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Education

- 1995 University of Delaware MFA in Painting Newark, DE
1988 Vassar College BA in Art History Poughkeepsie, NY
2002 Topkapi Palace Government Certificate in 'Tezhip' Ottoman Illumination Istanbul, Turkey

Solo Exhibitions

- 2017 'Just Arrived' Chowan Arts Council, Edenton, North Carolina
2016 'Brainswarming' Rotunda Gallery, American University in Dubai
2012 'Trapping the Facts' EHL Gallery, Dubai
2010 'Things That Go In, Out, Back, Up and Around' XVA Gallery, Dubai
2003 'Selections from Zeynep' Rotunda Gallery, American University in Dubai
2001 'Julia Townsend' Marmara Hotel, Taksim, Istanbul
1999 'O'Fantasya' Paintings, Sculptures, and Drawings, Yantra Gallery, Çukurcuma, Istanbul
1998 'Paintings by Julia Townsend' Koç University, Istanbul
1998 'Julia Townsend Resim Sergisi' Paintings & Drawings at The Deep, Beyoglu, Istanbul
1996 'Surreal Tales: New Paintings and Drawings by Julia Townsend' LURE, Miami Beach
1992 'Julia Townsend: New Work' Galerie-Cafe-OM. Prenzlauer Berg, Berlin
1991 Julia Townsend: 'New Paintings' Harlem Jazz Club, Barcelona

2 - Person Shows

- 2011 'The Imagination of Disaster' with Marcelo Lima. Total Arts Gallery, The Courtyard, Dubai
2010 'Conversations' and 'Subject' with Marcelo Lima. Metasenta Drawing Space, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) Campus, Australia
1998 'New Painting from Turkey,' Julia Townsend and Salih Köksalan, Alte Pumpe, Berlin

Group Exhibitions

*Asterix indicates exhibitions curated

- 2024 SECAC 2024 Members' Juried Exhibition, Juror Alice Stone Collins. Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design Galleries, Georgia State University
2024 66th National Multi-Media Show, Juror Richard Wilson. Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Rocky Mount Imperial Centre, North Carolina
2024 A4 Small Graphics Salon, 10th Edition, Virtual and gallery exhibition, Curated by Ovidio Croitoru, National University of Art, Bucharest
2024 *Pop! Art with Mass Appeal* Juror Keri Towler Anmarie Sculpture Garden & Art Center, Solomons, Maryland
2024 'Diversion' Aedra Fine Arts Online Gallery, Curator Michael Hanna

- 2024 *The Best Thing to Be* Arts of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, North Carolina
- *2022 'Waterways: FISHing' Part of 'Celebrating Sound Waterways,' Edenton, NC. Online and Gallery exhibition. Collaboration with Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group
- 2020-22 A4 Small Graphics Salon, 6th-8th Editions, virtual collection and catalog, curated by Ovidiu Croitoru, National University of Art Bucharest
- 2013-23 'Geometric Aljama: A Cultural Transliteration' traveling exhibition (15 venues so far) curated by Reni Gower and Jorge Benitez. Langford 120 Gallery, Melbourne, Australia(2013); Total Arts Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai(2014); Zuckerman Gallery, Kennesaw State University, Atlanta, Georgia (2015); Argyros Forum's Henley Galleria at Chapman University, California(2016); Helen E. Copeland Gallery, Montana State University(2017), Kohl Gallery, Washington College, Maryland (2018), Phillips Museum, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA (Jan/March 2019); Gordon Galleries, Old Dominion University (Aug/Sept 2019); The Gallery at Penn College, Williamsport, PA (Oct-Dec 2022)
- 2019-22 Member Artists' Exhibition, Chowan Arts Council, Edenton, NC; Arts of the Albemarle, Elizabeth City, NC
- 2018 *Images of Edenton*, Chowan Arts Council, Edenton, NC
- 2018 *Creative Workforce*, Craven Arts Council & Gallery, Bank of the Arts, New Bern, NC
- *2017 'Installed' Open House / Exhibition at The Peanut Factory, Edenton, North Carolina
- 2016 SIKKA Art Fair, curated by Mattar bin Lahej, Bastakiya, Dubai. 'The Rat Race,' oil on aluminium relief
- *2015 Global Drawing Audit: 'Drawing Everywhere' Middle East coordinator- Inaugural exhibition - Metasenta Project, Clayton Hubbs Lecture Hall, Studio Art Center International, Florence
- 2014 'From Flat to Fiction' collaboration with animator Rahul Malpure, A4 Space, Al Quoz, Dubai International Symposium of Electronic Arts (ISEA)
- *2014 'Drawing Wall' International Drawing/Print exhibition, Peanut Factory Artists, and photographs by Michael DeCamp. Edenton, North Carolina
- 2014 'Location' traveling drawing exhibition curated by Dr. Irene Barberis: thejamjar, Al Quoz, Dubai, Langford 120 Gallery, Melbourne
- 2014 'It's all Square' thejamjar, Al Quoz, Dubai, curated by The Domino (Fathima Mohiuddin)
- 2013 'On the Road, The Poetics of the American Highway' curated by Dr. Woodman Taylor, Rotunda Gallery, AUD
- 2013 'Wild Things,' FN DesignStudios, curated by The Domino (Fathima Mohiuddin)
- 2012 'Global Women' Art Couture, InterContinental Hotel, Al Badia, Dubai.
- 2012 'A Selection from Crossing The Line: Drawing in the Middle East' Langford 120 Gallery, Melbourne, Australia
- 2012 'Genius' The Cartoon Art Gallery, Dubai, curated by Fathima Mohiuddin
- 2011 'Crossing The Line' Tashkeel Art Center, Dubai. Curated by Dr. Irene Barberis
- *2011 '3 Keez' Exhibition of 25 UAE-based illustrators at the American University in Dubai Co-curated with Fathima Mohiuddin, Guest Speaker: Nanette Hoogslag UK/Netherlands
- 2011 'Three Parts / More Harmony' The Durban City Art Gallery, South Africa. Curated by Sarah Lahti, Phumzile Dlamini, and Chocate Ali Hamildo
- 2011 'MinD' (Made in Dubai), installation, curated by Ebtisam Abdul Aziz, Dubai Community Theatre and Arts Center (DUCTAC)
- 2010 'The Saatchi 10' Detroit Museum of New Arts. Selected by Charlotte Bonham-Carter
- 2010 'MinD' (Made in Dubai), painted sculpture and installation, curated by Fathima Mohiuddin, Dubai Community Theatre and Arts Center (DUCTAC)
- 2010 'Portrait of a Generation' Juried show, Tashkeel, Dubai
- *2009 'Women's Rooms' Bastakiya Art Fair, Dubai. With Nelda Gilliam, Sarah Lahti, Juri Morioka, Maya Pottenkulam. Installations in an 8-roomvilla

- 2009 'Summer Collection' XVA Gallery, Bastakiya. Julia Townsend, Hussein Almohasen, Colleen Quigley, and Melanie Sarrasin
- 2009 'Emergence' Tenri Cultural Institute of New York, New York Curated by Jeff Baysa 2008
'Terminal Degree,' Bastakiya, Creek Contemporary ArtFair
- 2008 'How I Bought Myself a Diamond' AUD Faculty Exhibition, Dubai
- 2007 'Al Khoulia,' Meem Gallery, Dubai
- 2007 'Villa 111,' Bastakiya, (First Annual) Creek Contemporary Art Fair, Dubai
- 2007 'Festival of Art,' Time Well Spent Sepia Ink Drawings, Dubai Festival City
- 2006 'Faculty Exhibition' Gallery 76, The Dubai International Art Center
- 2006 '4 + 4' Manu Chabria Gallery, Dubai
- 2006 'Summer Collection' XVA Gallery, Bastakiya
- *2005 'Innocents Abroad: An Evening of Travel Art and Poetry' with Daniel Pendergrass (poetry) and James Henry (photography), XVA Gallery, Dubai
- 2005 'Around Seven' Total Arts Gallery, Al Quoz, Dubai
- 2005, 04 'Summer Collection' XVA Gallery, Bastakiya
- 2004 Faculty Exhibition, Department of Visual Communication, American University in Dubai
- 1999 'Fish' International Artists, Yantra Gallery, Istanbul
- 1997 'Annual Summer Exhibition, Broward Art Guild, Best in Show Juror: Paula Gillam
- 1997 'Human Image, Broward Art Guild, Ft. Lauderdale, Honorable Mention
- 1996 'Self Interpretations, Broward Art Guild, "People's Choice" Award
- 1996 'Member's Exhibition, Broward Art Guild 3rd Place Juror: Sheppard Root
- 1995 'Six from Delaware,' Digital Images at the The Silicon Gallery, Philadelphia
- 1994 'Graduate Painters,' The Federal Reserve Bank, Philadelphia
- 1994 'National Exhibition of Women's Works on/of Paper, National Women's Hall of Fame, Seneca Falls, NY Juror: Diane Villani

Awards / Grants

- 2021 Artists Support Grant, North Carolina Arts Council
- 2015 Abu Dhabi Music and Art Foundation (ADMAF), awarded grant to bring three Emirati students to 'Crossing the Line 3: intersections in Firenze' drawing symposium
- 2010,14 Faculty Teaching Offset, AUD (American University in Dubai) – 2 research opportunities
- 2009 Provost's Award for Creativity and Design in the Visual Arts, AUD
- 2002 Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center for Artist Residencies
- 1994-5 Tuition Scholarship, American Association of University Women
- 1993-5 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, University of Delaware

Collections

- * Koç University (Istanbul) * Diera Tower Estates LLC (Dubai) * J.W.Thomson (Istanbul office)
- * Thomas Klein International (Dubai office) * Burj Khalifa (paintings commissioned for the 100th floor of the tallest building) * Private collections in Spain, Germany, Turkey, Sweden, Denmark, Oman, Australia, Canada, UAE, UK, and USA

Art for Charity

- 2019 'Masquerade' painted mask for *Edenton Historical Commission*
- 2015 'RCA Secret' group exhibition organized by the *Royal College of Art* at ArtDubai
- 2009 'Parts of the World' *Meem Gallery*, Dubai. Raised funds for an artisan center in Cameroon
- 2006 Scenes from the Musandam, sponsored by *Jotun Paints* on *Gulf For Good* paddle trip in the Strait of Hormuz
- 2005 'If you ever do that again...' auction of decorated shoes for *Medecins Sans Frontiers*, Dubai
- 2004 'Cat and Mouse Games,' sponsored by Ken and Patricia Palmer to paint life-size camel sculpture for Camel Caravan auction, Dubai
2003. 'Football,' 'Cricket,' and 'Rugby,' sponsored by *Emirates Airlines* to paint 3 life size camels to illustrate the sports that they sponsor for Camel Caravan auction, Dubai

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