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I love working with people to broaden their potential as creators and performers.

I love transforming my creative ideas into digital and tangible art.

I am a lifetime artist studying to be an art educator.

Education

Miami University, Oxford OH: [2013-present]
Art Education major, Interactive Media Studies minor
B.S. in Art with Multi-Age Visual Arts License (certification P-12 ages 3-21), Current GPA: 3.9/4.0

Art Education is a focus in a variety of studio art classes, educational teaching classes and art education classes, with an emphasis in pre-service observation and student teaching. Interactive Media Studies is a focus in digital design and technology softwares with an emphasis in visualization.

Projected Graduation: May, 2017

Czech Republic Study Abroad: [Summer 2014]

Studied studio art at the University of Bohemia in Pilsen earning 6 credits and learning techniques in painting, metals, and animation.

Beaver Area High School, Beaver PA: [Graduation June 2013]

Graduated with High Honors, GPA: 4.155/4.0

Teaching Experience

Saturday Art: [Spring 2016]

Designed and taught 90 minute Saturday art classes for grades 1-2.

Ridgeway Elementary School, Hamilton OH: [Fall 2015]

Placed in a sixth grade mathematics classroom and co-taught with the teacher. I also created and led a lesson plan that integrated art with the sixth grade math curriculum.

Franklin County High School observation, Brookville IN: [Spring 2015]

Observed high school art classes including 3D design and ceramics.

Beaver Area High School observation, Beaver PA: [Spring 2015]

Observed middle and high school art classes including Art 1-3 and AP Studio Art.

St. Bernard's 9th grade visit, Oxford OH: [Fall 2015]

Assisted in teaching a sculpture lesson to high school students visiting the Department of Art.

Saturday Art assistant: [Fall 2015]

Assisted a Saturday Art teacher in a 3rd-5th grade classroom.

Related Experience

Presenter at the National Art Education Association Convention: [2016]

Selected as a presenter for the 2016 NAEA Convention in Chicago for the research project "An Adventure for Inspiration: Rediscovering the Creative Process Through the Grand Tour."

Presenter at the Miami University Undergraduate Research Forum: [2016]

Presented at a poster session for the research project "An Adventure for Inspiration: Rediscovering the Creative Process Through the Grand Tour."

Artist in the Computer Science and Software Engineering Art Purchase Award Program: [2016]

Selected as an artist to show a Zbrush digital portrait sculpture in the CSE Art Purchase Program.

Artist of a work in the Oxford Art Museum: [2015]

Selected as an artist to show a photographic film work in the Freedom Summer Student Art Response exhibition and attended a VIP gallery opening, a student reception, and a student lecture and response to freedom. The piece remained in the museum from January through May.

Artist in the student chapter NAEA Art Show: [2016]

Showed 4 works of art in oil paint and a digital sculpture.

PechaKucha International Presentation: [2014]

20 slides, each 20 seconds long regarding my creativity in art, architecture and dance. Presented to the community of Pilsen and University of Bohemia summer art students in the Czech Republic.

Dance Theatre President: [2016-2017]

Manager and head teacher of the Company who communicates between outside entities, the Board and the members.

Dance Theatre Treasurer: [2014-2016]

Handler of event, administration, and company needed funding while participating on the Executive Board.

Dance Instructor and Assistant: [2008-2015]

Taught for Maria's School of Dance, Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center, and Dance Theatre Company. (Ages 3-22)

Dance Choreographer: [2009-2016]

Choreographed various works on performers of all ages including 6 pieces in the Dance Theatre Company.

Dance Performer: [1998-2016]

Performed in countless recitals, competitions, showcases, ballets, concerts and musical theatre shows.

Babysitter: [2010-2014]

Watched two elementary school children during the summers and various weekends.

Volunteer

Sunday School Teacher, St. Mary's in Oxford Ohio: [2014-2015]

Taught 2nd graders lessons each week through readings and crafts.

Art Show Coordinator for Students of Local Art Atelier: [2011-2013]

Duties included creating postcards, fliers, programs, and reminders for students, finding sponsors, a gallery space, organizing 100+ works of art in various media, handling money, collecting sketchbooks and food, giving a speech during the "Art Talk," weekly meetings, and creating my own pieces. Students ranged from ages 8-18.

Children's Ministry:

- Mega Sports Camp Counselor cheer leading coach [July 2012/13]; coached cheer leading for a week to girls ages 7-14 on a mission trip in Richwood, West Virginia
- Open Gym Ministry counselor [June 2014]; monitored and lead high school students in a gym environment, enforced rules and regulations, and maintained a positive and caring environment
- Vacation Bible Study leader [July 2012/13]; supervised and cared for young children during a week of ministry

Honors

President's List: [2014-2015]

Dean's List: [2013-2014]

Undergraduate Summer Scholars: [2015-2016]

A 6 credit independent study grant, self-designed collaborative research project examining the creative process and modeled after the late 17th century Grand Tour. Project spanned 1 year consisting of a 40 day European expedition, culminating in an art exhibition at Duquesne University and Miami University which included multimedia projects inspired by research findings. A lesson plan was created as well.

RedHawk Excellence Scholarship: [2013-present]

Academic Department Competition Scholarship: [2013-present]

Skills

Fine Art:	**Digital Art:**	**Other:**
Drawing	Photoshop	Teaching
Painting	Illustrator	Dance Choreographer
Film Photography	InDesign	Dancer: (ballet, jazz, modern, tap, pointe, hip hop)
Digital Photography	After Effects	Woodshop
Printmaking	HTML, CSS	Microsoft Word
Metal-smithing	Zbrush	
Sculpture	IMovie	
Ceramics	Garageband	