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Education

2004 MFA, Ceramics. Ohio University, Athens OH.

1998 BFA, Ceramics. Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville IL.

Professional Experience

2004-Present **Associate Art Education Director.** Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
Direct programming for the Ceramics department. Manage and coordinate ceramics, metals, photography and printmaking studios. Facilitate and assist in the development of programs within the Education Department. Maintain physical needs of the studios. Oversee residency programs in ceramics and printmaking. Supervise ceramics program annual fundraisers.

2008 **Curator.** 'Bottles'. National Invitational. Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
Over 40 participating international artists. Oversaw development and installation of the exhibit.

Panelist for the 2008 Kansas Artist Fellowship in Visual Arts. Topeka, KS.
Review fellowship applications. Vote on approval of emerging, mid-career and master fellowship awards.

2007 **National Juried Ceramics Exhibition and Symposium Director.**
Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS
Oversaw all elements of recruiting 8 national artists to present and demonstrate at the Lawrence Arts Center for 2 days. Responsible for planning, marketing, budgeting, organizing staff and volunteers. Directed the installation of approximately 80 ceramic pieces of art for display in gallery.
Artists include: Dan Anderson, Bob Archambeau, Mark Burns, Brad Schwieger, Jane Shellenbarger, Mikey Walsh, Janis Mars Wunderlich.

2004-Present **Ceramics Instructor.** Lawrence Arts Center. Lawrence, KS.
Hand Building, Figurative Sculpture, Wheel Throwing 1 and 2, Native Clay, Advanced Ceramics, Adventure in Color, Intro to Woodfiring.

- 2004-02 **Teaching Associate.** Ohio University, Athens OH.
Full grade book responsibility. Hand Building, Wheel Throwing, Three Dimensional Design, and Introduction to drawing.
- 2001-02 **Teaching Assistant.** Ohio University, Athens OH.
Assist lead instructor in demonstrating and firing kilns in Wheel Throwing and Hand Building classes.
- 2001 **Teacher** (Permanent Substitute). Granite City school district. Granite City IL.
Full grade book responsibility. Full-time sixth grade teacher responsible for Social Studies, Language Arts and Science.
- 2000-01 **Substitute Teacher.** Granite City School District. Granite City IL.
- 2000 **Artist Assistant.** Arapaho Community College. Littleton CO.
NCECA Pre-Conference. Assisted in the construction of sculptures.
- 1998-99 **Director.** Arts and Crafts Center. Charles Melvin Price Military Support Center. Granite City IL. Responsible for programming, hiring instructors, managing employees, inventory, budgeting, teaching and light maintenance of equipment. Facility included: ceramics (potters wheels, slip casting), full wood shop, stained glass, painting, drawing and darkroom. The Center averaged 4-7 classes per week and also held a summer camp for third – eighth graders.
- 1998 **Studio Assistant.** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Edwardsville IL.
Assist John Balistreri and Dan Anderson during summer woodfiring workshop.
Instructor. Laumier Sculpture Park. St. Louis MO.
Teach Drawing and Ceramics for First-Third grade children.
Firing Assistant. John Balistreri's anagama. Denver CO.
- 1997 **Internship in the Arts.** Design Assistant. SIUE Print and Design.
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. Responsible for designing, graphics and printing for university organizations.

Exhibitions:

- Upcoming* Solo Exhibit. Beet Gallery
Portland, OR
Solo Exhibit. Plinth Gallery
Denver, CO
- 2009 Paper & Clay. Invitational. Shy Rabbit Contemporary Arts.
Pagosa Springs, CO.
Kansas Masters Invitational Art Show. Strecker Nelson Gallery
Manhattan, KS

- Invitational Residency Exhibit. Red Lodge Clay Center
Red Lodge, MT
- Dichotomy. National Invitational. Atrium Gallery. Ball State University.
Muncie, IN
- 2008 20/20. Invitational. The Alaska State Museum.
Juneau, AK
- Group Invitational. Strecker-Nelson Gallery.
Manhattan, KS
- It's Your Life. A Bob Ross Tribute. Invitational. The Professor's Loft.
Brooklyn, NY
- DUALIS. Invitational. Grand Arts Center.
Tracy, CA
- The Greatest Show on Earth. Invitational. NCECA. Three Rivers Arts Festival.
Pittsburg, PA
- JTPS Collective & Lawrence Arts Center Ceramics Faculty Exhibit.
Baker University, Baldwin KS
- Masks: New & Old. Invitational. Edwardsville Arts Center.
Edwardsville, IL
- Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery
Lawrence, KS
- 2007 Making History. Solo Exhibition. The Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
Lawrence, KS
- Urban Suburban 3 Invitational. Epsten Gallery. Kansas City Jewish Museum.
Overland Park, KS
- New and Used. 2 Person Exhibition. NCECA. Glassworks Gallery.
Louisville, KY
- Ohio University: 1990 until Now. NCECA. Riverbend Gallery.
Louisville, KY
- Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
Lawrence, KS
- 2006 Urban Suburban 2 Invitational. Epsten Gallery. Kansas City Jewish Museum.
Overland Park, KS
- Young Fire Invitational. Earthenware Ceramics Gallery.
20+1 years of the Tozan Kilns. An International Woodfire Conference.
Flagstaff, AZ
- Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
Lawrence, KS
- 2005 Family Matters. Juried. Baltimore Clayworks.
Baltimore, MD
- Color, Texture & Memory. 3 Person Exhibition. River Gallery.
Chattanooga, TN
- Lawrence Art Auction. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
Lawrence, KS

- 2004 Faculty Show. Lawrence Arts Center Gallery.
Lawrence, KS
2004 WAD Clay Institute Annual. Juried. WAD Clay Center Institute.
Pittsburgh, PA
Visions in Clay. Juried. Reynolds Gallery
Pacific University. Stockton, CA
MFA Thesis Exhibition. Elementary Identity. Siegfred Gallery.
Ohio University Athens, OH.
Taking Measure 2. U.S. Student Ceramic Art at the New Millennium.
In conjunction with, Jingdezhen : 1000 Years Celebration of Porcelain
Jingdezhen, China.
- Regional Student Juried Exhibition. Juried. NCECA. University of Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN
- 2003 The Midland Grand Invitational Exhibition. St. Pancras Chambers.
London, England.
Sixth National Invitational. Fifth Element Gallery.
Portland, OR.
Icon: Recent Work from the Second Year MFA Candidates. Siegfred Gallery
Ohio University. Athens, OH.
An Affinity for the Cup. National Invitational. Exploding Head Gallery:
Sacramento, CA
- 2002 Ohio University Graduate Work. Esther Allen Freer Museum Gallery.
Rio Grande, OH.
American Ceramics and Prints from Ohio University. Agosti Massana Gallery.
Poble Espanyol, Barcelona, Spain.
- Ohio Clay 2002. Wittenburg University.
Springfield, OH.
First Day...First Year. Ridges Exhibition Space. Ohio University
Athens, OH.
- 2001 Contemporary Ohio Ceramics 2001. Coburn Art Gallery. Ashland University.
Ashland, OH.
- 2000 Madison County Juried Art Exhibition. Juried. Mississippi Mud Gallery.
Alton, IL.
Clay Cup 7. Southern Illinois University Carbondale Museum. SIUC
Carbondale, IL.
- 1998 BFA Exhibition. Morris University Center Gallery. Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, IL

- 1997 *E'ville 12 Invitational*. Moraine Valley.
Chicago, IL.
- 1995-98 *Annual Juried Undergraduate Exhibition*. New Wagner Gallery. SIUE.
Edwardsville, IL

Presentations/Workshops/Awards

- 2009 **Artists Invite Artists, Residency Program**. Invited by Brad Schwieger.
Red Lodge Clay Center, Red Lodge, MT
Kansas Artists Mid-Career Fellowship. Kansas Arts Commission
Topeka, KS
Career Opportunity Grant. Lawrence Art Guild.
Lawrence, KS
Visiting Artist. Washburn University.
Topeka, KS
Artist Slide Presentation. Lawrence Art Guild
Lawrence, KS
- 2008 **Artist Slide Presentation**. Kansas State University.
Manhattan, KS
Gallery Talk. Bottles Exhibition. Lawrence Arts Center.
Lawrence, KS
- 2007 **Gallery Artist Presentation**. Lawrence Arts Center.
Lawrence, KS
Visiting Artist. Wichita State University.
Wichita, KS
Artist Slide Presentation. SEED Lecture Series.
Lawrence, KS
- 2006 **Panelist. Mid American Print Council Conference**. Ohio University.
Athens, OH
- 2002 **Artist Slide Presentation**. The Art Institute of Chicago.
Chicago, IL.
- 2001 **Artist Slide Presentation**. Mitchell Auditorium. Ohio University.
Athens, OH.

Publications

Ceramics Technical

"Kitchen Table Ceramics". Issue 26. 2008

Lawrence.com

"Sum of All Things", Ben Ahlvers bridges disparate worlds with sculpture that's anything but 'whimsical'. May, 21 2007.

Ceramics Monthly

Up front, March 2008

Up front, March 2003

Clay Times

works photos, 2004 Mar/Apr:23

NCECA 2004. Catalogue. Student Exhibition. Jingdezhen, China

Representation

Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art

Overland Park, KS

Three Rivers Gallery

Chattanooga, TN

Strecker-Nelson Gallery

Manhattan, KS

Lawrence Arts Center

Lawrence, KS

Professional Affiliations

NCECA Member

Lawrence Arts Center Education Committee

Percolator Artists Collective Board Member

Art Tougeau Art Car Board Member

Permanent Collections

Dan and Caroline Anderson

Edwardsville, IL

Brad and Cathy Schwieger

Athens, OH

School of Art. Ohio University

Athens, OH

School of Art and Design. SIUE

Edwardsville, IL

Callahan Creek

Lawrence, KS

Jan Rasmussen

Leawood, KS

Emprise Bank

Wichita, KS