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Education

- Memphis College of Art, Tennessee, M.F.A., 2006 - May 2008
- University of Missouri-Columbia, Missouri, B.F.A., 2000-2004

Gallery Exhibitions

- 2021** - AtTEST, 2021 Projects Gallery, Memphis, TN, Jan. 2021
- 2020** - Radius, Bradbury Art Museum at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR, Sept.10
- ArtsAccelerator grant recipients exhibition, ArtsMemphis headquarters, Memphis, TN
- 2017** - Art/Race/Violence, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN, 2017
- 2016** - *Your Light*, Public Performance, The High Line, New York, NY, June 17th, 2016
- 2015** - *Threshold*, Charles Allis Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI, Nov. 2015
- *Public/Art/ists: Part I*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN, Feb. 2015
- 2014** - *Memphis Pulse: 2013 ArtsAccelerator Finalists*, University of Memphis' Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art, Nov. 2014
- 2013** - *Street Trash 2013*, Traveling Truck show, Memphis, TN, May 10, 2013
- *Present Tense: The Art of Memphis from 2001-Now*, Dixon Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 2012** - *The Car Show*, Word of Mouth Detailing, Memphis, TN
- *Invitational: Twenty Jurors*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011** - *Fracking: Art and Activism Against the Drill*, Exit Art, New York, NY
- 2010** - *From the Center Now*, Women's Caucus for Art, Juror: Lucy Lippard, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2009** - *Faculty Exhibition*, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN
- *Interactive*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2008** - *Green*, Haven Arts Gallery, Bronx, NY
- *External Structure*, Caladan Gallery, Online Show
- *Sculpted Green*, Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, City Hall concourse, Bellevue, WA
- *Solitary Tracks Stretched Out Upon the World*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, On The Street Gallery, Memphis, TN
- 2007** - *The Best Artworks of the Year-Class of 07*; Lantana Projects, Memphis, TN
- *The Unfinished Journey of Carl Linnaeus*, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Boulder, CO
- *Fallen From View*, Memphis Botanic Garden, Memphis, TN
- Selected Graduate Work, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN
- 2005** - U-Haul Show, Traveling Truck show, Kansas City, MO
- Women in the Arts 2006, Brady Commons Craft Studio, Columbia, MO
- Group Exhibition, 5th Annual Garage Art, Columbia, MO

Residencies

City as Site, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY, June 2016

Public Art Commissions

- *Rain or Shine*, Memphis Medical District Collaborative, Memphis, TN 2019
- Manassas Street Midway Crosswalk, Memphis Medical District Collaborative, Memphis, TN 2018

- *Wind-borne*, Memphis Medical District Collaborative, Memphis, TN 2018
- *There Is More To Be Proud Of*, Downtown Memphis Commission, Memphis, TN 2017
- *How will you treat me?, Present Tense: The Art of Memphis from 2001-Now*, Dixon Gallery, Memphis, TN
- *One Person, One Choice, Our Planet*, Tennessee Department of Transportation Commission, Clear the Air Campaign, Memphis, TN, 2011
- *Duv-tal, Interactions/ Interpretations*, Urban Art Commissions, Memphis, TN, 2007- 2008

Professional Experience

- Public Art Manager, City of Germantown, 2020-present
- Co-owner/creator, Wonder/ Cowork/ Create, Memphis, TN 2018-present
- Public Art Consultant, NEA "Our Town" grant, City of Germantown, TN, 2019-2020
- Public Art Consultant, City of Germantown, TN, 2016-2020
- Creator/Facilitator of Madison Heights Creatives in Research program, Memphis Medical District Collaborative, 2019
- Director of the Beverly & Sam Ross Gallery, Christian Brothers University, Aug. 2017-Aug. 2019
- [Facilitator/ Survey 2: The Boundaries of Normal](#), Art Museum at the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, 2017
- Executive Assistant, Eggleston Artistic Trust- Memphis, TN, Jan. 2015- Feb. 2016
- Creator/ Organizer of [Collabortory](#) Nov. 2014- Present, Memphis, TN
- Public Art Consultant, South Main Mosaic Public Art Program, Downtown Memphis Commission, Feb. - Oct. 2014
- Coordinator of Exhibitions and Lectures, Memphis College of Art, Aug. 2012 – June 2014
- Co-producer of *Park(ing) Day* Memphis, 2011 and 2012
- Coordinator of Public Programs, Memphis College of Art, Oct. 2011 - Aug. 2012
- Community Art Workshop Coordinator, Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Oct. 2009 – Dec. 2010
- Adjunct Professor, *Made Public*, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN Fall 2009- 2010
- Administrative Assistant, the UrbanArt Commission, June 2008 - July 2009
- City of Columbia, Department of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Intern. Oct. 2004 - Aug. 2006

Curatorial Work

- Survey 2: The Boundaries of Normal, Art Museum at the University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March- May 2017
- *Blurring Dimensions*, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN Aug. 15-Sept. 20, 2013
- *Singular Masses: An examination of Racial Identity*, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN Jan. 23 – March 9, 2013
- *The American Dream: a Juxtaposition*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL, Jan. 21- Feb. 24, 2011

Grants/Awards

- TN Arts Commission, Creative Placing Making grant for the City of Germantown's community engagement, 2019-20
- National Endowment for the Arts, Our Town grant for public art consulting and community engagement, 2019-20
- 2017 ArtsAccelerator Grantee, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN
- *One Good Chair* Design Competition, Runner up, Sponsored by the Sustainable Furnishings Council. July 2008
- Presidential Purchase Award, Memphis College of Art. May 2008

Boards/Commissions

- ArtsMemphis Artist Advisory Council, 2019-2021
- Public Art Commission, Germantown, TN 2018 - present

Public Speaking

- *Manassas Street, A Tactical and Artistic Urban Street Transformation in Memphis*, National ASLA Conference, San Diego, CA Nov. 2019

- *Art and Public Space via Tactical Urbanism*, National Complete Streets Conference, Nashville, TN April,

2018

- *Tactical Urbanism*, TN Chapter of the American Planning Association, Memphis, TN, October, 2017
- *What is Public Art?*, Memphis Art & Place Conference, The Memphis Center at Rhodes College, Feb. 2016
- Artist Lecture, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN. Nov. 2011
- Artist Lecture, Christian Brothers University, Memphis, TN. Oct. 2008
- *Interactions/ Interruptions* panel discussion, Memphis College of Art. May 2008
- Artist Lecture, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN. March 2008

- Environmental Art Lecture, Memphis College of Art. Feb. 2007

Publications

- [Artist Finds her Place in Memphis](#) (Memphis RSVP Magazine, Feb. 25, 2019)
- [Low-Cost, High-Impact Strategies for Increasing Safety for Active Mobility in ASEAN Cities](#) (Alta Planning, Feb. 29, 2019)
- [Memphis Medical District Collaborative hires artists as researchers to guide development](#) (High Ground News, April 9, 2019)
- [Podcast: Rain or Shine umbrella-share is usable public art for all](#) (High Ground News, Aug. 24, 2019)
- [Medical District umbrella-share project debuts as usable public art for all](#) (High Ground News, Aug. 27, 2019)
- [Sidewalks, lemonade and lot parties: What we learned in Madison Heights](#) (High Ground News, Sept. 4, 2019)
- [Feds Keep Cracking Down on Crosswalk Art](#) (Streets Blog USA, Sept. 30, 2019)
- [Vote for the Best Urban Street Redesign of 2018!](#) (Streets Blog USA, Dec. 20, 2018)
- [Medical District's New Streetscape Steps Toward A Better Future](#) (Smart City Memphis, Nov. 21, 2018)
- [Memphis downtown boom fueled by riverfront city's rich history](#) (Curbed, Sept. 25, 2018)
- [Art installation highlights newly enhanced Edge intersection](#) (High Ground News, March 15, 2017)
- [Memphis's Spectacular Street Experiments Moving Toward Permanence](#) (Streets Blog USA, April 4, 2017)
- [10 Emerging Contemporary Artists From Memphis to Know](#) (The Culture Trip, Sept. 26, 2017)
- [Studio Visit with Cat & Nick Peña](#), (Locate Arts, Jan, 05, 2017)
- [Edge district's latest public art installation is all shimmery](#) (The Commercial Appeal, March 8, 2017)
- [Edge District Could See 'Banner Year'](#) (Memphis Daily News, July 22, 2016)
- [Public/Art/ists' a sweeping survey of Memphis artists who do public projects](#) (The Commercial Appeal, (Feb. 3, 2015)
- [The Art of Now](#) (Memphis Magazine, March 2013)
- [More Than One Good Chair](#). Lance Hosey (Metropolis P/O/V. Oct. 14th 2008)