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EDUCATION

2022 **MFA**, Interdisciplinary Practices and Emerging Forms, University of Houston, Texas

2018 **Post-Baccalaureate**, Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, Ireland

2017 **BFA**, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023/Present **Assistant Professor of Practice**, AET Department, UT Austin, Texas

2023 **Lecturer**, Interaction Design I, Design Department, UT Austin, Texas

2021-2022 **Teaching Fellow**, University of Houston, Texas

2020 **Affiliate Instructor**, University of Houston, Texas

2017/18 **Prison Drawing Instructor**, Huntsville Holliday Unit, Huntsville, Texas

CLASSES TAUGHT

Immersive Art Installations, Art Making in VR, Code and Fabrication, Exploring User Interaction, Interaction Design I, Virtual and Augmented Reality Art, Fundamentals of Painting, Fundamentals of Drawing, Assisted Architectural Sketching & Intermediate Drawing, and more.

PUBLIC ART

2019 **Painted Art Car**, Houston Art Car Parade, Grand Trophy 1st Place Award for Painted Cars

2018 **Outdoor Mural**, Burren College of Art, Ireland, Published in Aer Lingus In Flight Magazine, Cara, September Edition pg. 56

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Edge City Conference*, Group Exhibition, Austin, Texas

2024 *Synthetic Symbiosis*, Solo Exhibition, ContraCommon Gallery, Bee Cave, Texas

Nameless Dread, Creative Coder for Mark Wilson's Generative Artwork, Artblocks.io

Transcendent Realities, Group Exhibition, Future Front Houst, Austin, Texas

senseAugment(), Solo Exhibition, Box13 Artspace, Houston, Texas

2023 *BLNKA Digital + Analog Group Exhibition*, Houston Vintage Truck Club, Houston, Texas

Empty Box: Out of the Box, Art Auction, 3 works sold, Box13 Artspace, Houston, Texas

- Houston Art Car Parade*, Houston, Texas
FronteraFest Performance, Hyde Park Theatre, Austin, Texas
Clamp Light Group Exhibition, Clamp Light Gallery, San Antonio
- 2022 *Marfa + Marfa Group Exhibition*, Elgin Street Studios, Houston, Texas
Outstanding: Group Exhibition, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Online
44th Thesis Exhibition, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, Texas
Two Person Alumni Exhibition, Satellite Gallery, Huntsville, Texas
- 2021 *Lowell Liebermann Concert: 8 Hands*, Sound Reactive Visualization, Moores School of Music Opera House, Houston, Texas
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Juried by Cecilia Fajardo-Hill, Houston, Texas
Soliciting Nudes and Other Bodily Things, Solo Exhibition, Elgin Street Studios, Houston, Texas
Figurative Art National Juried Exhibition, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
- 2020 *Virtual Houston Art Car Parade*, HTV Website, Houston, Texas
- 2019 *Waterfront Art Festival*, near Ellinger, Texas
Where the Sun Sets, Third Space Gallery, University of Houston
La Bienal Houston, Spring Street Studios, Houston, Texas

RESIDENCIES & RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2023 ***Artist Talk: Art and Innovation***, Future Front HQ, Austin, Texas
- 2022 ***Code Marfa Artist Residency***, University of Houston, Marfa, Texas
- 2021 ***G5 Artist Residency***, Houston, Texas
- 2021 **Assistant for Paul Fleming Installation**, The Sterling at Regent Square, Houston, Texas
- 2020 **VR World & Advanced Unity Development Course**, Founder is Nicolas Barone, Altspace VR
- 2019 **Assistant for Krista Birnbaum with outdoor mural** in Midtown Park, Houston, Texas
- 2019 **Lab Technician**, Arts & Technology Center, University of Houston, Texas
- 2018 **Assistant Director** at Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
- 2018 **Juror** for Sam Houston State University Fall Exhibition, Huntsville, Texas
- 2018 **Gallery Attendant**, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, Texas
- 2017 **Founder & Curator of Artopia** Pop-up Exhibition and concert, Bryan, Texas
- 2017 **Old Town Theatre Set Painter**, City of Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 **Assisted Mural Restoration**, Richard Haas Mural, lead artist Patrick Richards, Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 **Animation Creation Camp Assistant Instructor**, Sam Houston State University, Texas

PUBLICATIONS & COLLECTIONS

- 2020 Crosshatch Publishing Online
- 2019 *R2: The Rice Review* 2019 Issue, Houston, Texas
- 2018 Aer Lingus In Flight Magazine, Cara, September Edition pg. 56
- 2017 *HCE Review Volume II Issue I* Cover Page, Dublin, Ireland
- 2016 *Restoring Texas History*, The Item, Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 *SHSU Creates: Sydney Parks*, The Houstonian, Huntsville, Texas

Collection of Sam Houston State University Art Department, Huntsville, Texas

Collection of Lowman Student Center, SHSU, Huntsville, Texas

AWARDS

- 2022 First Place Painted Cars Grand Trophy, Houston Art Car Parade, Texas
- 2021 Winner of Scale-It Up Fund, Created large-scale & walk-in installation, Houston, Texas
- 2019 Graduate Fellowship Scholarship, University of Houston, Texas
- 2017 Award of Excellence, Conception Art Show, Austin, Texas
- 2017 Juried Art Exhibition 2nd Place Winner, Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 Elkins Lake Kuntz-Nelson Memorial Art Scholarship Winner, Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 Marion St. John Baker Scholarship First Runner Up, Huntsville, Texas
- 2016 Stanley E. Lea Drawing Scholarship Winner, Huntsville, Texas