems Aesthetic,” Social Theory, Politics & The Arts, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
- 1996 “The Interview with the Artist as Genre,” College Art Association, Boston, MA

RESIDENCIES

Desert Playwrights’ Retreat, Palm Springs, CA, April 2023

CREATIVE WORK

PLAYWRITING AND SOLO PERFORMANCE

- 2023 *SICK*, Hollywood Fringe Festival, The Broadwater MainStage, Los Angeles, CA
- 2020 *SICK*, One City One Pride Arts Festival, Virtual Staged Reading, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 *Murmurs & Incantations*, The Blank Theatre/Living Room Series, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016 *Murmurs & Incantations*, NY International Fringe Festival, New York, NY
- 2013 *Murmurs & Incantations*, Mixed Greens Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Murmurs & Incantations*, Orange Hanky Theatre, New York, NY
- 2010 *One Man Show*, Village Playwright, New York, NY
- 2004 *A Perfect Model*, CAA Annual Conference Seattle, WA
- 2003 *Tread*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington, DE
- 2000 *Art History 487*, Future of the Present, Franklin Furnace, New York, NY
- 1999 *Matthew*, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
- 1998 *Lecture*, Avant-Garde-Arama, P. S. 122, New York, NY
- 1996 *Famous in New York*, Thread Waxing Space, New York, NY
- 1995 *Call Waiting*, Cleveland Performance Art Festival, Cleveland, OH
- 1995 *Untitled Performance*, Allegheny College Gallery, Meadville, PA
- 1995 *Harvest*, Edwin Zoller Gallery, State College, PA
- 1994 *Art Imitates Life*, Palmer Museum of Art Piazza, State College, PA

EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *The AIDS Portfolio*, Online **Solo Exhibition** (Retrospective), www.dahnhiuni.com, (curated with essay by Amy Converse)
- 2018 *Brave Spaces*, Gottesman Library, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY (curated by Pam Koehler)

- 2016 *Early Drawings*, **Solo Exhibition**, Galerie Georges-André, Brooklyn, NY, Invitational
- 2013 *Gesturing Into Consciousness*, Zoller Gallery, State College, PA (curated by Micaela Amato)
- 2013 *Enshrouded*, **Two-person Exhibition**, Bed-Vyne Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, Invitational
- 2011 *Queer Bodies*, Galeria/Cinemarosa, New York, NY (curated by Hector Cengage)
- 2011 *The Ties That Bind*, Firehouse Gallery, Bay Shore, NY (curated by LuAnn T. Palazzo)
- 2011 *Made by Hand*, Cooper Union Gallery, New York, NY (curated by Pam Koehler)
- 2011 *Crossing Disciplines*, Schafler Gallery, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, Non-juried
- 2010 *Great LGBT Photo Show*, Leslie-Lohman Gallery, New York, (curated by Cora Lambert)
- 2009 *Postcards from the Edge*, Metro Pictures, New York, NY, Non-juried
- 2008 *Un/Veiled Visions*, Amelie Wallace Gallery, SUNY, Old Westbury, NY, Invitational
- 2007 *Employees' Exhibition*, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY, Invitational
- 2006 *SUNY Faculty Exhibition*, State University Plaza Gallery, Albany, NY, Invitational
- 2002 *Reactions*, Exit Art, New York, NY, Non-juried (catalogue)
- 2004 *Passages*, **Solo Exhibition**, Frank Gallery, Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV, Invitational
- 2000 *From Foundation to Ornamentation*, Lancaster Museum of Art, Lancaster, PA (curated by Cindy Morrison and Katherine Talcott)
- 1998 *May 17, 1998*, Cornish Estate Cold Springs, NY (curated by Anton Vidokle, Regine Basha and Christoph Gerozissis)
- 1998 *From Foundation to Ornamentation*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL (curated by Cindy Morrison and Katherine Talcott)
- 1998 *Are You Looking At Me?* Acme Art Company Gallery, Columbus, OH (curated by Chuck Cave)
- 1997 *Video View*, Artists Space, New York, NY, Non-juried
- 1996 *I Was Here*, **Solo Exhibition**, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Zoller Gallery, State College, PA,
- 1994 *Sites*, **Solo Exhibition**, Galerie Dix Quarante, Montreal, QC, Non-juried
- 1991 *Recent Work*, **Two-person Exhibition**, Alliance Française, Toronto, ON, Invitational
- 1990 *Roundup '90*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON, Non-juried (catalogue)

COLLECTIONS

Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN

Franklin Furnace Archives, New York, NY

Leslie-Lohman Museum of Gay and Lesbian Art, New York, NY

School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

Various private and corporate collections, U.S., Canada, U.K., France, The Netherlands, Israel

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Olivia Clement, “FringeNYC Announces Overall Excellence Award Winners,” *Playbill.com*, August 29, 2016. <http://www.playbill.com/article/fringenyc-announces-overall-excellence-award-winners>

Adam Feldman, “Fringe Festival 2016 reviews, Part VI,” *TimeOut*, August 24, 2016 <https://www.timeout.com/newyork/blog/fringe-festival-2016-reviews-part-vi-082416>

Ran Xia, “Murmurs & Incantations,” *Theater Is Easy*, August 23, 2016 <http://www.theasy.com/Reviews/FringeFestival/2016/murmursandincantations.php>

Don Adkins, “A Curated Guide to the NY Fringe Festival’s 20th Anniversary Season,” *Huffington Post*, August 10, 2016

Stephanie Swindle, “School of Visual Arts Alumnus Brings Subculture to Forefront in New Play,” *PSUNews*, Jul 18, 2016. <https://news.psu.edu/story/417708/2016/07/18/arts-and-entertainment/school-visual-arts-alumnus-brings-subculture>

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Gomez, Enrico. “The 2010 Great LGBTQ Photo Show,” *The Archive*, Issue 35, Fall 2010

Christopher Marquis, “*Marquis Who’s Who in America*,” 2008

Janine White, “Past & Present Come Face To Face in Performance,” *Centre Daily Times*, Mar 15, 2003

Toni Sant, “Real Performance on the Pseudo Network,” PhD Theses, NY University, 2003

Charles Garoian, *Performing Pedagogy: Towards an Art of Politics*, NY: State University of NY Press, 1999

Abigail Foerstner, “Exhibit Takes Uplifting Tack,” *Pioneer Press*, Oct 8, 1998

Charles Garoian. “Repositioning the Body in Postmodern Art Education,” *Journal of Multicultural and Cross-Cultural Research in Art Education*, Fall 1996

Reina Lewis & Peter Horne, *Outlooks: Lesbian and Gay Sexualities and Visual Cultures*, Routledge, 1996

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

CURATORIAL WORK

2015 *I for Paris*, Galerie Georges-André, Brooklyn, NY

2011 *The Civility Show*, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, State University of New York, NY

2008 *Un/Veiled Visions*, Amelie A. Wallace Gallery, State University of New York, NY (Catalogue)

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2017 Contributed written entries on individual artists, The Art Story, online art resource.
- 2013 Designed assessment component and teacher PowerPoint packages for *Graphic Design Textbook* by Scott Santoro, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson, 2013
- 2004 Served as peer reviewer for *Design Basics* (6th Edition) by David Lauer Stephen Pentak, Wadsworth Press, 2004

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2019-Present Adjudicator
The Blank Theatre's Young Playwrights Festival Selection Committee and
Future of Playwriting Prize Selection Committee
Los Angeles, CA
- 2013-Present Research Fellow
Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP),
New York NY
- 1997-1999 Volunteer
New York City Anti-Violence Project, under the direction of Christine Quinn,
New York NY

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Dramatists Guild, Association of Los Angeles Playwrights, American Institute of Graphic Arts, College Art Association, National Art Education Association, American Federation of Teachers, United University Professions

LANGUAGES

Hebrew: Native speaker
French: Intermediate

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