

Education

M.F.A. 1994 University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS 38677. Emphasis in sculpture.

B.F.A. 1990 Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN 47847. Emphasis in woodworking and sculpture.

1991-92 University of Georgia, Studies Abroad Program, Cortona, Arezzo, Italy.
Emphasis in stone carving and cast bronze.

Professional Experience

Current Associate Professor of Art, University of Louisiana, Monroe.

Practicing Visual Artist exhibiting work in drawing, painting, and sculpture for 25 years.

2017-2020 William D. Hammond Endowed Professor of Liberal Arts.

2017 – 2019 Art Program Coordinator.

1996-97 Shop Superintendent, Memphis College of Art, Overton Park, Memphis, TN; Instruction in the safe use of equipment, maintain equipment, oversee budget, and purchase supplies.

spr.1997 Instructor, Memphis Center for Architecture - Instruction to architect students in creative use of metal working equipment and metal fabrication.

sum.1997 Director, Quilt Walk, Community Arts Project, sponsored by the Mississippi Arts Commission; Mosaic tile instruction to community members to create a public art space in Como, MS.

1995 Artist in Residence, Funded by the Como Arts Council and the Mississippi Arts Commission; Instruction in ceramics and drawing to community members, Como, MS.

1994-95 Instructor, Beginning Sculpture, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN.

Exhibitions

Public Art

Yokna Sculpture Trail, National Juried Exhibition, Yoknapatawpha Arts Council, and The University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS 2019-2021

Huntsville Museum of Art, Spaces Sculpture Trail, National juried exhibition, Huntsville, AL 2014-2016

Delta State 6th Outdoor Sculpture Biennial, National juried biennial, Cleveland, Mississippi, 2013-2015, purchase prize awarded

ULM Sculpture Garden, installation of 6 works designed and constructed by art students under Instructor's direction, 2013-2014

Lowe Mill Arts Center, Spaces Sculpture Trail, Invitational exhibition, Huntsville, AL 2013-2015

5th Biennial Sculpture Exhibition, National juried exhibition displayed throughout the city, Chattanooga, TN 2011-2013

ULM Sculpture Garden, installation of steel sculpture at the University of Louisiana Sculpture Garden, Monroe, LA 2011

Spaces Sculpture Trail, Invitational exhibition, Von Bron Center, Huntsville, AL 2010-2012

Art in Public Places, Juried exhibition, a community art project organized and implemented by the Art in Public Places Board with the cooperation of Tennessee and Virginia city governments, Bristol, VA
Juror: Hank Foreman 2010-11

Sculpture Salmagundi XIII, Juried exhibition at the Maria. V Howard Arts Center, Rocky Mount, NC
Juror: Shawn Morin, 2009-10

Riverwalk Casino Corporate Art Program, Invitational exhibition, Riverwalk Casino, Vicksburg, MS 2009-2010

The University of Mississippi Museum, Solo Public Art Exhibition, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS 2008

Masur Museum of Art, Solo Installation on the grounds of Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA 2008

ULM Sculpture Garden, Installation of steel sculpture at the University of Louisiana Sculpture Garden, Monroe, LA 2008

Currents Sculpture Tour, Outdoor sculpture exhibition, 3 works accepted, Garrison Art Center, Garrison, NY May 18-Aug.13, 2007

Masur Museum of Art, Solo Installation and addition to the museum's permanent collection, Monroe, LA 2007

Public Art (cont.)

7th Annual Florida Outdoor Competition, Polk Museum of Art, Lakeland FL. Juror: Glen Gentele, Director, Laumeier Sculpture Park, St. Louis, MO 2007 (Catalogue, 2nd place award)
ULM Sculpture Garden, installation of outdoor sculpture, University of Louisiana Sculpture Garden, Monroe, LA June 2006 - March 2007
ULM Sculpture Garden, installation of steel sculpture in the newly formed University of Louisiana Sculpture Garden, Monroe, LA June 2005 - March 2006
Sculpture Park, Outdoor Group Invitational, Louisiana State University Sculpture Garden, Baton Rouge, LA 2004(Catalogue)

Select Exhibitions (*Solo Exhibitions)

- 2020 *International Virtual Exhibition, Instagram takeover of @PROArtes México to promote the sharing of ideas while keeping connected during the Covid 19 lockdown, June 2020.
*Hinds County Community College, Marie Hull Gallery, Feb. 24 – March 26, 2020. Extended through Sept. 2020.
- 2019 **“Another Day Tripping Over Cypress”*, mixed media installation, Moffet Gallery, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA
**“Tripping over Cypress”*, mixed media installation, Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA, March – September, opening reception June 14, 2019
“Intersections”, Invitational group exhibition, Middle Tennessee State University, curated by Michael Baggerly, professor of sculpture, MTSU Murfreesboro, TN
**“Rough Around the Edges”*, solo exhibition of paintings and sculpture, The Gallery by Origins Bank and Masur Museum of Art, Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe, LA
“International Group Exhibition”, Mönchskirche Museum, Salzwedel, Germany Aug. 8, 2019 – Oct. 27, 2019 (Catalog) and The 9th Wendland Iron Market, Kremlin, Germany, Nov. 2019
“Annual ULM Faculty Exhibition” Bry Gallery, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe, LA since 1997
- 2018 **“Four Stitches Later”* Solo exhibition of paintings and sculpture, Arender Gallery, Monroe LA
“Verklären” Group Exhibition, Atelierhaus Hilmsen Residency, Germany. Curator: Hans Molzberger, Professor of Sculpture, Houston Baptist University, Houston, TX August 5 – Sept. 5, 2018
SECAC Juried Exhibition, Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts, U of A Birmingham, AL Juror: Peter Baldaia, Director of Curatorial Affairs, Huntsville Museum of Art
31st Annual McNeese National Works on Paper Exhibition, Grand Gallery, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA Juror Benjamin Hickey, Curator, Hilliard University Art Museum, catalog available, purchase prize awarded
Valdosta National 2018, national juried exhibition, Dedo Maranville Fine Arts Gallery, Valdosta, GA Juror Linda Hall multimedia artist, Tallahassee FL
- 2017 **“This, That, and the Other”* Arender Gallery, October Downtown Gallery Crawl, Monroe, LA
“41st Annual Juried Exhibition” Durango Arts Center (national). June 23 - July 29, Durango, CO Juror Benjamin Hickey, Curator, Masur Museum of Art, awarded honorable mention
**“Notes From the Road, exit 6A”* Solo exhibition of sculpture, painting, and drawing. Living Arts of Tulsa, Myers Gallery, Tulsa, OK. April 7 -27, 2017
**“Propping up Landscapes”*, University of Arkansas at Monticello, Feb. 27 – March 27
- 2016 **“Landscape Series 2016”* October Gallery Crawl, featured artists at Rumo’s in West Monroe, with works in various galleries in downtown Monroe
- 2015 **“Propping up Clouds”* and *“Mile 124”* October Gallery Crawl featured at the Arender Gallery paintings, drawings, and small sculpture; Upstairs Gallery- large sculpture and paintings.
“Markers Mark” 3 person invitational exhibition curated by Benjamin Hickey, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA. July 2015 – Oct. 2015
“Poverty Point” invitational exhibition curated by Emily Caldwell, The Big Room, Upstairs Gallery, Monroe, LA. April 2015

Exhibitions (*Solo Exhibitions)

- 2015 **Notes from the Road Revised*" 130 Gallery, Meek Hall, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
Jan. 17 - Feb. 27, 2015
- 2014 **Notes From the Road,*" Solo exhibition of sculpture, painting, and drawing. Maria V. Howard
Imperial Arts Center, Oct. 5- Jan. 5 2015, Rocky Mount, NC
"Louisiana Contemporary" Juried Exhibition (Jonathan Binstock, Specialist in Contemporary Art,
Citi Bank) Oct. - Sept. 2014, Ogden Museum, New Orleans, LA, Best in Show
"Artists Among Us" Faculty and Friends Exhibition, Invitational, Alexandria Museum of Art,
June 6 - August 23, 2014, Alexandria, LA
- 2012 *Arender Gallery Group Invitational*, Downtown Gallery Crawl, Monroe, LA.

Grants/Awards (recent)

- 2018 **Dean's Faculty Support Grant**, Internal grant awarded to attend Integrative Teaching
International's ThinkTank 10 conference, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
Purchase Award, 31st Annual McNeese National Works on Paper Exhibition, Grand Gallery,
McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA Juror Benjamin Hickey, Curator, Hillard University Art
Museum.
- 2017 **William D Hammond Endowed Professorship in Liberal Arts**, University of Louisiana at
Monroe, ongoing.
Honorable Mention, Durango Art Center 41st National Juried Exhibition, for the painting
titled *End Goals*, Awarded by juror Benjamin Hickey, Curator, Masur Museum of Art.
- 2016 **Dean's Research Grant**, awarded to assist in the cost of travel for presentation of
professional research.
Dean's Salary Recovery Funds, awarded to purchase materials for Large-Scale Sculpture.
SGA funding award to curate exhibitions for the 2016-2018 school years, Bry Gallery and
ULM Sculpture Garden, Monroe, LA.
- 2015 **Purchase Prize**, awarded for the purchase of a large-scale public sculpture titled
"Gesture" now part of the permanent collection of Delta State University, Cleveland MS.
- 2015 **Dean's Salary Recovery Funds** Grants, applied for 3, Awarded 3.

Select Workshops/Lectures/Critiques

- 2021 CAST METAL workshop with Joey Slaughter, Louisiana Tech University, Fall Quarter.
- 2019 DRAWING MASTER CLASS Jackson Parish gifted and talented High School students
GRADUATE CRITIQUE, Louisiana Tech Graduate Seminar, Spring Quarter.
ARTIST PRESENTATION, in conjunction with "Another Day Tripping Over Cypress"
exhibition, Oct. 15, 2019.
- 2018 SCRATCH BLOCK ACTIVITY, Community Day, Atelierhaus Hilmsen Residency
attending the 3D Print and Cast Metal Symposium, Hilmsen, Germany.
VISITING ARTIST, Ithaca College Summer Scholars Program, Provided input and criticism on
creative research in the areas of painting, drawing, and digital design.
- 2017 COMMUNITY LECTURE in conjunction with the exhibit "Notes from the Road exit 6A" as part
of First Fridays event, Living Arts Center, Tulsa, OK
- 2015 GALLERY TALK, "Mile 124" Upstairs Gallery, Downtown Monroe, LA.
LECTURE "Notes from the Road Revised" University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS.
LECTURE, Creativity and Research, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN.
GRADUATE CRITIQUE, Painting, Louisiana Tech University.
- 2012 GRADUATE CRITIQUE, Photography, Louisiana Tech University.
- 2011 SCULPTURE TALK AND WALK, Samagundi XII national exhibition, Maria V. Howard Arts
Center, Imperial Centre for Arts and Sciences, Rocky Mount, NC.

Recent Service

University

- VAPA recruitment committee, began Spring 2016.
Update Art mailing, ULM Alumni, High School contact, and student interest, list.
Visit area High School art programs to present Master Classes in the visual arts.

Recent Service (cont.)

Art program liaison for "Drawing as the Art of Learning", a project by Dr. Allison Wiedemeier funded through the Academic Innovation Center. Spring 2021
Talent Grant Coordinator, Art Program, since 2012.
Director Bry Computer Lab since January 2005.
Manage work-study students and models for drawing and painting courses since 1997.
Serve as point of contact for adjunct educators offering advice and counsel since 2020.
Manage drawing studios and mat lab since 2008.
Student Review Committee since August 1997.

Community

Juror, McNeese State Art Department Annual Student Juried Competition, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, (postponed by covid 19)
Donation of Artwork in support of the Masur Museum of Art Off the Wall fundraiser, summer 2020.
Artist Panel Discussion, "Debunking Archival Materials and Practices", Northeast Louisiana Art Council, West Monroe – West Ouachita Chamber of Commerce, Fall 2019
Juror Ouachita Parish and Monroe City Gifted and Talented Art Exhibitions, 2019
Juror: i3Art Expo, Bossier Parish Visual Art High School Art Competition, Bossier Parish Instructional Center, Bossier, LA
Juror, Community College State Competition, Hinds County Community College, Raymond MS, 2018.
Juror, Bossier Parish Gifted and Talented High School Exhibition, Bossier LA, 2017.
Juror, 2015 Crosstie Festival, Cleveland, MS, April 2015.
Juror, Samagundi XII, Maria V. Howard Arts Center, Imperial Centre for Arts and Sciences, Rocky Mount, NC Oct. 2011.
Kappa Pi International Art Fraternity, Historian, March 2008 - Present.
Juror, University of Mississippi Annual Graduate/Undergraduate Student Exhibition, May 2011.
Juror, George Rodrigue Foundation of the Arts. Junior - Senior High School Scholarship Contest, 2010.
External Grant Proposal Reviewer, Louisiana Division of the Arts Fellowship Panel, Baton Rouge, LA 2010, 2009, 2004, and 2003.
External Grant Proposal Reviewer, Arkansas Arts Council Fellowship Panel, Little Rock, AR 2008.

Consulting

Masur Museum of Art consulting on repair of public artwork from tornado damage, April 2020.
West Ouachita High School Art Department on computing technology and digital tools for visual art.
Biedenharn Museum, assess damage to cast Iron and Aluminum statue, outline a plan of action for repairs and reinstallation, Fall 2014.
Sculpture Installation Specialist, on-sight assistance and installation of Public Art, Riverwalk Casino, Vicksburg, MS 2009.
Professional Consulting, Public Art call for entries, planning, site selection, Vicksburg River Walk Casino, Vicksburg, MS 2008.
Professional Consulting, Artist in Residence Program, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA 2008.
Public Art Installation Specialist, on-sight Installation of Public Art, Garrison Art Center and Cold Springs, New York 2007.
Professional Consulting, Outdoor Sculpture Installation and exhibition, Black Bayou Wildlife Refuge, Monroe, LA 2007.
Float Design and construction, Krew of Janus Annual Mardi Gras Float, Monroe, LA 2006.

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- DeltaStyle Magazine, Monroe, LA, Bayou Portrait, page 92, Feb. 2012.
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- Featured artist, President James Cofer, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Straight Talk Broadcast, 2008.
- The Putnam County News, "Garrison Art Center Announces Current: A Sculpture Tour," Cold Spring, New York, June 27, 2007.

Professional Memberships

- National Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art and Practices, attended virtual conference, Spring 2021
- Mid South Sculpture Alliance
- Southeastern College Art Conference
- Twin City Art Foundation and Masur Museum of Art
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- College Art Association (lapsed membership)

Notable Collections

- Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum, Lafayette, LA
- McNeese University, Lake Charles, LA
- Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
- John Palmer, Former Ambassador to Portugal, Edwards, MS
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA
- Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA – public art and painting
- University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS