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## Education

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- 2004 **MFA, Ceramics**- Ohio University, Athens, OH.  
2001 **BFA, Ceramics**- Kansas City Art Institute (KCAI), Kansas City, MO.  
1996 **BS, Human Development and Family Studies and Early Childhood Education**- The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

## Teaching Experience

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- Current **Assistant Professor.** University of Wisconsin Oshkosh- Oshkosh, WI.  
Head of ceramics program. Teach 3d design and beginning through advanced undergraduate ceramics. Maintain ceramics studio and equipment. Serve on departmental & college committees. Advise students.
- Spring 2006 **Lecturer.** University of Wisconsin-Madison- Madison, WI.  
Fall 2005 **Instructor.** Community Art Center- Wallingford, PA.  
2004-5 **Instructor.** Clay Art Center- Port Chester, NY.  
2003-4 **Teaching Associate.** Ohio University- Athens, OH.  
2001-2 **Teaching Assistant.** Ohio University- Athens, OH.  
2000-1 **Instructor.** Roeland Park Community Center- Roeland Park, KS.  
2000 **Student Assistant.** Kansas City Art Institute- Kansas City, MO.  
**Instructor.** Shawnee Mission North High School- Overland Park, KS.  
1997-8 **Teacher.** Doylestown Hospital Children's Village- Doylestown, PA.

## Professional Experience

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- Fall 2005 **Studio Artist.** Philadelphia, PA.  
2004-5 **Resident Artist & Studio Manager.** Clay Art Center- Port Chester, NY.  
2003-4 **Recruitment.** Ohio University- Athens, OH.  
**Co-Curator.** *ICON*, Seigfred Gallery- Athens, OH.  
2001-2 **Co- Curator.** *Graduate Work*, Esther Allen Greer Museum Gallery- Rio Grande, OH.  
2000 **Exhibition Co-Director.** Kansas City Art Institute- Kansas City, MO.  
1999 **Demonstrator.** Kansas City Art Institute Auction- Kansas City, MO.  
1997 **Work Study Student.** Penland School of Crafts- Penland, NC.  
**Studio Assistant.** Peace Valley Tile- Chalfont, PA.

## Solo/Two Person Exhibitions

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- 2009 (solo) *Before Recollection*  
Cervini Hass  
Scottsdale, AZ.
- 2006 *Margaret Leininger & Michelle Tobia.*  
Communication Arts Gallery  
Kenosha, WI.
- 2005 (solo) *To Have Within.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.

Solo/Two Person Exhibitions

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2004 (solo) *Distillations*. MFA Thesis Exhibition.  
Seigfred Gallery.  
Athens, OH.

Juried Exhibitions

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2009 *Midwest Seasons*.  
Center for the Visual Arts.  
Wausau, WI.  
Juried by Jeff Morin.  
*Clay & Context: National Juried Exhibition*.  
Indiana State University Art Gallery.  
Terre Haute, IN.  
Juried by Sherman Hall

2008 *5 x 5 x (5)*  
Torpedo Factory Art Center.  
Alexandria, VA.  
Juried by Elaine Levin  
*All Fired Up: Contemporary Wisconsin Ceramics*.  
Museum of Wisconsin Art.  
West Bend, WI.  
Juried by Graeme Reid  
*Central Time Ceramics*  
Heuser Art Center  
Peoria, IL.  
Juried by Bruce Howdle

2007 *Sculpture at the Edge*.  
Lawton Gallery.  
Green Bay, WI.  
Curated by Dr. Stephen Perkins  
*Slight of Hand*.  
Urban Lights Event  
Grand Rapids, MI.  
*ANA 35*.  
Holter Museum of Art.  
Helena, MT.  
Juried by William Volkersz.  
*Ohio University 1990 until Now*.  
Riverbend Winery.  
Louisville, KY.  
Curated by Lorna Meaden.

## Juried Exhibitions (continued)

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- 2006 *Craft Forms 2006: 12th Annual International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary Craft.*  
Wayne Art Center.  
Wayne, PA.  
Juried by Gretchen Keyworth, Director and Chief Curator of the Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA.
- Ceramics Biennial Exhibition.*  
The New Hampshire Institute of Art.  
Manchester, NH.  
Juried by Mary Barringer.
- Small Works Show.*  
The 440 Gallery.  
Brooklyn, NY.
- Kiln Processes Using Recycled Glass.*  
Center for Environmental Economic Development.  
Sacramento, CA. (entry accepted).
- Small Works- 29<sup>th</sup> Harper College National Juried Exhibition.*  
Harper College.  
Palatine, IL.
- Crossovers: Craft-Art-Design.*  
Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts.  
Wilmington, DE.  
Juried by Ursula Ilse- Newman- Curator of the Museum of Art & Design, New York, NY.
- 2005 *Emanations: Work from the Clay Art Center.*  
Cecil County Art Gallery.  
Baltimore, MD.
- Juried 3 Person Show.*  
ROY G BIV Gallery.  
Columbus, OH.
- 2004 *Members Show.*  
Clay Art Center.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2004 *Cup: Intimate Object III.*  
Charlie Cummings Clay Studio.  
Fort Wayne, IN.
- Alumni Exhibition.*  
The Cube at Beco.  
Kansas City, MO.
- Marge Brown Kalodner Graduate Student Exhibition.*  
The Clay Studio.  
Philadelphia, PA.
- NCECA 2004 Regional Student Juried Exhibition.*  
Christel DeHaan Gallery.  
Indianapolis, IN.

## National and Local Juried Exhibitions (continued)

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- 2003      *Cup: The Intimate Object II.*  
             Charlie Cummings Clay Studio.  
             Fort Wayne, IN.
- Icon.*  
             Seigfred Gallery.  
             Athens, OH.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Juried Cup Show.  
             Gallery 138.  
             Kent, OH.
- An Affinity for the Cup.*  
             Exploding Head Gallery: Contemporary Art & Ceramics  
             Sacramento, CA.
- 2002      *Graduate Work.*  
             Esther Allen Greer Museum Gallery.  
             Rio Grande, OH.
- Ohio Clay 2002.*  
             Wittenburg University.  
             Springfield, OH.
- First Day...First Year.*  
             Ridges Exhibition Space.  
             Athens, OH.
- 2001      *Contemporary Ohio Ceramics 2001.*  
             Coburn Art Gallery.  
             Ashland, OH.
- KCAI Senior Ceramics Exhibition.*  
             The Cube at Beco.  
             Kansas City, MO.
- BFA Exhibition.*  
             H&R Block Artspace.  
             Kansas City, MO.
- 2001      *Undergraduate Exhibition.* The Kansas City Artists Coalition.  
             Kansas City, MO.
- Senior Ceramics Show.* KCAI Student Gallery.  
             Kansas City, MO.
- 2000      *Pots.*  
             The Patrons Gallery.  
             Overland Park, KS.
- 1999-01      Kansas City Art Institute Ceramics Exhibitions.  
             Kansas City, MO.

**Invitational Exhibitions**

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- 2009 (Apr.) *Faculty Exhibition.*  
Priebe Gallery.  
Oshkosh, WI.
- (Mar.) *Thank You T'ang.*  
Santa Fe Clay.  
Santa Fe, NM.
- (Feb.) *Yunomi Invitational.*  
AKAR Gallery.  
Iowa City, IA.
- (Feb.) *Under Cover.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2008  
*Bottles.*  
Lawrence Arts Center.  
Lawrence, KS.  
*Yunomi Invitational.*  
AKAR Gallery.  
Iowa City, IA.  
*PotPOURi: Pots that Pour.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2007  
*Home Again.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.  
*At the Table: Morning, Noon and Night.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.  
*Faculty Exhibition.*  
Priebe Gallery.  
Oshkosh, WI.  
*Cups Coming Together: Clay Art Center Celebrates 50 Years.*  
Choy Gallery.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2006  
*16 oz. Invitational.*  
Art Space Collective.  
Oshkosh, WI.
- 2003  
*Sixth Invitational.*  
Fifth Element Gallery.  
Portland, OR.

**International Exhibitions**

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- 2004  
*Taking Measure II, U.S. Student Ceramic Art at the New Millennium.*  
Jingdezhen, China.  
*International Cup.*  
The Clay Studio of Missoula.  
Missoula, MT.

**International Exhibitions (continued)**

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- 2003 *Midland Grand Show.*  
St. Pancras Station.  
London, England.
- 2002 *American Ceramics and Prints from Ohio University.*  
Agosti Massana Gallery.  
Poble Espanyol, Barcelona, Spain.

**Awards**

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- 2008 Edward Penson Faculty Award-  
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh-  
Oshkosh, WI.  
Off Campus Grant-  
Awarded by the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.  
Title: *European Slip Cast Porcelain.*  
Attended: International Ceramics Studio-  
Kecskemet, Hungary.
- 2006 Curator's Award- *Crossovers: Craft-Art-Design.*  
Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts-  
Awarded by Susan Issacs- Curator of Delaware Center for the  
Contemporary Arts.  
Wilmington, DE.
- 2005 Month of June working period-  
International Ceramics Studio-  
Kecskemet, Hungary.
- 2004 Awarded one year residency-  
Clay Art Center-  
Port Chester, NY.  
Awarded sabbatical replacement-  
Bowling Green University- (declined)  
Bowling Green, OH.  
Awarded 9 month residency-  
Watershed Center for Ceramic Arts- (declined)  
New Castle, ME.  
Awarded 9 month residency-  
Worcester Center for Crafts- (declined)  
Worcester, MA.  
Awarded 6 month residency-  
Anderson Ranch Arts Center- (declined)  
Snowmass, CO.
- 2001-4 Graduate Student Assistantship-  
Ohio University-  
Athens, OH.
- 2002-3 Graduate Student Travel Award-  
Ohio University-  
Athens, OH.

**Awards**

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- 2001 Ohio Foundation Board of Trustees Showcase-  
Ohio University-  
Athens, OH.
- 2000 The Helzberg Scholarship-  
Kansas City Art Institute-  
Kansas City, MO.  
Markell Brooks Scholarship-  
Anderson Ranch Arts Center-  
Snowmass Village, CO.  
Dean's List-  
Kansas City Art Institute-  
Kansas City, MO.
- 1999 The Helzberg Scholarship-  
Kansas City Art Institute-  
Dean's List-  
Kansas City Art Institute-  
Kansas City, MO.
- 1998-9 Honorable Mention Dean's List-  
Kansas City Art Institute-  
Kansas City, MO.

**Extended Education**

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- 2004 Glassblowing with Jackie Pancari.  
Three weeks at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts.  
Deer Isle, ME.
- 2000 Clay with Woody Hughes.  
Two weeks at Anderson Ranch Arts Center.  
Snowmass Village, CO.
- 1999 Clay with Chris Staley.  
One day at the Wichita Center for the Arts.  
Wichita, KS.
- 1997 Clay with Michael Corney.  
Three months at Penland School of Crafts.  
Penland, NC.

**Member & Associations**

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- Current National Council for the Education of Ceramic Arts  
College Art Association
- 2005-6 Delaware Center for the Contemporary Art
- 2004-5 Clay Art Center

**Lectures & Workshops**

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- 2008 **Lecture:** Museum of Wisconsin Art.  
West Bend, WI.  
**Lecture:** University of Wisconsin- Madison.  
Madison, WI.

**Lectures & Workshops (continued)**

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- 2006      **Lecture:** University of Wisconsin-Parkside.  
Kenosha, WI.  
**Lecture:** University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
Madison, WI.  
**Lecture:** Clay Art Center.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2005      **Workshop:** Understanding Kilns- Basic Theory & Practice. Clay Art Center.  
Port Chester, NY.  
**Workshop:** Integrating Art into the Early Childhood Classroom. Rye  
Playschool.  
Rye, NY.  
**Lecture:** Clay Art Center.  
Port Chester, NY.
- 2002      **Lecture:** The Art Institute of Chicago.  
Chicago, IL.
- 2002      **Lecture:** Ohio University.  
Athens, OH.

**Publications**

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- 2009      *500 Ceramic Sculptures.* Lark Books/Sterling Publishing Co. Inc.:  
New York, NY
- 2006      *Craft Forms 2006: 12th Annual International Juried Exhibition of Contemporary  
Craft.*  
Catalog.  
Wayne, PA.  
*29<sup>th</sup> Annual Harper College National Small Works Exhibition.*  
Catalog.  
Palatine, IL.
- 2005      *500 Cups.* Lark Books/Sterling Publishing Co. Inc.: New York, NY.
- 2004      Xilin, Qin, Ed. Catalogue of 2004 Jingdezhen International Ceramic Art  
Education Conference. Periodical Office of China Ceramic Industry:  
Jingdezhen, PR China.

**Collections**

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- Jim Kolva. Spokane, WA.  
Jingdezhen Sanbao Ceramic Art Institute Museum. Jingdezhen, PR China.  
Brad Schwieger. Athens, OH.  
Chuck McWeeny. Athens, OH.  
Ohio University. Athens, OH.  
St. Pancras Station. London, England.  
Agosti Massana Gallery. Barcelona, Spain.  
The Kansas City Art Institute. Kansas City, MO.

