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**EDUCATION**

2004-2015 **Adjunct Assistant Professor** THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
2002 **Master of Fine Arts in Studio** THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO Department of Art & Technology  
1990 **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting** THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

**SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS**

2020-21 **Inaugural Artist in Residence Allerton Park and Retreat Center** UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS • Monticello, Illinois  
**People's Choice Award - Drop** • WORKS IN PROGRESS IV • Fayetteville, NC  
2017,15,13 **Catwalk Institute Artist Residency Scholarship** SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO • Catskill, New York  
2011 **Individual Artist Support Grant** ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL  
2009 **International Holography Fund Travel Grant** 8TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON DISPLAY HOLOGRAPHY  
Shenzhen, China  
2008 **Artist in Residence Scholarship** OXBOW SCHOOL OF ART • Saugatuck, Michigan  
2007 **Special Projects Assistance Grant** ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL  
2006 **Governor's International Arts Exchange Grant** ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL  
**7th International Holography Symposium Visiting Artist Grant** FUJI HUNT / FUJIFILM  
**Special Projects Grant** THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
2004 **Honorable Mention** Florida International Arts Competition FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
**Community Arts Assistance Program Grant** CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
2001 **Exhibition Scholarship** THE SCHOOL OF THE ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO  
1998 **Visiting Artist Grant** PENLAND SCHOOL OF ART • Penland, NC  
1997 **Featured Artist** CHICAGO ARTISTS' MONTH • Chicago, IL  
1996-95 **Finalist** REVERE GRAPHICS CALENDAR • Chicago, IL  
1987 **Artistic Merit Tuition Waiver** THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN  
1985 **Blue Ribbon Finalist** SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS • New York, NY  
**Honorable Mention** etching and lithography HARPER AREA ART AWARDS • Palatine, IL

**SELECTED PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

2022 **Why Knot?** Chicago Tree Project • Chicago, USA  
2019 **Breathe** Olbrich Botanical Gardens • Madison, WI  
2017 **The Test of Time** Rowan University • Glassboro, NJ  
2016 **Presenting the Past to the Future** Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority • Cleveland, OH  
2013 **Evlove** City of Blue Springs • Blue Springs, MO  
2010 **Universe** Lollapalooza Music Festival • Chicago, IL  
2005 **Transit** Chicago Transit Authority • Chicago, IL  
2005 **Eye Candy** Looptopia • Chicago, IL  
2003 **Point of You** Purdue University North Central • Westville, IN

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2021 **Further Explorations in Perception** ALLERTON PARK & RETREAT CENTER • Monticello, IL  
2011 **John E. Bannon** DENÉ GALLERY • Geneva, IL  
1998 **Annual Neon and Light Exhibition: John E. Bannon** ZENITH GALLERY • Washington DC  
1995 **Propaganda for Positive Thinking** STUDIO HIP HOP • Chicago, IL  
1994 **Mental Gum** THE ASYLUM • Chicago, IL  
1993 **Feast Your Eyes** STUDIO HIP HOP • Chicago, IL  
1990 **Explorations in Perception** LEVIS FACULTY CENTER • Urbana, IL

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Neon and Light Museum* POP UP EXHIBITION • Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Works in Progress IV* • Fayetteville, NC  
*On Neon* KEN SAUNDERS GALLERY • Chicago, IL  
*Kirby Winter Wellness Walk* Allerton Park and Retreat Center • Monticello, IL
- 2019 *A Lifetime in the Making* WATER STREET STUDIOS • Batavia, IL  
*GLEAM Art in a New Light* OLBRICH BOTANICAL GARDENS • Madison, WI  
*Chicago Sculpture Exhibit* CHICAGO, IL
- 2018 *Art on the River* THE PORT OF DUBUQUE • Dubuque, IA  
*Art on the Rooftop* MONONA TERRACE • Madison, WI
- 2017 *Chicago Sculpture Exhibition 2017* • Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Bending Brilliance* The Bergstrom-Mahler Museum • Neenah, WI  
*Art on Clark 3D* public sculpture exhibition • Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Reflecting on Art from the Site Lines of Nature* Catwalk Institute • Catskill, NY
- 2014 *Art on Clark 3D* public exhibition of two sculptures • Chicago, IL  
*Wicker Park Fest* public exhibition of *Eye Candy* • Chicago, IL  
*Phases of the Moon Art and Music Festival* public exhibition of *Universe* • Danville, IL  
*Neon and Plasma Exhibition* GLASS ART CONFERENCE • Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Chicago Park District Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition* CHICAGO PARK DISTRICT Promontory Point • Chicago, IL  
*11th Annual Lakefront Sculpture Exhibition* CHICAGO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION • Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Come Together inaugural exhibition @* HAIRPIN ARTS CENTER • Chicago, IL
- 2010 *9th Annual Lakefront Sculpture Exhibition* CHICAGO SCULPTURE EXHIBITION • Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Chicago Looks: Portraits of Chicago* DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL AFFAIRS • Chicago, IL  
*Looptopia* CHICAGO LOOP ALLIANCE • Chicago, IL
- 2007 *Odyssey 2007-08 Sculpture Exhibition* PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL • Westville, IN  
*For Public Consumption* HYDE PARK ARTS CENTER • Chicago, IL
- 2006 *3D Discovery* LUBEZNIK CENTER FOR THE ARTS • Michigan City, IN
- 2005 *Odyssey 2004-05 Sculpture Exhibition* PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL • Westville, IN
- 2004 *Combined Talents Competition* MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY • Tallahassee, FL
- 2003 *Odyssey 2003-04 Sculpture Exhibition* PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL • Westville, IN
- 2002 *Quirks and Quarks: The Idiosyncrasies of Four Emerging Artists* FASSBENDER-STEVENSON GALLERY • Chicago, IL  
*Odyssey 2002-03 Sculpture Exhibition* PURDUE UNIVERSITY NORTH CENTRAL • Westville, IN  
*Master's Thesis Exhibition: The School of the Art Institute of Chicago* G2 GALLERY • Chicago, IL  
*Enlightened Art Biennial* BOB RAUSCHENBERG GALLERY • Fort Myers, FL
- 2001 *Fluid Interfaces* G2 GALLERY • Chicago, IL
- 2000 *Enlightened Art Biennial* LEE COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS • Fort Myers, FL  
*Dishman Art Competition 2000* LAMAR UNIVERSITY • Beaumont, TX
- 1999 *Traveling Light* GLASS ART SOCIETY CONFERENCE • Hsin-Chu City, Taiwan  
*Chicago Print Exchange* ZYGOTE PRESS • Cleveland, OH
- 1998 *Evanston and Vicinity Biennial Exhibition* EVANSTON ART CENTER • Evanston, IL  
*Travel Light* GLASS ART SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE • Seto, Japan  
*Enlightened* ANGEL'S GATE CULTURAL CENTER • San Pedro, CA  
*Enlightened Art Biennial* LEE COUNTY ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS • Fort Myers, FL
- 1997 *Up In Lights* CREATIVE ART CENTER • Burbank, CA  
*Chicago Artists Illuminate* DOWNTOWN GALLERY • Kansas City, MO
- 1996 *SOFA Chicago* CFDA GALLERY • Chicago, IL  
*Glass Art Conference* MASS ARTS COLLEGE • Boston, MA  
*Annual Neon and Light Exhibition* ZENITH GALLERY • Washington DC
- 1995 *Theater of Light and Motion* BREA CIVIC AND CULTURAL CENTER • Brea, CA
- 1993 *Eclectic Electric* CENTER OF CONTEMPORARY ART • Miami, FL
- 1992 *Soft Light* LIGHTWRITERS EXHIBITION SPACE • Winnetka, IL
- 1990 *Fortieth Annual Painting Competition* THE ILLINI UNION GALLERY • Champaign, IL
- 1985 *Scholastic Art Awards* GOLD KEY / BLUE RIBBON FINALIST • New York, NY