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education

- 2015 MFA, Painting, **Edinboro University of Pennsylvania** - Edinboro, PA
- 2011 BFA Cum Laude, Digital Arts, **Bowling Green State University** - Bowling Green, OH
- 2007 HS Diploma, **Toledo School for the Arts** - Toledo, OH
- 2007 **University Of Michigan** - Ann Arbor, MI (music technology)

professional experience

- 8/2015 - present Adjunct Instructor for Drawing, **Adrian College** - Adrian, MI
- 6/2015 - present Photo and Video Editor and Artist Technician for Erwin Redl, **Paramedia LLC** - Bowling Green, OH
- 2013 - 15 Instructional Assistant, **Edinboro University of Pennsylvania**, Edinboro, PA
- 2012 - 15 Digital Technician Assistant, **Edinboro University of Pennsylvania**, Edinboro, PA
- 2013 - 14 Artist Technician for Erwin Redl, **Paramedia LLC** - Bowling Green, OH
- 2012 - 13 Game Development and Production Artist - **Mourlam Studios / Ancient Sheep** - Toledo, OH
- 2004 - 14 Guitarist / Composer / Audio Designer / Art Director - **Phantasmagoria** - Toledo, OH
- 2008 - 13 Freelance Artist - **Clients Available Upon Request** - Toledo, OH
- 2008 Audio Production / Development Assistant - **Toledo School for the Arts** - Toledo, OH

awards / grants

- 2014 **Best in Show** - 2014 Salon Des Refuses (jurors Leslie Adams & Barbara Miner)
1st Place In Painting - Annual Juried Student Exhibition Edinboro, PA (juror James P. Nelson)
- 2011 **Undergraduate Summer Research Scholarship** - Bowling Green State University
The Amy Ringholz Art Supply Award - BGSU Student Exhibition
- 2008 **Geo Journey** - Selected for a cross country interdisciplinary field study - Bowling Green State University

exhibitions / screening

- 2018 **Solo Exhibition**, Flora Kirsch Beck Art Gallery - Alma, MI
- 2016 **Solo Exhibition**, *Toy Tableaux* - Crary Gallery - Warren, PA
- 2015 **Honorable Mention**, *NoWOH* - Dorothy Urber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green, OH
(juror Jason Franz)
Undisclosed - Gallery 333 at Toledo School for the Arts - Toledo, OH
79th Annual Midyear Juried Show - Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
(juror Robert Godfrey)
Solo Exhibition, *da show: a thesis exhibition* - Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA
West North South 314 - IUP Annex Gallery, Indiana, PA (juried)

(exhibitions continued)

- 2014 *2014 Salon Des Refuses* - Parkwood Gallery, Toledo, OH
Chimera XII - Erie Museum of Art, Erie, PA (juried)
Overture III - Leso Gallery, Toledo, OH (juried)
GAA Exhibition - Bates Gallery, Edinboro, PA
YAAW 20th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition - Secor Gallery, Toledo, OH
Undisclosed - Gallery 333 at Toledo School for the Arts - Toledo, OH
Annual Juried Student Exhibition - Bruce Gallery, Edinboro, PA (juror James P. Nelson)
- 2013 *Alumni Exhibition* - Gallery 333 at Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo, OH
4Sight an MFA Candidacy Exhibition - Bruce Gallery, Edinboro, PA
Interchange Show - IUP Annex Gallery, Indiana, PA
- 2012 *The Superfluities* - Bates Gallery - Edinboro, PA
Solo Exhibition *Quackophonous* - BGSU Student Union, Bowling Green, OH
Featured *BGSU Student Exhibition* - Gallery 333 at Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo, OH
BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition - Dorothy Urber Bryan Gallery, Bowling Green, OH (juried)
- 2011 *Alumni Exhibition* - Gallery 333 at Toledo School for the Arts, Toledo, OH
Arts Extravaganza - Fine Arts Center BGSU, Bowling Green, OH
Computer Art Club Showcase - BGSU Student Union, Bowling Green, OH
WBGU-PBS Cinema U - Shorts compilation showcasing student films (juried)
Undergraduate Art & Design Exhibit - Fine Arts Center BGSU, Bowling Green, OH (juried)
- 2007 *Artomatic Lite* - Fort Industry Square, Toledo, OH

bibliography

- 2016 Stacey Gross, "Aaron Pickens' exhibit, 'Toy Tableaux,' to be displayed on Saturday at Crary Art Gallery" Warren Times Observer, March 10th 2016. D1,D4.
- 2015 Tahree Lane, "Paintings, poetry on display downtown" Toledo Blade, September 17th 2015. AE1. Megan Kunst and Kerri Bedillion, ed. *Chimera 12*, (Erie, PA: Printing Concepts, Inc., 2015), 41.
- 2014 Tahree Lane, "Salon des Refuses" Toledo Blade, December 18th 2014. AE1.
- 2013 Caiden Feldmiller and Kristina Kaiser, eds. *Chimera 10*, (Erie, PA: Printing Concepts, Inc., 2013), 26. Grad School Newsletter, Painting on Cover, Edinboro University of PA, November 26, 2013
- 2010 Lauren Berlekamp, "Phantasmagoria," The Erie Wire, May 20, 2010. <http://tim.pe/45uz>
 Lauren Berlekamp, "Phantasmagoria," The Erie Wire, January 11, 2010. <http://tim.pe/45uy>

publications as author

- 2013 "Dagnabit!," Shoptalk 6, Terry McKelvey, ed. (Edinboro, PA: Docucenter, 2013): 66-75

discography

- 2014 Phantasmagoria, "*Golden Planet*," Toledo, OH (Audio Engineer, Guitarist, Art Director)
- 2008 Jolly Molly, "*Jolly Molly*," Toledo, OH (Audio Engineer)
- 2008 Phantasmagoria, "*Leap*," Toledo, OH (Audio Engineer, Guitarist, Art Director)
- 2004 Phantasmagoria, "*Karma Factory*," Toledo, OH (Guitarist, Art Director)

presentations / demos

- 2016 Painting demonstration for regional high school students, Crary Gallery, Warren, PA, April 1st.
- 2014 Artist Talk, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA, December 4th.
- 2013 Artist Talk, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA, November 21st.

professional service

- 2013 - 15 Treasurer / Designer - **Graduate Arts Association**, Edinboro, PA
- 2012 Participant and Documentor - **Graduate Arts Association**, Edinboro, PA
- 2011 Designer & cinematic artist - "**Cosmo Ape**" (Independent Game Project), Bowling Green, OH
- 2011 Treasurer / Designer - **Computer Art Club**, Bowling Green, OH
- 2009 - 10 Illustrator - **BG News (BGSU)** - Bowling Green, OH

skills

- Direct and Indirect Oil Painting
- Digital Painting
- Traditional Drawing Mediums
- Digital and Traditional Photography
- Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop, Illustrator, After Effects, Premier, Bridge, Flash, Audition)
- Illustration and Design
- Audio Production (Pro Tools, Reason, Logic)
- Video Production and Animation