**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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*Areas of Focus: Community Engaged Art, Art as Social Practice, Public Art, Art and Activism, Visual and Performance Art, Art and Public Places, Student-Centered Pedagogy*

## EDUCATION

**2012** Goddard College — MFA in Interdisciplinary Art

**2006** Burlington College — Self-designed BA in Community-Based Art and Social Change

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**2026** New England Foundation for the Arts / Forecast Public Art — Making It Public, 5-week workshop for public artists

**2014** St. Michael's College — Arts Connect, Arts Integration training

**2006-2009** Theatre of the Oppressed. TopLab, NYC

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### *Academic Faculty Positions*

**2022-Present** The University of Vermont — Full-time Lecturer, Studio Art
- Foundations: How Artists Respond to Socio-Cultural Events
- Foundations: Found Object Art/Climate Justice
- Foundations: Drawing I
- Public Art
- Community Engaged Art
- Making Political Posters

**2018-Summer 2022** Champlain College — Adjunct Faculty
- Making the Family Meal
- Making Political Posters
- Beyond Banksy
- Art History
- Bodies - Representation Matters
- Aesthetic Expressions; Making it Public (Public Art)
- Concepts of Community
- Concepts of Self

**2015-2019** Community College of Vermont — Adjunct Faculty
- Reading and Writing for College
- Dimensions of Freedom

**2014-2016** Burlington College — Adjunct Faculty
- Integration Seminar
- Re-Purposed Art
- Media Activism
- Self and Society
- Public Art

**2013-2016** Degree Project Advisor
- Worked with students to develop, guide, and implement their capstone project

### *Teaching Artist / Workshop Facilitation*

**2026** Downtown and Historic Preservation Conference, Preservation Trust of Vermont — Teaching Artist
- Offered a printmaking workshop at the annual conference in St. Albans, VT.

**Spring 2026** Winooski High School — Teaching Artist
- Worked with high school students to develop People's History Posters for a unit on civic service.

**Spring 2022, 2023, 2024** Capstone - Adult Learning Program, Barre, VT — Teaching Artist
- Worked with high school students using multiple mediums, exploring self-portraiture.

**Summer 2022/23** Smith College - Pre-College Program — Teaching Artist
- Offered a printmaking workshop on the topic of Reproductive Justice.

**Fall 2021** Winooski High School — Teaching Artist
- Worked with high school students on a group project focused on the stages of the creative process.

**2008-2014** Homebase Arts & Movement Class — Teaching Artist
- Taught a multi-media art class for adults with developmental disabilities.

**2007-2015** VSA Arts of Vermont Adult Arts Program — Teaching Artist
- Taught a multi-media thematic visual arts class.

## COMMUNITY ART PROJECTS, PUBLIC ART, AND INSTALLATIONS

**2019-present** At the Root - A Community Engagement Project. www.attherootvt.com
- Founder & Director

**2025, 2026** Fall of Freedom - National Day of Artistic Action
- Participated in a nationally coordinated call to artists to create and share art on designated day(s) of action.

**2025** Words of Joy - An interactive magnetic poetry installation. Burlington, VT
- Co-designed with two collaborators; facilitated a community workshop to generate words uplifting trans, non-binary, and genderqueer joy. Presented at Generator Makerspace, UVM's Translating Identity Conference (2025), and UVM's Rainbow Graduation (2025-2026).

**2024** What Was It Before It Was Gone?
- A site-specific memorial for “now” - created through the Generator Artist in Residence program.

**2022** Concentric Creatives
- Co-Produced a series of artist talks/feedback sessions.

**September 2022** “Viscosity: Breaking the Binary.” Burlington, VT
- A collaborative participatory immersive installation at the South End Art Hop that explores the binaries in our society, and creates opportunities to explore third, or other, options.

**September 2021** “From COVID to Community.” Burlington, VT
- A participatory installation at the South End Art Hop that asks questions about reshaping our future, and the role that artists and arts organizations could play.

**April 2021** “The Opposite of Hate is Mending.” Burlington, VT
- A participatory performance and installation that brings us together to think about shaping our post-pandemic future.

**2020** Community-Engaged Mural Project, We Didn't Expect This to Happen. Burlington, VT
- Created a mural from community input about the first two months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Originally a larger project funded by the BCA Community Art Grant, pivoted to meet the current situation in our community.

**2019** Coordinator - CVOEO's HeART & HOME Community Art Project. Burlington, VT
- Created a participatory art project asking “What does Home mean to you?” at the Fletcher Free Library as part of CVOEO's Fair Housing Month's activities.

**2019** Co-Coordinator - Art Build with Vermont Women's March. Burlington, VT
- Hosted VT Women's March organizers and community members to make banners and art for the Women's March.

**2017-2018** Selected Community Banner & Sign-Making Projects. Burlington, VT
- Includes: Make Your Own Signs (of Resistance) and Banners drop-in series, The Hive Studios (2017); Let it Bloom Festival banner, VT Women's March (2018); Community-Engaged Paint by Numbers project, Art Hop/Evolution Yoga (2018).

**2018** Co-Coordinated a workshop and talk by Guerrilla Girls at the Hive and the Fleming Museum. Burlington, VT

**2018** Installation for the Feverish World Symposium's Tent City "Navigating and Rerouting." Burlington, VT
- Created a community-engaged audio immersion tent with opportunities to respond in writing on the inside of the tent, while a podcast discussed barriers to creating social movements around climate change, looped on the headphones.

**2018** Facilitator - People's State of the Union. Burlington, VT
- Part of the US Department of Arts & Culture national project; this was the first year Burlington, VT participated, sharing local takes on the state of our union.

**2015** Co-Producer/Performer at The South-End Pop-Up Performance Project. Burlington, VT
- Curated, organized, and performed in a one-night performance installation, consisting of 10 ongoing performances, educating and highlighting concerns of development in the South End.

**2014** Founder, Producer, Performer. Kitsch'n'Tips. Burlington, VT
- A series of performative cooking demonstrations at the Old North End Farmers Market.

**2014** Facilitator - Group Banner Painting. Burlington, VT
- Facilitated and designed a banner for a media action with Rising Tide VT.

**2014** Facilitator of "Listen Up!" Drop-in Art Groups at the Wellness Co-op. Burlington, VT
- Weekly art drop-in groups for participants struggling with mental health, designed to build skills and creative self-expression.

**2014** Producer/Performer at The Snowflake Ball. Burlington, VT
- Designed all publicity, coordinated food, drinks, and entertainment, and performed with Brass Balagan in a fundraiser/dance-off-the-winter-blues event.

**2013, 2015** Producer of Decaturfest. Burlington, VT
- Produced and designed the theme and activities for an annual street festival, as part of The Ramble festival.

**2009-2013** Founder, Producer, Performer of 'Salmagundi: A Stage Where Change Takes Place.' Burlington, VT
- A series of thematic variety show fundraisers for community-based non-profits.

**2013** Co-organizer and Artist/Performer, "One Billion Rising Burlington." Burlington, VT
- Co-organized a day of events including workshops, a march, community performances, a community dinner, and a theatre presentation hosted by Salmagundi.
- Collaborated and presented a contestoria on contemporary struggles for women globally.
- Collaborated and presented a works-in-progress theater piece about reproductive choices.

**2011** Community-Based Mural Project, Integrated Arts Academy. Burlington, VT
- Coordinated and facilitated a mural project with students and parents to create a visual piece sharing collective visions for the future of the Old North End.

**2003-2007** Selected Early Work - Additional community-based mural, performance, and event projects. Burlington, VT
- Includes: Give Peace a Dance (2003); IMAGINE Fund community mural and political performance coffeehouse series (2004); International Women's Day Celebration and Transgender Day of Remembrance Art Show (2005); Old North End community mural (2006); Dream Program youth mural project (2007).

## EXHIBITIONS

**2026** Colburn Gallery, University of Vermont — What Do We Do With What's Left Behind? Solo exhibition of mixed media work creating conversations about social, political, and ecological grief.

**2026** SEABA Curated Exhibit - 'Piece de Résistance.'

**2026** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Member Show

**2025** Catamount 560 Residency - Art as a Tool. Solo show.

**2025** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Small Works Show

**2025** The Hive on Pine - Group show

**2025** SEABA Curated Exhibit - 'Abstraction.'

**2025** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - All the Feels

**2025** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Member Show

**2024** Main Street Landing - What Was It Before It Was Gone? Solo installation.

**2024** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - All the Feels

**2024** The Generator - What Was It Before It Was Gone? Solo installation.

**2023** Fleming Museum - PRAXIS: Recent Work by Studio Art Faculty at UVM

**2022** Sparrow Art Gallery - 6”x6”

**2022** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Small Works Show

**2021** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - All the Feels

**2021** S.P.A.C.E. Gallery - Member Show

**2020** Not My America. Group show. Winooski, VT

**2019** Running Through the World Like an Open Razor. Burlington, VT

**2018** What Happens Outside of the Kitchen, The Gallery at the Hive Studios

**2015** South End Pop-Up Performance Project, Howard Space Art Studios

**2015** Amplifying Voices. Arts Riot

**2012** Loaves and Fishes. Video projection project.

**2011** Moments of Liberation. City Hall Park, Burlington, VT

**2010** The Art of Revolution

**2007-2021** Art Hop, Burlington, VT

## CURATORIAL PROJECTS

**2020** Tell Me What's Really Going On. Curator. TW Wood Gallery, Montpelier.
- Curated a show of over 10 artists showcasing art and social justice in Vermont.

**2019** Re-Constructing Climate Change. A Diorama project.

**2015** BCA Plan BTV Community Art Grant — South End Pop-Up Performance Project.
- A one-night curation of local residents and artists sharing concerns and observations about development through multiple performance-based mediums.

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP

**2020-2022** Vermont Dance Alliance

**2018-2019** Congregation Ruach haMaqom

**2011-2023** House of Hildegard Housing Co-op

**2011-2015** Thelma Maple Housing Co-op

**2011-2015** Fool's Gold Artist Fund

**2010-2017** The Ramble

**2004-2006** Park Place Housing Co-op

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND RESIDENCIES

### *Grants*

**2025** Public Art Learning Fund - NEFA

**2025** UVM Faculty Development Grant — to support the development of "Walking Winooski: Art, Activism and the Micro-local."

**2024** UVM Community Engaged Learning Faculty Fellowship

**2023** UVM Faculty Development Grant — to support the development of "Feeling in Public is a Radical Act."

**2021** Public Art Learning Fund - NEFA

**2019** BCA Community Art Grant
- "Who are the People in our Neighborhood?" — a mural project creating 6 portraits of long-standing residents of the Old North End / "We Didn't Expect This to Happen."

**2015** BCA Plan BTV Community Art Grant
- Funded two components: (1) Community Voices mural project, in collaboration with Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition, sharing the stories of low-income housing residents in shaping the Plan BTV development project; and (2) South End Pop-Up Performance Project, a one-night curation of local residents and artists sharing concerns about development through performance-based mediums.

**2011** Neighborhood Community Arts Grant — Community-Based Mural Project, Integrated Arts Academy. Burlington, VT
- Coordinated and facilitated a mural project with students and parents to create a visual piece sharing collective visions for the future of the Old North End.

**2008** Flynn Theatre N.A.S.A. Grant
- Developed a work-in-progress that shared the lives of three active duty and veteran service members of the Iraq war.

### *Awards*

**2006** Vermont Campus Compact/TD Banknorth Commitment to Service and Engagement Award

### *Residencies*

**2026** Catamount Arts - Artist in Residence program

**2025** Catamount Arts - Artist in Residence program

**2024** Artist in Residence - Generator Makerspace, Burlington, VT

**2019** New City Galerie

**2016** Integrated Arts Academy

**2014** Rising Tide Vermont - Action Camp

**2013** Vermont Studio Center - Vermont Week

### *Funding Panels*

**2023-2026** Vermont Community Foundation Arts & Social Cohesion Fund Grant Reviewer

**2023** Burlington City Arts Community Fund

**2016** Burlington City Arts Community Fund

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Panels and Presentations*

**2026** NEFA Public Art Impact Convening. New Bedford, MA.
- Panelist: The Role of Imagination in Public Art

**2026** Vermont Creative Network's Creative Sector Convening. St. Albans, VT.
- Co-presenter for panel: Participatory Art in Action — presentations on the Vermont Monuments Project.

**2026** UVM Humanities Center Research Week.
- Presentations on the Vermont Monuments Project.

**2026** UVM School of the Arts, Hidden Figures Symposium.
- Presentations on the Vermont Monuments Project.

**2022** The Chandler Center for the Arts — The History of Activist Art in Vermont

**2021** Panel member, University of Vermont — "On the Consequences of Hate Speech."

**2019** Presenter, Pecha Kucha Burlington — Community Engagement: The Art of Creating Resistance

**2019** Lecturer, The Fleming Museum — The History of Activist Art in Vermont

**2015** Presenter, Pecha Kucha Burlington

### *Invited Guest Lecturer*

**2013** Burlington College — Media and Activism

**2013** Burlington College — The History of the City

**2011** Burlington College — South American History, Politics & Culture

**2011** University of Vermont — Creating Change through Intentional Community

**2008** Sterling College

**2008** Burlington High School

## THEATRE OF THE OPPRESSED FACILITATION

**2013** Theatre for Educators Workshop, Burlington

**2011** Performing Activism Workshop, Flashbulb Institute

**2009** Theatre for Social Change Workshop, Flynn Center for Performing Arts

**2008** Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop, Peace & Justice Center's Youth Activist Institute

**2008** Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop, Vermont Workers Center

**2006, 2009** Theatre of the Oppressed Workshop, Vermont Activist Skills Share (5th Annual, 2006)

**2006** Theatre of the Oppressed 8-week Workshop, U-32 Public High School. Plainfield, VT

## CONSULTING

**2021** Steering Committee for 311 Poetry Walk Project

**2018** Taskforce Member for the City of Burlington "Everyone Loves a Parade" Task Force

## PUBLICATIONS

The Alternatives Book. Created for the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington, Vermont in 2008 and updated in 2009.

"Think Before You Act; Know Before You Serve." A compilation of interviews filmed at 2008's Winter Soldier: Iraq & Afghanistan conference, with veterans and active duty soldiers. Created for the Peace & Justice Center in Burlington, Vermont, 2009.