

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Graphic Design)

Texas Woman's University
2008-2012

Masters in Teaching (Art Education)

Rhode Island School of Design
2014 - 2015

Master of Fine Arts Creative Pathway (Media)

University of Texas at Dallas
2018 - 2023

CREATIVE EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Dallas - Digital Media Artist

April 2017 - Present

Designed and executed digital media strategies/campaigns per university goals. Operated video cameras on location and within the media studio. Helped with photography and video production of professional pre-recorded programming for the president's office at UTD.

University of Texas at Dallas - Graphic Designer II

April 2017 - Present

Produced various visual projects that included printed digital branded materials, animations, social graphics, motion graphic-heavy videos, and photography; helped operate the university print shop and copy center.

Healthy Roots - Photographer (PT)

December 2014 - September 2015

Responsibilities included creating print deliverables and shooting photography to satisfy start-up needs. Also filmed and edited video footage for Healthy Roots Social Media Campaigns.

Rhode Island School of Design - Project Assistant (PT)

September 2014 - March 2015

Worked on promotional items for RISD's Teaching + Learning in Art + Design department. Responsibilities included creating deliverables and documenting student projects for the department.

Pink Jacket Studios - Graphic Design (Internship)

February 2013 - March 2013

Worked on photo retouches, company publications, and Pink Jacket pitch presentations. Clients included Southwest Airlines, Pie Five, and 3-Stacks.

Dallas Wear Uniforms - Graphic Design (Internship)

September 2012- February 2013

Assisted with retouching, social media graphics, and company mock-ups suitable for the partnership between Dallas Wear Uniforms and NFL cheer teams.

TWU Center for Student Development & Art Education Department (PT)

September 2011- April 2012

Assisted the marketing department by creating design deliverables and image composites to satisfy university needs. Responsibilities also included creating design work for the Art Education Department.

(Gaps in employment)

*Nationstar Mortgage - Loan Officer (FT), Mar '14 - Jul '15
Charlotte Russe Stores - Sales Representative (PT), Dec '14- Mar '18*

MEMBERSHIPS

President, Director

The Smart Project, Inc
May 2019 - Present

Annual Supporter

American Photographic Artists
September 2020 - Present

Annual Supporter

Art Table Talk
June 2022 - Present

CERTIFICATIONS

RIDE - Rhode Island School of Design - Teaching

Pk - 12 , Department of Education Rhode Island Art Education - June 2015 - Present

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Prairie View A&M University- Adjunct Instructor

August 2020 - May 2021

Taught Intro to Creative Photography and African American Art History courses to university students. Through class demonstrations, learners experimented with techniques that best serve them in the creative field—offered one-on-one mentorship sessions to students.

One River School - Digital Media Instructor (PT)

March 2018 - May 2020

Assisted students interested in digital media and photography classes at One River School for Art & Design - while maintaining a safe and productive classroom environment.

Texas Woman's University - Adjunct Instructor (PT)

January 2018 - May 2018

Taught interactive design through class demonstrations to help learners understand techniques that would best serve them in the creative field.

Eastfield College - Adjunct Instructor (PT)

September 2016 - December 2016

Taught design to learners enrolled students. Through class demonstrations, learners experimented with techniques to serve them in the creative field. Taught currently used design terminology.

Advantage Academy - Art Teacher (Temp)

February 2016 - August 2016

Assisted students interested in digital media, art and PALs classes at Advantage Academy - while maintaining a safe and productive classroom environment.

Hope High School - Art Teacher (Temp)

August 2015 - February 2016

Taught the visual art classes to Hope High School students - while maintaining a safe and productive classroom environment.

Mt. Hope High School - Corroborating Student Teacher

February 2015 - March 2015

Introduced engaging projects to Mt. Hope High School students in grades 9 -12. Designed curriculums for the Computer Graphics 1 & 2, Photoshop, and Photography classes.

Curvin McCabe Elementary School - Corroborating Student Teacher

April 2015 - May 2015

Introduced engaging projects to Curvin McCabe Elementary School students in grades k -5. Designed curriculums for the visual art and reading classes.

Highlander Charter School - Corroborating Student Teacher

October 2014 (4-weeks)

Introduced creative projects to fifth-grade science students with a fellow RISD MAT peer - while maintaining a safe and productive classroom environment.

Project Open Door - Teaching Artist

September 2014 (4-weeks)

Introduced engaging projects to Jorge Alvarez High School students for the Project Open Door after-school program. Tailored instruction to fit individual needs and learning styles while managing a productive and safe classroom environment for student growth.

Professional Skills

Curriculum Building

- (Art Education)

Creative Skills

- Videography
- Graphic Design
- Digital Drawing
- Video Editing
- Photography
- Concept Development

Creative Projects & Non-profit

The Smart Project

The creative after-school program created for students interested in photography and the visual arts in grades 8 -12.

The Self Publication

A photographic book series with written reflections created to analyze human behavior in response to inimical memorabilia.

The Beauty of South Dallas

Photographic series which captures the rapid change of a historical neighborhood due to socio-economic shifts.

Fellowships & Creative Residences Creative Recognition

Juanita Craft House Artist Residence, Oct '20 - Jan '21

Sony Alpha Female Creator-In-Residence, Dec '18 - Aug '19

Talley Dunn Gallery Equity in the Arts Fellowship, Oct '20 - Oct '21

Freelance Journalism Clients

Dallas Free Press, CNN, Texas Monthly

Dallas Morning News, NZZ, Bloomberg News,

The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post,

The New York Times, NBC News, The Marshall Project

Public Speaking Engagements

Outside The Lens - Youth Artist Lecture

Media Interview -Comeback With Erica Cobb

Aurora (Dallas) - The Power of Technology & Stories

APA San Diego - Highlighting Women in Photography

The New York Times - The Power of Storytelling Lecture

Photographers Without Borders -Storytelling for Change Summit

Dallas Contemporary - Texas Talks Art

Saatchi Art's Rising Stars Report, 2022

The Other Art Fair, New Futures, 2022

Photography Award of Excellence, Communication Arts, 2022

The Center for Cultural Power Artist Disruptor Award, 2021

ArtSpace111 Juried Exhibition Photography Award, 2022

The Center for Cultural Power Artist Disruptor Award, 2021

Talley Dunn Gallery Equity in the Arts Grant, 2020

The New York Times - Sources of Self-Regard Feature, 2020

Master of Arts in Teaching Annual Assistantship, 2014 - 2015

Rhode Island School of Design Masters Fellowship, 2014 - 2015

Case District IV Annual Awards, Gold Award, Cover Animation, 2018

The 55th Anniversary GDUSA Design Award, Cover Animation, 2018

Voertman's Juried Exhibition, Honorable Mention, "As A Teen", 2011

TWU, Helen Thomas Perry Scholarship, 2011 - 2012

News Features

Dallas Morning News, The New York Times, Dallas Doing Good -

Dallas Morning News, ArtandSeek, D Magazine, RISD Magazine,

Patron Magazine, UT Dallas News Center

Creative Exhibitions

(Most Current)

Artspace111 Juried Exhibition, Fort Worth, TX

Pencil On Paper Gallery, Respite, Dallas, TX

The Beauty of South Dallas, South Dallas Cultural Center, Dallas, TX

Richland College, Look Me In My Eyes, Dallas, TX

Talley Dunn Gallery Equity in the Arts Exhibition, Dallas TX

Photoville, Black Women Photographers, The Self Publication, Brooklyn, NY

Black Voices Juried Exhibition, Dallas, TX

University of Texas at Dallas, All Together Now, Richardson, TX

Photoville, The New York Times - Sources of Self-Regard, Brooklyn, NY

Houston Center for Photography, Togethering, Houston, TX

South Dallas Cultural Center, The Self Publication, Dallas, TX

Sony Square Exhibition, New York City, NY

Sony World Awards Exhibition, Somerset House, London

Sony Alpha Female Exhibition, San Diego, CA

(Past)

Texas Woman's University, Voertman's Juried Student Exhibition, Denton, TX

Texas Woman's University Sculpture Exhibition, Denton, TX

Crow Collection of Asian Art, Message In a Bottle Exhibition, Dallas, TX

Durban University of Technology, Norwood Flynn Gallery Exhibition, South Africa

Rhode Island School of Design, MAT Graduate Exhibition, Providence, RI



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