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## Education

<b>2015-2019</b>	<b>BFA- Two Dimensional Emphasis</b> <i>University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point</i> <i>Honors: cum laude (GPA 3.55)</i>
<b>2022- Present</b>	<b>MFA- Visual Studies</b> <i>Minneapolis College of Art and Design</i>

## Professional Experience



2023	MCAD Suitcase Gallery- Curator
2023	MCAD - Printshop Assistant
2022-2023	MCAD - Teacher Assistant
2021	Northeast Sculpture Factory - Intern
2021	Northeast Sculpture Factory - Gallery Sitter
2019	UWSP Student Art League - Secretary

- 2019 UWSP SCULPT - Treasurer
- 2018 UWSP Student Art League - Event Coordinator
- 2018 Salon des Refusés - Curator
- 2016-2018 UWSP SCULPT - Event Coordinator

## Awards & Exhibitions



- 2023 **Silver Lining Print Show** - MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 **MFA Fall Show**- MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
- 2022 **MFA Fall Show** - MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 **Deconstruction of Reality** - Northeast Sculpture, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 **Kleefeld Connect** - Kleefeld Contemporary, Long Beach, CA
- 2019 **Virtuosity**- The Nest Art Studios and Gallery, Rosholt, WI
- 2019 **Ambiance** - Edna Carlsten Art Gallery, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2019 **Catharsis** - Dreyfus University Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2019 **Arts Bash** - Edna Carlsten Art Gallery, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2019 **Juried Show** - Edna Carlsten Art Gallery, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI

***\*Herbert H. Sandmann Art Scholarship Award\****

- 2019 **OSCAR Grant**- UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2018 **Illumination** Juried Show- West Bend Mutual Insurance, West Bend, WI

***\*People's Choice\****


- 2018 **Culture & Agriculture** - New Visions Gallery Marshfield Clinic, Marshfield, WI
- 2018 **Salon De Refuses** Juried Show- CREATE Portage County, Stevens Point, WI

**\* 2nd Prize\***

- 2018 **Student Artwork Pop Up Show-** Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2018 **Multiplicity** - Dreyfus University Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2018 **Student Art League Pop Up Show-** NFAC, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2018 **Critters Show-** Artless Bastard, De Pere, WI
- 2017 **Student Juried Show-** Edna Carlsten Art Gallery, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2017 **NASAD Review-** Noel Fine Arts Center, University, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
- 2016 **Foundation Show-** Agnes Jones Gallery, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI



## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 Suitcase Gallery, **Curated**, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
  - 2023 **Printshop Assistant**, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
  - 2022-2023 **Teaching Assistant** - Sculpture, Paper-making, Foundations, MCAD, MN
  - 2018 Salon de Refuses, **Curated**, CREATE Portage County, Stevens Point, WI
  - 2018 **Teaching Workshop** with Artist Ryan Myers's, NFAC, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
  - 2018 Pop Up Show, **Curated**, Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
  - 2018 Arts BASH **Volunteer**, Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
  - 2018 Arts BASH **Portrait Artist**, Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI
  - 2017 *Blues in Red (and Yellow)* **Volunteer** , Noel Fine Arts Center Point, UWSP, WI
  - 2017 NASAD Review **Volunteer**, Noel Fine Arts Center, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI



## Collections



2017 **Printmaking Archive**, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI

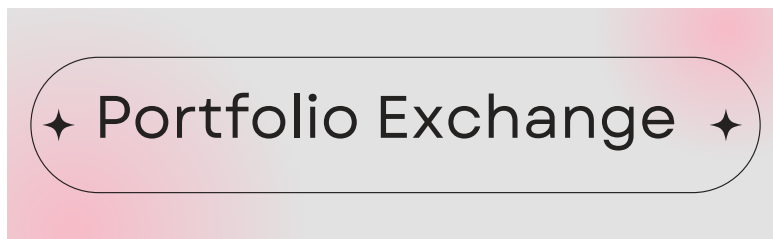
2016 **Photography Archive**, UWSP, Stevens Point, WI



## Artist's Residencies



2021 **Northeast Sculpture Artist Intern Fellowship**- Minneapolis, MN



## ✦ Portfolio Exchange ✦



2018 **Bastion**, University of Wisconsin Stevens Point, Stevens Point, WI