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Education

MFA in Interdisciplinary Book & Paper Arts, Columbia College Chicago, 2007-2010 (expected)
BFA in Multimedia & Web Design, Illinois Institute of Art - Chicago, *Honors, Deans List*, 2000-2003

Additional Training & Coursework

Academic

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, **English Education & Creative Writing**, 1995-2000
Illinois State University, **Theatre Education & Creative Writing**, *Honors, Deans List*, 1993-1995
Illinois Wesleyan University, **Music & Theatre with Dance**, *Honors, Deans List*, 1992-1993

Community

Wilderness Awareness School – Duvall, WA, **Kamana Naturalist Course**, 2008-2010
Lillstreet Art Center – Chicago, IL
 Screen Printing & Textiles with Rebecca Ringquist, 2003-present
 Metalsmithing with Sarah Chapman & Neil Kraus, 2005-2007

Awards

2008 Graduate Assistant in the Bindery, Center for Book & Paper Arts, Columbia College Chicago

Teaching Experience

2009 Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor*, Photo Bookbinding workshops
Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor*, Cheap Bookbinding workshop
Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor*, Cheap Papermaking workshop
Columbia College Chicago, *teaching assistant*, Special Topics in Studio Art: Screen Printing
2008 Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor*, Photo Bookbinding workshops
Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor*, Cheap Bookbinding workshop
Center for Book & Paper Arts, *teaching assistant*, Artists' Books, Jen Thomas instructor
Pulaski Arts Academy, *teaching assistant*, Art Playhouse (after-school program)
2004- Lillstreet Art Center, *studio assistant*, Screen Printing & Textiles (2004-present)
2001- ILIA Writing Center, *tutor & editor* (2001-2003)
1996- SIUE English Department, *tutor & writing center assistant* (1996-1999)

Exhibitions, Solo Shows, & Collaborative Works

2009 In the Near Future..., Vespine Gallery, Chicago (cassette tape artists' books)
The Organic Show, Student Gallery, Center for Book & Paper Arts (handmade paper)
2008 Gender Identity Project*, 6-month solo show*, Chicago Women's Health Center (photo series)
Questions and Answers, Student Gallery, Center for Book & Paper Arts (artists' books)
Uncollected Works, Joan Flasch Library, *Make Your Own Kind of Music* (artist's book object)
2nd Annual Square Foot Show, The Galaxie Chicago, *If a Song...* (screen print on fabric)
This is Not A..., TiNT (traveling exhibition), Chicago, *A Walk; Finding Orange* (mixed media)
Manifest 08, This is Not a Truck, Chicago, *A Walk; Finding Orange* (mixed media)
LumbART 08, This is Not a Truck, Chicago, *A Walk; Finding Orange* (mixed media)
Guerrilla Art Days, This is Not a Truck, Chicago, *A Walk; Finding Orange* (mixed media)
Artists' Books Class exhibit, Center for Book & Paper Arts (artists' books)
Pulp, Ink & Thread, Sunshine Gallery at Unity Chicago, (photos & print works on paper)
2007 No Required Text, Vespine Gallery, Chicago, *Inspiration* (artist's book with coffee)
Monitor Show, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago (various screen print works)
2006 The Coffee Cartel, collaborative artist's book, hosted by Renmeleon, (mixed media multiples)

Special Projects & Performances

- 2008 **Performance with Alison Knowles**, Columbia College Chicago, (visiting artist performance)
Connected Images Exhibition, La Lumiere in La Porte, Indiana, *Rivulet* (public eco-art)
Directive 66, a short film by Chris Gummert, *actress ("Patty")* & *production assistant*
Dramatic/Word Images, *Weathereð* (performance, songwriting and set/costume design)
- 2007 **Movement Images**, *It Is What It Is*, (dance performance & choreography)

Related Experience

- SpillsHerCoffee.com**: Art, Craft, & Photography, *sole proprietor*, 2005-present
Graphic Design, *freelance*, 2001-present
Copywriting and Editing, *freelance*, 2001-present
Digital Photo Retouching & Restoration, *freelance*, 2001-present
Speaking Ring Theatre, *company member* & *graphic designer*, 2001-2004
Student Environmental Action Coalition, *president*, SIUE student organization, 1996-1997

Collections

- Inspired Balance, LLC (corporate collection), Edwardsville, IL (unique use of stock photography)
The Rebmann Family Estate (private collection), Edwardsville, IL (photography & mixed media)
Brett Gilbert (private collection), Chicago, IL (*Blue*, acrylic on canvas, 2004)

Affiliations

- College Art Association, *student member*
College Book Arts Association, *student member*
Chicago Artists Coalition, *member*
Pulp, Ink, & Thread (student organization), *SOC representative* & *member*
Lillstreet Art Center, *studio monitor* & *member*
Center for Book & Paper Arts, *instructor* & *member*
Green Museum, *member*