

EDUCATION

- 2010 - 2013 Hofstra University, NY
Degree: Master of Science in Fine Arts Education
- 1996 - 2000 Pratt Institute, NYC
Degree: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design
- 1995 - 1996 Cooper Union for the Adv. of Art and Science, NYC

CERTIFICATION

K-12 Fine Art Education - NY State Professional License
K-12 Fine Art Education - Florida Status of Eligibility (SOE)

EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - 2021 Corkscrew Middle School (Naples, FL)
Visual Arts teacher in a CCPS school district teaching grades 6, 7 & 8 the 2-D and 3-D disciplines, as well as art history using various mediums and platforms.
- 2014 - 2019 Primoris Academy
K-12 Art & Graphic Design teacher in an independent private school for the advanced & gifted learners. Composing and implementing an ongoing visual arts curriculum in a unique educational environment where students can learn at an accelerated rate, using a hands-on, experiential approach.
- 2011 - 2014 Roosevelt Island Operating Corp. of the state of NY
Creative Director & Illustrator. Single-handedly creating and implementing a wide range of visual graphics throughout Roosevelt Island. Organizing and leading various art-related activities involving community, organizations, and schools.
- 2005 - 2011 Block Graulich Whelan, Inc.
Senior Graphic Designer - visualized strategic and conceptual thought, defined design guidelines and set framework for the corporate identity & marketing graphics.
- 2000 - 2005 Harkess-Ord LLC
Art Department Supervisor. Rolled out brands within multiple countries, from analyzing sites to designing, developing and effectively implementing designs, signage and visual solutions for Fortune 500 companies.

VOLUNTEERING

- New York Insight Meditation Center
Event Manager & Graphic Designer for a non-profit organization. Teach, support and supervise workshops, lectures, and meditation retreats. Designer of event catalogues & outreach materials.
- Enslavement Prevention Alliance (EPAWA)
Graphic Designer for a non-profit human rights organization during the Red Card Campaign – African Cup of Nations 2008.

AWARDS

- St. Gauden's Medal for distinguished contribution to the arts
- Ann Dibella Scholarship award
- Mark Rothko Portfolio Winner Scholarship award
- Outstanding Volunteer Award - Primoris Academy

EXPERTISE

Painting • Drawing • Printmaking • 3D design • Metal Crafts • Sculpture • Graphic Design • Illustration • Photography • Photoshop • Illustrator • Quark Xpress • InDesign • Excel • Word • Charts Pro • Fluent with both MAC & PC platforms

Languages:

Fluent in English & Russian.
Basic understanding of Polish & Ukrainian.

Traveling:

Spent months abroad in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam, India, South and Central America, Europe and Central Asia over the years.

Other:

300 hour Certified Jivamukti Yoga teacher since 2011.
Mindfulness Meditation Instructor since 2008, teaching multi-level vinyasa yoga classes, as well as meditation techniques at studios, schools, cultural & community events, and institutions.

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