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Education

- 2020 **MFA University of Iowa**, Major: Intermedia, Minor: Sculpture, with distinctions
2019 **MA University of Iowa**, Major: Intermedia, Minor: Sculpture
2014 **BFA University of Northern Iowa**, Performance Art, Minor: Art History, magna cum laude
2014 **BA University of Northern Iowa**, Major: Art Education Minor: Painting, magna cum laude

Professional Experiences

- 2020 - 2021 **Lecturer of New and Emerging Methods and Media**, University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI
2017 - 2020 **Instructor of Record**, University of Iowa, Introduction to Intermedia, Iowa City, IA
2019 **Instructor of Record**, University of Iowa, Elements of Art, Iowa City, IA
2018 **Curator**, *The Daily Palette*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
2014 - 2017 **Art Educator**, Columbus High School, Waterloo, IA
Art Educator, Blessed Maria Assunta Pallotta Middle School, Waterloo, IA

Awards/Grants/Fellowships/Scholarships

- 2020 **Convocation Student Address**, University of Iowa Graduate Commencement, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
2019 **Obermann Center for Advanced Studies Graduate Institute Fellow**, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Office of the Vice President for Research Grant for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Graduate College Degree Related Travel Award, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Gulnar Bosch Travel Award, SECAC Annual Conference, Chattanooga, TN
Three Minute Thesis Finalist, University of Iowa Graduate College, Iowa City, IA
2017 - 2019 **Travel Grant**, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Graduate Research Assistantship, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
2018 **School of Art and Art History Departmental Scholarship**, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
PHIL Grant, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
2017 - 2018 **Geneva C.O.R.E. Fellow**, Geneva Campus Ministry, Iowa City, IA
2016 **Teacher of the Year Award**, Columbus High School, Waterloo, IA
2015 **Purple and Old Gold Award for Outstanding Achievement**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

- 2013 - 2014 **Traditions Keeper Award**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
David Sands Wright Scholarship, College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences,
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2012 - 2014 **Mary Haskell-Hansen Art Education Scholarship**, Department of Art,
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2010 - 2014 **Art Department Scholarship**, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa,
Cedar Falls, IA
Dean's List, College of Humanities, Arts and Sciences, University of Northern
Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2010 - 2012 **Two-Year Academic Scholarship**, Department of Art, University of Northern
Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Exhibitions

- 2021 **Solo Exhibition**, Gallery 181 Design, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- 2020 **Solo Exhibition**, *Forever Coming Home*, Levitt Gallery, University of Iowa,
Iowa City, IA
Solo Exhibition, *Every Step Toward Home*, Weyland Art Gallery, Divine Word
College, Epworth, IA
Solo Exhibition, *Sacred Steps*, Waldemar A. Schmidt Art Gallery, Wartburg
College, Waverly, IA
Group Exhibition, *F Dimension (F Stands for Friend)*, sUGAR Gallery,
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
- 2019 **Solo Exhibition**, *Sacred Steps*, Levitt Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Performance, *Ann Arbor Film Festival*, Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor, MI
Performance with Aypryl Thompson, *Love Is Like A Rock*, UNI Faculty Show,
UNI Gallery, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
Performance with Jax Deluca, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Performance, *How Do I Hold Those 17 Days?*, Intermedia Open
House, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Juried Group Exhibition, *Bodie(s) of Knowledge*, Public Space One, Iowa City,
IA
Juried Group Exhibition, *Cross-Sections*, MFA Online Exhibition, University
of Montana, Missoula, MT
Group Exhibition, *2ManyNotes*, Vertigo Performance Art Series, Waterloo
Center for the Arts, Waterloo, IA
Group Exhibition, *MA Group Exhibition*, Drewelowe Gallery, University of
Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2018 **Juried Group Exhibition**, *Temporal and Corporeal: A Broad Scope of
Performance Art*, Ohio University Art Gallery, Athens, OH
Group Exhibition, *It's Time We Talk*, Public Space One, Iowa City, IA
Group Exhibition, *It's Time We Talk*, Vertigo Performance Art Series, Waterloo
Center for the Arts, Waterloo, IA
- 2017 **Performance**, *Divulgence*, Drewelowe Gallery, University of Iowa, Iowa City,
IA
Group Exhibition, *Graduate Showcase*, Drewelowe Gallery, University of Iowa,
Iowa City, IA

- Group Exhibition**, *Vertigo A-GoGo*, UNI Gallery, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, *Art Instructor Exhibition*, Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo, IA
- 2015 **Performance**, *Falling Upward*, Art Educators of Iowa Conference, Cedar Falls, IA
- Juried Group Exhibition**, *Blurring the Edges*, Dubuque Area Arts Council, Dubuque, IA
- Art Festival**, *Artapalooza*, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2014 **Solo Exhibition**, *Five Virgin Saints*, UNI Gallery, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2013 **Juried Group Exhibition**, *Post2: The Hearst Goes Collegiate*, The Hearst Center for the Arts, Cedar Falls, IA
- Group Exhibition**, *Professional Practices Exhibition*, Dean's Triangle Gallery, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2011 - 2013 **Juried Group Exhibition**, *Annual Department of Art Juried Student Exhibition*, UNI Gallery, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- Group Exhibition**, *Vertigo A-GoGo*, UNI Gallery, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2012 **Group Exhibition**, *24 Hour Performance*, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 2011 **Group Exhibition**, *Foundation's Open House*, Department of Art, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Juror/Curatorial

- 2019 **Curator of Terrain Biennial**, Iowa City, IA
- 2018 - 2019 **Curator of Intermedia Open House**, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2016 **Artist in Residence Selection Committee**, Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo, IA
- 2014 **Juror of Foundations Open House**, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Print Publication/Media

- 2020 **Emergency Index: An Annual Document of Performance Practice, Vol. 9**
 Edited: Guttenplan, Zoe with Gluzman, Yelena and Yankelevich, Matvei.
Waterloo Cedar Falls Courier, written by: Melody Parker
https://wfcourier.com/news/local/watch-now-artists-pilgrimage-in-spain-becomes-immersive-exhibition-at-wartburg-college-gallery/article_e626c1c4-aecc-5f93-af2d-1f943520acda.html
- 2019 **Emergency Index: An Annual Document of Performance Practice, Vol. 8**
 Edited: Gluzman, Yelena with Cleary, Sophia and Guttenplan, Zoe.
- 2018 **The Daily Iowan**, University of Iowa □ written by: Katina Zentz
<https://dailyiowan.com/2018/12/05/intermedia-grad-student-artwork-inspired-by-life-changing-pilgrimage/>
- The Daily Palette**, University of Iowa
<http://dailypalette.uiowa.edu/index.php?artwork=4984>

University of Iowa Research Spotlight, written by: Emily Nelson

<https://uiowa.edu/stories/pilgrims-progress>

2014 **The Arts Overlook**, Cedar Falls TV Channel, produced by: Ian Goldsmith
<http://youtu.be/z10Ky1whWxc>

Lectures

2020 **Presenter**, Intersection of Art and Pilgrimage, Divine Word Seminary, Epworth, IA

2019 **Presenter**, *The Art of Pilgrimage*, SECAC, Chattanooga, TN

2018 **Presenter**, Three Minute Thesis, University of Iowa Graduate College, Iowa City, IA, presentation viewable at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qDniZZq0N7g>

Presenter, SMART Session, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

2015 **Workshop**, *Performance Art in The Classroom*, Art Educators of Iowa Conference, Cedar Falls, IA

2014 **Presenter**, Foundations Symposium, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Professional Service

2019 **Grant Review Committee**, Graduate and Professional Student Government, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2015 - 2017 **Art Education Committee**, Waterloo Center for the Arts, Waterloo, IA

2012 - 2014 **Dean's Student Advisory Committee**, Co-Chair, College of Humanities Arts, and Sciences, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA

Technical Abilities

Gallery Installation: framing, hanging, lighting

Mold Making: multipart plaster molds, rubber molds

Woodworking: woodshop proficient

Textiles: machine sewing, hand stitching

Digital Software: Microsoft Office, Adobe Suite

Audio/Video: Working knowledge of sound studio, lighting studio, various audio/video recording devices, Premiere Pro

Paints: oils, watercolor, acrylic