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Education

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2026 MFA - Printmaking, University of Minnesota-Twincities, Minneapolis, MN

2023 MA - Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

2021 BFA - Printmaking / Photography, Magna Cum Laude, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

2012 BID - Interior, Exterior & Decorating, Hong Bang International University, Hochiminh City, Vietnam

Teaching Experience

2025 / Lead Instructor

Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twincities, Minneapolis, MN

One-day workshop in Relief & Intaglio for Baroque Art History class, taught by Hannah Wiepke

2023 - present / Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twincities, Minneapolis, MN

ARTS 1103 - Intro to Printmaking: Relief, Screen & Digital Processes

ARTS 3130 - Intermediate Printmaking: Tradition & Contemporary Approaches (Intaglio & Lithography)

ARTS 5140 - Advanced Printmaking

ARTS 3180 - Zines, Comics and Books

2021 - 2023 / Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Art & Design. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN

Instructor of record, ART 100 - Elements & Principles of Art course, 4 semesters.

Solo Exhibitions

2025 IN THE REVERIE

Travelling Exhibition

June 12 - July 30 / Ouray Public Library. Ouray, CO [More info](#)

January 13 - February 6 / Hutchinson Gallery. Ridgewater College - Hutchinson Campus, Hutchinson, MN

2024 IN THE REVERIE

Travelling Exhibition

November 12 - December 13 / Willmar Gallery. Ridgewater College - Willmar Campus, Hutchinson, MN [More info](#)

June 7 - July 6 / Carlander Gallery. Paradise Center for the Arts. Faribault, MN [More info](#)

2023 WONDERLAND

MA Thesis Exhibition

Effe R. Conkling Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN [More info](#)

2022 CURRENT PRINTS

Fillin' Station Coffee. Mankato, MN [More info](#)

2021 HALLUCINATION - Relief Prints and Matrices

410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN [More info](#)

2020 MAI TRAN - The Art of Contemporary Printmaking

The Dear Teahouse. Hochiminh City, Vietnam [More info](#)

Public Art

2025 Lichen-centered Experiential Symposium (CHANT)

Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)

2023 Art on Hennepin Avenue (Hennepin Theater Trust)

Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue. Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)

2022 Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project (Twin Rivers Council for the Arts)

Billboard on Highway 22 South. Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)

Permanent Collection

2025 Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange

Gallery 110. University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD.

2024 American Lotus ("Flora of Minnesota" Portfolio Exchange)

Minnesota Historical Society. St Paul, MN [More info](#)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

upcoming 10.24 - 12.11 **Sympoiesis.** *The Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery.* Columbus, OH

upcoming 10.24 - 11.22 **Press Forward.** *BOX13 ArtSpace.* Houston, TX.

upcoming 9.26 - 10.26 **Culture Currency Exchange.** *Gallery 110/Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts.* University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD

Art & Ecology. *The Acreage at Osceola.* Osceola, WI

Suzy Greenberg Exhibition. *Soo Visual Arts Center.* Minneapolis, MN.
[More info](#)

Print from the American Middle. *Grafiska Sallskapet.* Stockholm, Sweden. [More info](#)

International Printmaking Exhibition. *6060 Arts Space.* Bangkok, Thailand

SGCI 2025 (PuertoGrabando) Annual Juried Exhibition. *Galeria Lorenzo Homar at Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño.* San Juan, Puerto Rico

45th National Print Exhibition. *Artlink Contemporary Gallery.* Fort Wayne, IN [More info](#)

thresholds. *Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota.* Minneapolis, MN

Drawing-Painting-Printmaking Takeover. *Regis Center for Art (West), University of Minnesota.* Minneapolis, MN

The Fine Print. *White Bear Center for the Arts.* White Bear Lake, MN

2024

Transfer - printmaking show. *The Art Grind.* Danville, PA

Build the Movement. *CSU Art Gallery.* Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Flora of Minnesota. *Arts Center of Saint Peter.* St. Peter, MN

Flora of Minnesota. *410 Project Gallery,* Mankato, MN

Fresh Works. *Regis West Gallery.* University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

The 7th Annual Paper & Clay. *Tippetts & Eccles Galleries.* Caine College of the Arts. Utah State University. Logan, UT

2023

Regis Center for Art 20th Anniversary: Works by MFA & BFA Students. *Regis West Gallery.* University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN

Really Big Prints 5.0. *Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum.* Two

Rivers, WI

Really Big Prints 5.0. *Rahr-West Art Museum. Manitowoc, WI*

The Member Show. *Arts Center of Saint Peter. Saint Peter, MN*

MSU Prints: Josh Winkler and students. *Schaefer Art Gallery.
Gustavus Adolphus College. Saint Peter, MN*

Mav Arts Showcase. *Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN*

Annual Juried Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

2022

Relief Conspiracy Pop-up Show. *UW-Madison. Madison, WI*

MSU Printmaking & Poetry Students' Exhibition. *4 Pillars Gallery.
New Ulm, MN*

2022 Member Show. *Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN*

The 20th Halloween Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

Annual Juried Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

2021

9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange's Exhibition. *College of Southern
Idaho. Twin Falls, ID*

**Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange Pop-up
Exhibition.** *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

Annual Halloween Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

Annual Juried Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

2020

ROCKchester V Visual Art. *Virtual Festival. Rochester, MN*

BFA Senior Exhibition. *Virtual Exhibition. Minnesota State
University-Mankato, MN*

Pride Community Art Show. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

War and Peace Printmaking Print Exhibition. *CSU Art Gallery.
Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN*

Annual Juried Exhibition. *410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN*

Membership

CHANT Collective [More info](#)

Southern Graphics Council International [More info](#)

Mid America Print Council [More info](#)

Residencies, Grants, and Awards

2025 Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency

The Acreage at Osceola, WI [More info](#)

Graduate Research Partnership Program

Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twincities, MN

2022 Blethen Fine Arts Awards

College of Arts and Humanities. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2018 Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship

Department of Art and. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2016 - 2021 Cultural Contribution Scholarship

Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Bibliography

2025

Artlink, "Artlink's 45th National Print," *Artlink Gallery*.

<https://www.artlinkfw.org/45th-national-print-exhibition>

SGCI, "2025 Annual Juried Members Exhibition," *Graphic Impressions*.

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2024

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2023

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2022

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2021

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Commissions

2024 "all about the days I knew when you were really mine" cover album design.

Poor Lemuel (musician/band), MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)

2023 "Grow Up" first EP's cover album.

Mal Murphy (musician), Mankato, MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)

2022

Illustration for the month of August - 2023 Calendar.

Dum Boc Collective, NYC, NY

Promotion Mini Sketchbook Cover Design.

Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2021 Promotion Sticker Design.

Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

2019

T-shirt Design.

Department of Art & Design Pizza Party, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

T-shirt Design.

Intermediate & Advanced Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

Other Work Experiences

2025

Artist Collaborator CHANT Collective, Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)

Freelance Photographer Minneapolis, MN

2024

Filmmaker 410 Studios, Mankato, MN [More info](#)

Event Photographer (Various events) Mankato, MN

2021 - 2023

Gallery Assistant and Photographer 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

Art & Design PR Intern Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

2019 - 2020

News Photographer The Reporter, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

Vice President Works on Paper Printmaking Club, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

Exchange Print Portfolio

2025

Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange. *Organized by Mariana Astete, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD*

2024

Wandering Light Book Project (MAPC 2024). *Organized by Michael Kruger (Lawrence, KS), Tom Reed (St. Louis, MO), Jenny Schmid (Minneapolis, MN)*

Flora of Minnesota (Lithography Workshop). *Organized by Josh Winkler, SKS Press, St. Peter, MN*

2022

2022 SGC International's Member Print Exchange. *Organized by SGCI 2022, UW-Madison, WI*

All Things Small: A Pocket Print Portfolio. *Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN*

2021

Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange in collaboration with MSU Poets. *Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN*

Relief Postcard Exchange. *Organized by Relief Conspiracy, Pittston, ME*

The 2021 9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange. *Organized by 9INHANDPRESS, New Hope, PA*

2020

The 15th Print Exchange: Heart's Desire. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

2019

The 19th Annual International Postcard Print Exchange: RISE.
Organized by University Print Society, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

The 14th Print Exchange: Wheel of Fortune. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

The 13th Print Exchange: 13. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

The 12th Print Exchange: ZINE. *Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR*

