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Education

- 2022 *Currently Enrolled:* Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Expected Graduation Date: May 2022
- 2022 *Currently Enrolled:* Museum Studies Certificate
The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama
Expected Graduation Date: May 2022
- 2013 Master of Liberal Arts
Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama
- 2011 Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts, Minor in Art History
Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Alabama

Academic Honors and Awards

- 2021-2022: Graduate Council Fellowship from The University of Alabama
- 2021-2022: The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- 2021: 0.25 FTE Graduate Teaching Assistantship from The University of Alabama
- 2020-Present: Honors Society: Strength and Honor
- 2020-Present: Golden Key International Honour Society
- 2019-2020: Emily Irene Thames Fellowship from The University of Alabama

Solo Exhibitions

- 2021 “Synaptic Transmission,” Sella-Granata Art Gallery at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- 2013 “Hoof Prints throughout History,” Goodwyn Hall Art Gallery at Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, AL

Group Exhibitions and Awards

- 2021 “59th Annual Juried Competition,” Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA
- “3rd Annual Primary Colors Online Art Exhibition,” Light Space & Time Online Art Galley
<https://www.lightspacetime.art/primary-colors-art-exhibition-december-2021/>
Award: Special Recognition
- “Graduate Pop-Up Art Exhibition,” Sella-Granata Art Gallery at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL
- “55th Annual Montgomery Art Guild Regions Bank Exhibition,” Regions Bank-RSA Tower, Montgomery, AL
- “Me, Myself, and I” Online Exhibition, The In Art Gallery (online)
<https://theinartgallery.com/open-theme>

“Artist of the Month for July 2021,” ART JOBS.
<https://www.artjobs.com/op/artist-of-the-month/2021>

“11th Annual Open Online Art Exhibition,” Light Space & Time Online Art Galley
<https://www.lightspacetime.art/open-art-exhibition-august-2021/>
 Award: Special Recognition

“2nd Annual Open Theme” Online Exhibition, The In Art Gallery (online)
<https://theinartgallery.com/open-theme>

“Emergence” Exhibition, Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tusculmbia, AL

“Graduate Pop-Up Art Exhibition,” Sella-Granata Art Gallery at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

2020 “54th Annual Montgomery Art Guild Regions Bank Exhibition,” Regions Bank (RSA Tower), Montgomery, AL

“Montgomery Art Guild Regions Too Online Exhibition,” online gallery based out of Montgomery, AL
<https://www.montgomeryartguild.org/mag-regions-part2>

2019 “Fall Showcase of New and Returning Graduate Students,” Sella-Granata Art Gallery at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL

“Central Alabama Showcase,” Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery in Wetumpka, AL
 Award: Honorable Mention for 2-D Art (not under glass) category for *Geometrie Bleu*

“Tulahoma Art Trail,” Artist Showcase/Art Walk in Wetumpka, AL

2017 “Elmore County Art Guild 33rd Annual Show,” Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery in Wetumpka, AL

2016 “Blue Iguana Local Artist Showcase,” Blue Iguana Bar and Grill, Prattville, AL
 Live Artist Demonstration and Art Sale

“Elmore County Art Guild 32nd Annual Show,” Wetumpka Depot Players Theatre in Wetumpka, AL,
 Award: 1st place award in 3-D, Sculpture, & Pottery Category for *Horse Chinese Symbol*

2015 “Alabama National Fair Art Guild Show,” Garrett Coliseum in Montgomery, AL

“Prattauga Art Guild Fall Art Show,” Prattville Creative Arts Center in Prattville, AL

“Elmore County Art Guild 31st Annual Show,” Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery in Wetumpka, AL

2014 “Second Annual TAG: Artists for Animals” Art Show, Cool Beans Café de Art in Montgomery, AL

“Elmore County Art Guild 29th Annual Winter Show,” Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery in Wetumpka, AL, Award: Honorable Mention for *Cubist Diego* in 2-D art (not under glass)

Press

2021 “UA Grad Students Accepted to Louisiana Museum Juried Show,” *Department of Art and Art History*, 20 January 2022, <https://art.ua.edu/student-news/ua-grad-students-accepted-to-louisiana-museum-juried-show/>.

“Making the Invisible Visible: Art and Mental Health,” *Department of Art and Art History*, 18 August 2021, <https://art.ua.edu/news/making-the-invisible-visible-art-and-mental-health/>.

“Grad Students Reap Summer Accolades,” *Department of Art and Art History*, 18 August 2021, <https://art.ua.edu/news/grad-students-reap-summer-accolades/>.

“Artists Speak about Mental Health.” ARTSY SHARK, 11 August 2021, <https://www.artsyshark.com/2021/08/11/artists-speak-about-mental-health/>.

“Graduate Students’ Artwork Accepted into National Venues,” *Department of Art and Art History*, 6 August 2021, <https://art.ua.edu/news/graduate-students-artwork-accepted-to-national-venues/>.

“Artist of the Month for July 2021,” ART JOBS, 4 August 2021, <https://www.artjobs.com/op/artist-of-the-month/2021>.

“UA Art Student, Alumni Selected for New Tennessee Valley Juried Exhibition.” *Department of Art and Art History*, 4 May 2021, <http://art.ua.edu/news/ua-art-student-alumni-selected-for-new-tennessee-valley-juried-exhibition/>.

Nakashima, Monica. “How Two Art Graduate Students Are Making Their Exhibitions Personal.” *The Crimson White*, March 29, 2021. <https://cw.ua.edu/81259/culture/how-two-art-graduate-students-are-making-their-exhibitions-personal/>.

- 2019 “René Thompson: Graduate Art Student Exhibit 2019.” UA College of Arts & Sciences, UA Department of Art and Art History.” Vimeo, Tuesday, October 8, 2019. <https://vimeo.com/365052268>.

Research and Curatorial Experience

- 2021 Co-organized the educational program titled “Weave with Mary: Meet the Artist” event at the Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL on November 6, 2021

Student Work in Museums (SWIM) proposal accepted for presentation at the Southeastern Museums Conference 2021 Annual Meeting (October 27, 2021)

Project Manager for “Weaving Muscogee Creek Culture: The Artistry of Mary Smith” in the Mildred Westervelt Warner Transportation Museum at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL (October 5, 2021-March 19, 2022)

Co-curated “14 Select(ions)” in the Sarah Moody Gallery of Art at The University of Alabama which was on display from March 22- May 7, 2021

- 2018 Chairperson of Exhibition Committee with the Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery (KFMG) from January 2018 to December 2018 (volunteer)
- “Originally From Alabama;” September 2017-January 2018, Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, Wetumpka, AL
 - “Collectors and Collections Part 1: Connecting Genres and Generations;” March 2018-May 2018, Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, Wetumpka, AL
 - “Collectors and Collections Part 2: From the River Region;” June 2018-August 2018, Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, Wetumpka, AL
 - “Central Alabama Showcase;” September 2018-January 2019, Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, Wetumpka, AL
 - “Broader Horizons: Collectors and Creators (Exploring Our World);” January 14-April 25, 2019, Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery, Wetumpka, AL

Board Member with the Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery from January 2017 to December 2018
(volunteer)

Served as liaison between the KFMG and Montgomery Art Guild from January 2017 to October 2018
(volunteer)

2013 Research assistant for Professor Kate Lemay at Auburn University at Montgomery

Research assistant for Dr. Keri Watson at Auburn University at Montgomery from August 2012 to March 2013

Conference Presentations/Professional Development

2021 Southeastern Museums Conference 2021 Annual Meeting, October 25-27, 2021 in Chattanooga, TN. Presented SWIM proposal with exhibit group on October 27, 2021.

2018 Completed Training and Certification for the Faculty Development Institute (FDI) Online Instructor Certification Program in spring 2018 at Auburn University at Montgomery (eight week online cohort from January 30, 2018-April 6, 2018)

Professional Experience

2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant for Drawing I (ART 110) in the Department of Art and Art History at The University of Alabama (Spring 2021)

Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section OL) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2021)

2019-2021 Lead Graduate Assistant for Student Employment Services at The University of Alabama

2020 Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section D) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2020)

Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section OL) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2020)

2016-2019 Academic Advisor in the Office of Central Advising (formerly known as the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Center) at Auburn University at Montgomery

2010-2019 Assistant Manager/Server at Our Place Café, Wetumpka, AL

2018 Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2018)

Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts at Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2018)

2017 Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section C) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2017)

Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section D) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2017)

Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts at Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2017)

- 2016 Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section C) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2016)
- Adjunct Instructor for Introduction to Visual Arts (VISU 1000: Section E) at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2016)
- Adjunct Instructor for Art Appreciation at Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2016)
- 2015 Adjunct Instructor for Art Appreciation at Auburn University at Montgomery (Fall 2015)
- Adjunct Instructor for Art Appreciation at Auburn University at Montgomery (Spring 2015)

References

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Professional Affiliation

Montgomery Art Guild
Elmore County Art Guild
Tennessee Valley Art Association
Southeastern Museums Conference
Art Associate of the Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery

Skills and Abilities

Leadership	Hard-working
Organization	Reliable
Communication (verbal and written)	Articulate
Collaboration (teamwork)	Resourceful
Timely/Punctual	Computer and typing
Customer service	Knowledge of Financial Aid and work study programs
Management	Knowledge of Banner, Blackboard, Webster
Interpersonal	Certified FDI Online Instructor
Attention to detail	