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## **EDUCATION**

- MA, Art Education, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
- BA, Fine Arts, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma
- Foundations of Art Therapy, Illinois State University, Bloomington, Illinois
- Fine Arts Program, University of Rhode Island, South Kingston, Rhode Island
- CSOS, Human Services, Community College of Rhode Island

## **HUMAN SERVICE COURSE WORK**

- Human Service Curriculum (31 credits): Introduction to Human Service, Drugs and Human Behavior, Human Service Practicum I, Assessment Interviewing for Treatment Planning, Therapeutic Interventions I - Working with Individuals, Therapeutic Interventions II - Working with Groups, Juvenile Delinquency, Substance Abuse Field II, Substance Abuse Field III, and Human Service Capstone.

## **INTERNSHIPS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER TRAINING**

- CDAT, Neuro Art Therapy Certification, Giacco Institute, Albany, NY
- CARC, Addiction Recovery Coach Certification, RICARES, Warwick, RI
- Operation Immersion Certificate, Camp Fogarty, East Greenwich, RI
- Intern: Group Leader - Therapeutic Art for Addictions, Providence Center, Pascoag, RI
- Intern: Recovery Coach, Case Management. Group Leader - Therapeutic Art for Addictions, Mindful and All Recovery Groups. Anchor Recovery Center, Pawtucket, RI
- Intern: Group Leader - Therapeutic Art for Addictions, Caritas Residential Treatment for Adolescent Girls, Cranston, RI
- TA/Instructor, Design I and Design II, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL
- Peaceful Intervention Training, University of Illinois at Springfield, Urbana, IL
- Domestic Violence Advocacy Training, A Woman's Place, Urbana, IL

## **THERAPERUTIC ART AND STUDIO TEACHING EXPERIENCE,**

**2007-Current** Founder, Bestoso Studio, Outreach and Travel Art Facilitator, Newport, RI  
**1993-2007** Founder/Director, Creation Art Studios, Community Art Center, Urbana, IL /  
Newport, RI

### **2007 – Current: Contract Positions and Program Development**

- Group Art Facilitator for Assisted Living, Atria Aquidneck Place, Portsmouth, RI
- Group Art Facilitator for Assisted Living and Harbor Memory Wing, Blenheim-Newport Senior Living Center, Middletown, RI
- Neuro Art Therapy and Expressive Arts Facilitator, Private Stroke Client, Newport, RI

- Faculty, Drawing and Painting, Edward King House Senior Center, Newport, RI
- Faculty Listing, Painting, Ceramic Sculpture, and Children’s Classes, Newport Art Museum, Newport, RI
- Neuro Art Therapy and Expressive Arts Facilitator, Private Cortical Basal Degeneration Client, Middletown, RI
- Temporary Art Instructor, Grades 1-12, Bradley Psychiatric School, Wakefield, RI
- Group Art Facilitator, Rocky Farm Summer Camp for Adolescent Girls, Newport, RI
- Group Therapeutic Art Facilitator, Aquidneck Island Alternate Learning High School Program, weekly, grant funded, Newport, RI

**Other Positions and Program Development**

- Outreach Self-esteem Art Program, Lucy’s Hearth Homeless Shelter, Middletown, RI
- Group Co-Art Facilitator, Grade School Alternate Learning Group, Urbana School District 116, Urbana, IL
- Volunteer, Outreach Art Program, Circle of Friends Adult Day Care, Champaign, IL
- Self-esteem and Self-discovery Workshops, Center for Women in Transition, Champaign, IL
- Ceramic Art Facilitator for Seniors ,Savoy Senior Living Center, Savoy, IL
- Recruiter/Counselor, Outreach, intake and assessment, office assistant, Illinois Migrant Council, Urbana, IL

**AWARDS, HONORS, AND PRESENTATIONS**

- Honor Student, CCRI, Warwick, RI
- Juror, Spring Bull Gallery New England Waterscape Exhibit, Newport, RI
- Presenter, Art Therapy, Atria Harbor Hill, East Greenwich, RI
- Presenter, Case Study, RI 11th Annual Brain Injury Conference, Warwick, RI
- First Place, “Summer In Newport Exhibit”, Isherwood Gallery, Newport, RI
- Appointed, President, Newport Gallery Organization, Newport, RI
- Nominated, *Business Ace*, 40 North / 88 West, Arts Council, Champaign, IL
- Voted, One of Champaign-Urbana’s Best Art Galleries, Honorable Mention Award, Buzz Magazine, Champaign, IL
- Full Scholarship, Honor Student, Art Ed. M. Program, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL

**RECORD OF EXHIBITIONS**

2012	Newport Art Museum Annual Exhibit, Newport, RI Imago Gallery Group Show, Warren, RI
2011	Newport Art Museum, “Art from Within Faculty Exhibit”, Newport, RI Newport Art Museum Annual Exhibit, Newport, RI
2010	Isherwood Gallery, “Summer In Newport”, Newport, RI (group) Spring Bull Gallery, Group Shows - “Fake or Forgery”, “Poetry”, “Memories”, “Fall”, Newport, RI
2009	Newport Art Museum, Faculty Exhibit, Newport, RI (group) Newport Art Museum, “Figure Drawing Exhibit”, Newport, RI (group) Spring Bull Gallery, “Fake or Forgery”, “Poetry”, “One If by Land/Two If by Sea”, Newport, RI (groups)

- 2007 Isherwood Gallery, “Mum, Mummies & All Things Fall”, Newport, RI (group)  
Newport Convention Visitor’s Bureau, “Newport Gallery Organization Exhibit”,  
Newport, RI (group)
- 2004-2006 Artists Against Aides Exhibitions, Champaign, IL (annual group exhibitions)
- 2004 Krannert Center for Performing Arts, United Way’s “Carousel of Caring  
Campaign”, Urbana, IL (group auction)
- 2004 Aroma Café, “Our Inner and Outer Worlds”, Champaign, IL (two-person)
- 2003 Creation Art Studios, “Current & Period Works of Art”, Urbana, IL (solo)  
Cicada Gallery, “Valentine Soiree”, Cicada Collective, Urbana, IL (group)  
Cicada Gallery, “Helping Hands”, Cicada Collective, Urbana, IL (group  
fundraiser)
- 2002 “City of Champaign Art Walk”, Champaign, IL (group)  
University of Illinois Illini Union, “20<sup>th</sup> Century Drawings by UIUC Faculty and  
Their Students”, Champaign, IL (group)

### **CURATED SHOWS**

- 2010 Blenheim Senior Living Center, “Resident Exhibit”, Middletown, RI
- 2009 Blenheim Senior Living Center, “Open Studio Exhibit”, Middletown, RI  
Middletown Library, “Children’s Land Exhibit”, Middletown, RI  
Portsmouth Library, “Teacher and Student Exhibit”, Portsmouth, RI
- 2006 Creation Art Studios, “Alternate Learning Program”, Newport, RI  
Empire Tea and Coffee, “States of Being”, Newport, RI (solo)  
Creation Art Studios, “Nature Redefined”, Newport, RI (solo)
- 2005 Creation Art Studios, “Portraits, Faces and Figures”, Urbana, IL (solo)  
Creation Art Studios, “Earth, Water and Sun”, Urbana, IL (group)
- 2003 Sweet Betsy’s Restaurant, “Whimsy & Commentary Exhibit”, Urbana, IL  
Creation Art Studios, “Regional Teacher and Student Show”, Bone Yard Arts  
Festival, Urbana, IL
- 1997 Champaign Library, “Personal Reflections”, Champaign, IL (solo)
- 2002 Creation Art Studios, “Student and Gallery Associates’ Exhibit”, Urbana, IL
- 1997, 1998 Urbana Free Library, “Student Art Exhibit”, Urbana, IL
- 1998 Sweet Betsy’s Restaurant, “Art Evolution”, Urbana, IL (solo)
- 2001, 2002 Champaign Public Library, “Children’s Land Exhibit”, Champaign, IL

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2003 Art review, “The Power of Pink”, The Paper /The News and Entertainment  
Weekly of Central Illinois, October 17, page 7
- 2003 Art review and cover story, “The Evocative Art of Elizabeth Coleman”, The  
Paper, August 29, page 19
- 1998 Cover art and text, “Landscaped”, feature art inside issue, Octopus, January 9
- 1992 Poetry, “Feeling My Heart Beat”, Zen Bow, Vol. XV, No. 4, fall
- 1991 Cover painting, “Stone Cat”, Journal of the American Veterinary Association,  
Vol. 199, No.2, July 15