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EDUCATION

2015 Visual Arts Certificate Program. The University of Chicago Graham School, Chicago IL
2013 Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts, Lesley University College of Art and Design, Cambridge, MA
1996 Applied Associates Degree in Photography at the Art Institute of Houston, Houston, TX
1988 Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN and Rome, Italy

MANAGEMENT

2017/18 Campaign Manager. Pat Hackett for Congress, Democrat, Indiana 2nd District primary.

- Recruited, interviewed, and managed field team of thirteen core members in a flexible, team driven campaign with over three hundred and fifty volunteers as well as additional outside paid contractors.
- Managed all day-to-day operations including but not limited to:
 - Communications- all social media campaign and on-line marketing, website, printed publications, marketing materials, blog editing, press releases, and print advertising.
 - Candidate's schedule, public event schedule and planning, debate preparation, and all public speaking engagements both in person and online-live podcasting and radio.
 - Field Coordination, volunteer staff, GOTV.
 - Fundraising and management of \$150,000 budget.

RESIDENCIES

2015 The Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2015 516 Arts/V AN Residency, Albuquerque, NM
2015 Flash Powder Projects. Highlands, NC.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2014 *Rite of Ordinary: Interior Indiana*. Exterior Projection/Installation on north wall of Northside Hall, Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, IN
2011 *Rite of Ordinary: Interior Indiana*. Presented in association with the Colfax Gallery and the South Bend Heritage Foundation, South Bend, IN

STUDIO WORKSHOPS

2016/17 Visiting Artist. The Art House, Chicago, IL

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

2014 *Rite of Ordinary: Interior Indiana*. The Kinsey Institute Gallery, Bloomington, IN

FEATURES

- 2015 *Xenia*. LDOC, Issue 03.01, December 7, 2015. Chicago.
2015 *Xenia*. LDOC, Issue 03.02, December 7, 2015. Chicago.
2015 *Rite of Ordinary: Interior Indiana*. Fraction Magazine, Issue 71, February 2015.
2014 *Selected Image*. Huffington Post: The BLOG. As We Are by Francesca Milliken, Nov 24.
2014 *Interior Indiana*. Focal Point quarterly on-line magazine, Issue Q4. 14. Crusade for Art.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 Two selected images: *Rite of Ordinary. Parallel Realities*, juried by Ken Ragsdale. Collar Works Gallery, Troy, NY.
2017 *Echo, 2016. What Is Nature*, juried by Melanie Craven and Mariana Bartolomeo. Tilt Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ.
2016 *Camouflage, 2011. WE: AMERICANS*, juried by Ruben Natal-San Miguel. Station Independent Projects, New York, NY.
2016 *Red Lipstick, 2010. "red"*, juried by Aline Smithson. A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX.
2016 *Blots, 2015. Muliebrity Memoirs*, juried by Dulce Diaz. Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL.
2016 Three Selected Images. *A Hope, Prayer, and A Dream*, juried by Laura Corley Burlton, Marti Corn. Main Street Projects, New York, NY.
2015 "*Xenia: Triptych and Portraits*," 2015. *Front and Center*, juried by Tricia Van Eck. Hyde Park Arts Center, Chicago, IL.
2015 "*Xenia: Portraits*," 2015. *Fraction of a Second*, juried by David Bram. 516 Arts, Albuquerque, NM.
2015 "*Untitled*," (*Patty and Rita*), 2012. Portraits 2015 juried by Debra Klomp Ching. Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO.
2014 Three selected images: *Rite of Ordinary and Waypoint. What is a Portrait*, juried by Ruben Natal-San Miguel. Ripe Art Gallery, Long Island, NY.
2014 Three selected images *Waypoint*. South Bend Museum of Art, South Bend, IN.
2013 "*Untitled*," (*Judy and Viki*), 2012. The Kinsey Gallery Juried Art Show, Grunwald Gallery of Art, Bloomington, IN.
2013 *Rite of Ordinary*. Art with an Agenda presents: Love. Sex. Unity. Respect. Magoski Arts colony, Orange County, CA.
2013 *Rite of Ordinary*. MFA in Visual Arts Graduate Exhibition. University Hall, Lesley University, Cambridge, MA.
2012 "*Untitled*," (*American Wright*), 2011. The Kinsey Gallery Juried Art Show. Grunwald Gallery of Art, Bloomington, IN.
2012 "*Untitled*," (*Kate and Jena*), 2011. The Kinsey Gallery Nature & Nurture Show. Cultural Arts Gallery, IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN.

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 NPN/VAN Invitational and paid stipend to attend NPN/VAN Annual Meeting. Austin, TX

HONORS

2014 *Best in Category*. Winner of Conceptual Portrait. "What is a Portrait" juried show. Ripe Art

Gallery, Long Island, NY.

SELECTED LECTURES / ARTISTS TALKS

- 2015 Artist Talk, 516 Arts, Albuquerque, NM
- 2014 Guest Speaker, Women Build: Art and Community Building, South Bend, IN
- 2013 Guest Speaker, bloomingOUT Radio Show, Bloomington, IN
- 2013 Artist Lecture, The Kinsey Institute, Bloomington, IN
- 2013 Artist Lecture, Art Institute of Boston, Boston, MA
- 2012 Artist Panel, The Kinsey Institute, Bloomington; IN
- 2011 Guest Lecturer, Visual Arts Class, Indiana University, South Bend, IN

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

- 2013 Photography Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- 2015-Present NPN/VAN
- 2014-Present Member, College Art Association
- 1997-Present General Member, ASMP, American Society of Media Photographers, Inc.
- 2001-2007 Board of Directors, St. Margaret's House Day Center for Women and Children, South Bend, IN
- 2001-2004 Board of Directors, Michigan Chapter, American Society of Media Photographers, Inc.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST