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**Areas of Focus:** Community Based Art, Community Engaged Art, Art as Social Practice, Art and Activism, Visual and Performance art, Art and Public Places, Student-Centered Pedagogy

#### **Education:**

2012 Goddard College
MFA in Interdisciplinary Art
2006 Burlington College
Self-designed BA in Community Based Art and Social Change
2014 St. Michael's College
Arts Connect - Arts Integration training
2006-2009 Theater of the Oppressed. TopLab, NYC

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

The University of Vermont - Full-time lecturer. Studio Art. 2022-Present

# Champlain College - Adjunct Faculty. 2018-Summer 2022

- Making the Family Meal. Spring 2021/2022
- Making Political Posters. Fall 2022
- Beyond Banksy Public Art and Public Space. Fall 2022
- Art History Survey. Spring 2021/2020. Fall 2018/2019
- Bodies Representation Matters. Fall 2020
- Aesthetic Expressions; Making it Public. Spring 2019/Fall 2020
- Concepts of Community. Spring 2020
- Concepts of Self. Fall 2019

# Community College of Vermont - Adjunct Faculty. 2015-2019

- Reading and Writing for College. Spring 2016, 2017
- Dimensions of Freedom. Fall 2015-2019

### **Burlington College - Adjunct Faculty. 2014-2016**

- Integration Seminar. Spring 2016
- Re-Purposed Art. Fall 2015
- Integration Seminar. Fall 2015
- Media Activism, Tutorial. Fall 2015
- Self and Society, Tutorial. Spring 2015
- Public Art. Fall 2014

# Degree Project Advisor. 2013-2016

• Worked with students to develop, guide, and implement their capstone projects.

# Capstone - Adult Learning Program. Barre, VT. Teaching Artist. Spring 2022

• Worked with high school students on multi-mediums exploring self-portraiture

# Smith College - Pre-College Program. Teaching Artist. Summer 2022

• Offered a printmaking workshop on the topic of Reproductive Justice

# Winooski High School. Teaching Artist. Fall 2021

• Worked with high school students on a group project focused on the stages of the creative process

## Homebase Arts & Movement Class. Teaching Artist. 2008-2014

• Taught a multi-media art class for adults with developmental disabilities.

## VSA Arts of Vermont Adult Arts Program. Teaching Artist. 2007-2015

• Taught a multi-media thematic visual arts class

# YMCA After School Drama Club. Teaching Artist. January-April 2007

• Facilitated and coordinated an inclusive creation of a play, based on Global Warming with students aged 5-9.

# **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND RESIDENCIES**

#### Grants

2021 Public Art Learning Fund- NEFA

# 2019 - BCA Community Art Grant

"Who are the People in our Neighborhood?" is a mural project with the goal to create 6 portraits of people who are long-standing residents of the Old North End/"We Didn't Expect This to Happen".

### 2015 - BCA Plan BTV Community Art Grant

Community Voices mural project, in collaboration with Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition. Burlington, VT 2015 To include voices of low-income housing residents in the shaping of the Plan BTV development project by sharing residents' stories through the creation of a mural.

### 2015 - BCA Plan BTV Community Art Grant

South End Pop-Up Performance Project. A one-night curation of local residents and artists sharing concerns and observations about development through multiple performance-based mediums.

# 2011 - Neighborhood Community Arts Grant

Community-Based Mural Project, Integrated Arts Academy. Burlington, VT

Coordinated and facilitated a mural project with students and parents from the Integrated Arts Academy community to create a visual piece sharing the collective visions of the future of the Old North End.

## 2008 - Flynn Theatre N.A.S.A. Grant

Developed a work-in-progress that shared the lives of three active duty and veterans of the Iraq war.

#### **Awards**

2006 - Vermont Campus Compact/TD Banknorth Commitment to Service and Engagement Award

### Residencies

2019 - New City Gallerie

2016 - Integrated Arts Academy

2013 - Vermont Studio Center Vermont Week

2014 - Rising Tide Vermont - Action Camp

# COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS, PUBLIC ART, AND INSTALLATIONS

#### 2022. Concentric Creatives

Co-Produced a series of artist talks/feedback sessions

# 2019 - present

At the Root - A Community Engagement Project. www.attherootvt.com

Founder

# 2022 September

"Viscosity: Breaking the Binary". Burlington, VT

• A collaborative participatory immersive installation at the South End Art Hop that explores the binaries in our society, and creates opportunities to explore third, or other, options..

# 2021 September

"From COVID to Community". Burlington, VT

• A participatory installation at the South End Art Hop that asks questions about reshaping our future, and the role that artists and arts organizations could play.

## 2021 April

"The Opposite of Hate is Mending". Burlington, VT

• A participatory performance and installation that brings us together to think about shaping our post-pandemic future.

### 2020

Community-Engaged Mural Project, We Didn't Expect This to Happen. Burlington, VT

• Created a mural from community input about the first two months of the COVID-19 pandemic. This was originally a larger project funded by the BCA Community Art Grant and pivoted to meet the current situation in our community.

#### 2019

Coordinator - CVOEO's HeART & HOME COMMUNITY ART PROJECT. Burlington, VT

• Created a participatory art project asking "What does Home mean to you?" at the Fletcher Free Library as part of CVOEO's Fair Housing Month's activities.

# 2019

Co-Coordinator - Art Build with Vermont Women's March. Burlington, VT

• Hosted VT Women's March organizers and community members to make banners and art for the Women's March.

#### 2018

Facilitator and Producer - *Community-Engaged Paint by Numbers* project, Art Hop, Evolution Yoga. Burlington, VT

#### 2018

Community-Engaged Banner, Let it Bloom Festival, VT Women's March. Burlington, VT

### 2018

Co-Coordinated a workshop and talk by Guerrilla Girls at the Hive and the Fleming Museum.Burlington, VT

# 2018

Installation for the Feverish World Symposium's Tent City "Navigating and Rerouting" Burlington, VT

• Created a community-engaged audio immersion tent with opportunities to respond in writing on the inside of the tent, while a podcast discussed barriers to creating social movements around climate change, looped on the headphones.

#### 2018

Facilitator - People's State of the Union. Burlington, VT

• Part of the US Department of Arts & Culture national project: USDAC has hosted the People's State of the Union as an invitation to supplement the President's stories by coming together in our own homes, schools, houses of worship, and community organizations to share our own take on the state of our union. This is the first year that Burlington, VT participated.

#### 2017

Coordinator - *Make Your Own Signs (of Resistance) and Banners,* The Gallery at the Hive Studios.

Burlington, VT ● Hosted a series of drop-ins for protestors to make signs and banners for the increasing public protests happening on the streets.

# 2015

Co-Producer/Performer at The South-End Pop-Up Performance Project. Burlington, VT

• Curated, organized and performed in a one-night performance installation, consisting of 10 ongoing performances, educating and highlighting concerns of development in the South end.

#### 2014

Founder, Producer, Performer. Kitsch'n'Tips. Burlington, VT

• A series of performative cooking demonstrations at the Old North End Farmers Market.

## 2014

Facilitator - Group Banner Painting. Burlington, VT

- Facilitated and designed a banner for a media action with Rising Tide VT.
- 2014 Facilitator of "Listen Up!" Drop-in Art groups at the Wellness Co-op. Burlington, VT The Wellness Co-op is a community center for people struggling with mental health. The weekly art drop-in groups are designed for participants to gain skills and begin thinking about ways of creative self-expression.

# 2014

Producer/Performer at The Snowflake Ball. - 2014. Burlington, VT

• Designed all publicity, coordinated food, and drinks, coordinated entertainment, and performed with Brass Balagan in a fundraiser/dance-off-the-winter-blues event.

# 2013, 2015

Producer of Decaturfest - Burlington, VT

• Produced and designed the theme and activities for an annual street festival, Decaturfest, as part of The Ramble festival.

### 2009 - 2013

Founder, Producer, Performer of *'Salmagundi: A Stage Where Change Takes Place'*.

Burlington, VT • A series of thematic variety show fundraisers for community-based non-profits.

### 2013

Co-organizer and artist/performer. "One Billion Rising Burlington". Burlington, VT

- Co-organized a day of events including workshops, a march, a series of community performances, a community dinner, and a theatre presentation hosted by *Salmagundi: A Stage Where Change Takes Place*.
  - Collaborated and presented a contestoria on contemporary struggles for women globally.
  - Collaborated and presented a works-in-progress theater piece about reproductive choices.

### 2011

Community-Based Mural Project, Integrated Arts Academy. Burlington, VT

• Coordinated and facilitated a mural project with students and parents from the Integrated Arts Academy community to create a visual piece sharing the collective visions of the future of the Old North End.

# 2007

Mural Project with Dream Program. Burlington, VT

• Coordinated and facilitated a mural project with twenty children aged 2-10.

# 2006

Community-Based Mural Project, Old North End, Burlington, VT

• Coordinated a community-based art mural project in thematic and creative development, and painting, with over 20 participants.

# 2005

Committee Member for Transgender Day of Remembrance Art Show and Memorial, Burlington, VT

## 2005

Co-Organizer of International Women's Day Celebration. Burlington, VT

• Assisted in the development and implementation of an education and entertainment event, including films, speakers, resources, and discussions about women's experiences locally and globally.

### 2004

IMAGINE Fund. Burlington, VT

• Collaborated and designed a community mural. Organized two seasons of monthly political performance art coffeehouses, including music, theatre, film/discussions, and multi-media events.

## 2003

Co-Producer of *Give Peace a Dance*. Burlington, VT

• Developed and organized ideas, artists, space, food, and materials for a community event combining political and artistic expression against the Iraq war through performance and visual art.

### **THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED Facilitation**

- · Theatre for Educators Workshop. Burlington, 2013
- · Performing Activism Workshop through Flashbulb Institute, 2011
- · Theatre for Social Change workshop at Flynn Center for Performing Arts, 2009
- · Theatre of the Oppressed workshop at Peace & Justice Center's Youth Activist Institute, 2008
- •Theatre of the Oppressed workshop at Vermont Activist Skills Share, 2009
- · Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop, Vermont Workers Center, 2008
- · Theatre of the Oppressed workshop at 5th Annual Vermont Activist Skills Share, 2006
- · Theatre of the Oppressed workshop 8-week workshop. U-32 Public High School, Plainfield Vermont, 2006

### **EXHIBITIONS**

2023 Fleming Museum -PRAXIS: Recent Work by Studio Art Faculty at UVM

2022 Sparrow Art Gallery. 6"x6"

2022 S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Small Works Show

2021 S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - All the Feels

2021 S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Member Show

2020 Not My America group show. Winooski, VT

2019 Running Through the World Like an Open Razor

2018 What Happens Outside of the Kitchen, The Gallery at the Hive Studios

2015 South End Pop-Up Performance Project, Howard Space Art Studios

2015 Amplifying Voices. Arts Riot

2011 Moments of Liberation. City Hall Park, Burlington, VT

2012 Loaves and Fishes. Video projection project

2010 The Art of Revolution

2007-2021 - Art Hop, Burlington, VT

# **CURATORIAL PROJECTS**

2020 *Tell me What's Really Going On* - Curator. TW Wood Gallery. Montpelier. Curated a show of over 10 artists showcasing art and social justice in Vermont.

2019 Re-Constructing Climate Change. A Diorama project.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

## **INVITED LECTURER**

# **Burlington College**

Media and Activism. 2013

The History of the City. 2013

South American History, Politics & Culture. 2011

# **University of Vermont**

Creating Change through Intentional Community. 2011

Sterling College 2008

**Burlington High School 2008** 

#### PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 The Chandler Center for the Arts. The History of Activist Art in Vermont
- 2021 Panel member. University of Vermont. "On the Consequences of Hate Speech".
- 2019 Presenter. Pechakucha Burlington, Community Engagement: The Art of Creating Resistance
- 2019 Lecturer. The Fleming Museum, The History of Activist Art in Vermont
- 2015 Presenter. Pechakucha Burlington, June 2015

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*The Alternatives Book.* Created for the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington, Vermont in 2008 and updated in 2009. <a href="http://www.pjcvt.org/dbpjc/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Alternatives-Book-Revised-2009.pdf">http://www.pjcvt.org/dbpjc/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Alternatives-Book-Revised-2009.pdf</a>

"Think Before You Act; Know Before You Serve" a compilation of interviews filmed at 2008's Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan conference, with veterans and active duty soldiers. Created for the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington, Vermont. 2009. http://www.pjcvt.org/what-we-do/peace/

#### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

2020-2022 Vermont Dance Alliance 2011-2023 House of Hildegard Housing Co-op 2018-2019 Congregation Ruach haMaqom 2011-2015 Fool's Gold Artist Fund 2010-2017 The Ramble 2004-2006 Park Place Housing Co-op 2011-2015 Thelma Maple Housing Co-op

## **CONSULTING**

2018 Taskforce member for the City of Burlington "Everyone Loves a Parade" Task Force 2021 Steering Committee for 311 Poetry Walk Project