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Education

- 2014 MFA, Studio Art, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2010 BFA (Cum Laude), Concentration in Graphic Design, Drawing and painting, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2007 Associate of Art Degree (with Distinction), Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno
- 2005 Diploma, Business Office Technology Vocational, Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, Reno

Upcoming Shows

- 2017 Three person show, Mercer University, GA
- 2018 Solo show, Greenville Center for Creative Arts, SC
- 2018 Group show, Leland Art Gallery, GA
- 2018 “ጉዞ ፫ = Journey III”, Charleston Heights Art Gallery, NV

Solo Shows

- 2017 “ጉዞ ፪ = Journey II”, Leland Art Gallery, Milledgeville, GA
- 2015 “ጉዞ = Journey”, Rotunda Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2014 “X Y Z = ኤክስ ዋይ ዚ” Donna Beam Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2013 “ኢራሲያን ፍለጋ: Self Quest”, Grant Hall Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 “The Other Side of Las Vegas”, Winchester Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2009 “The Beginning of Odyssey”, Clark County Library Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
“The Quest”, Grant Hall Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
“ብመካል: In Between”, Whitney Library Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2005 “Reflection of Ethiopia” John Ben Snow Memorial Trust Art Gallery, Reno, NV

Selected Group Shows

- 2016 “Life Is Beautiful”, Life is Beautiful Festival at Downtown Las Vegas, NV
“Sights Unseen at UNLV”, Lee and Thomas Beam Music Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 2015 “The Auction”, MCQ Fine Art, Las Vegas, NV
“Q4 2015” (Two persons show), R. Cline Arts, Las Vegas, NV
“ZAP! 7 The Artists Who Took Over Maryland Parkway”, Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

- 2013 “Selected works from UNLV Masters of Fine Arts Graduate Studio”, Curated by Marty Walsh, Trifecta Gallery
 - “The Point of View”, SpringHill Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Looking the Other Way,” A Juried Art Exhibition, Left of Center Art Gallery, Las Vegas
- 2012 “ArtNight Juried Exhibition: Luminous Passage”, SpringHill Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Vegas Scapes”, City Hall Chamber Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 “We Will Survive”, Barrick Museum, Las Vegas, NV
 - “2011-2012 BFA/MFA Auction”, MCQ Fine Art, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Time For a Hundred Visions” (Two persons show), Left of Center Art Gallery, Las Vegas
- 2010 First Friday Art Show, 8 Ball Bail Bond, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition”, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition”, Grant Hall Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Bachelor of Fine Arts Exhibition”, Brain and Jesse Metcalf Art Gallery, Las Vegas
 - “Las Vegas Perspective”, City Hall Bridge Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Red”, Vagus Nerve Gallery, Las Vegas
 - “A curated exhibit by Associate Professor Mary Warner of 2D work of UNLV Art Students”, Rainbow Library Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - “Bamboozled” graphic design group show, the Marjorie Barrick Museum, Las Vegas, NV
 - Juried Art Show, Centennial Hills Library Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2009 Annual student art show, Dona Beam Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
 - Invitational Art Exhibition, Adelaide Fringe, Australia
 - “Stimulate the Foreign Minds” (Three persons show), Grant Hall Art Gallery, Las Vegas
 - UNLV Spring Art Auction, Vagus Nerve Gallery (Inside the Arts Factory), Las Vegas, NV
 - Vagus Nerve Gallery (inside the Arts Factory), Las Vegas, NV
- 2008 “Annual Juried Graphic art Show”, Grant Hall Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2007 “Annual Student Art Show”, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
- 2006 “Annual Student Art Show”, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV

Work Experience

- 2016 – Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, Georgia College and State University
- 2016 – Developing Curriculum for the BA in Art with Graphic Design Concentration (GCSU)
- 2016-14 Adjunct Faculty of Design & Media Studio, University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV)
- 2016-15 Oversee the Design Fundamentals III (Digital), UNLV
- 2016-15 Create, develop and maintain the Department of Art website, UNLV
- 2016-12 Create, develop and maintain UNLV- MFA Graduate Studies in Studio Art website
- 2015 Curated “256” Graphic Design show at the Grant Hall Gallery, LV
- 2014 Independently Teach Art 256 (Graphic Design I), UNLV
 - Graduate Teaching Assistant in Painting for Assistant Professor Jose Bellver, UNLV

- 2013 Independently Teach Art 156 (Design Fundamentals III), UNLV
Independently Teach ART 356 (Graphic Design II), UNLV
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Associate Professor Helga Watkins, UNLV
- 2012 Independently Teach ART 256 (Graphic Design I), UNLV
- 2012-11 Graduate Teaching Assistant for Associate Professor Helga Watkins, UNLV
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Associate Professor Sang-Duck Seo, UNLV
Graduate Teaching Assistant for Instructor Fred Mitchell, UNLV
- 2009-10 Computer Assistant, Lied Library, UNLV

Awards and Honors

- 2015 Jackpot Grant, Nevada Arts Council (NAC), Carson City, NV
“Zap 7: Mural painting on utility boxes”, Metro Arts Council and Clark County Parks and Recreation
- 2014-11 Graduate Assistantship, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2014-11 Marjorie Francis Laird Scholarship
- 2014-08 African Heritage Award, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2013 “Zap 5: Mural painting on utility boxes”, Metro Arts Council and Clark County Parks and Recreation
Honorable Mention, “Social Justice Juried Show”, Left of Center Art Gallery, Las Vegas
- 2012 Best of Student: College Level, “ArtNight Juried Exhibition: Luminous Passage”, SpringHill Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2012-07 Dean’s Honor List, University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 2010-09 DeVos Scholarship
- 2009 Best in Show award for “The 2009 Annual: Bring It To Life” Graphic design competition, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Golden Key International Honor Society
- 2007-05 Dean’s Honor List, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
- 2007 Medal recipient – student of the year for best of Meadow art, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
First place for the Meadow Journal art award, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
First place in Mixed Media category, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
Honorable Mention in Drawing category, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
- 2006 Third place in Drawing Category, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, NV
- 2004 First place for artistic interpretation of the poem “The Road”, Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, Reno, NV
- 2004 Third place for artistic interpretation of the poem “The Road”, Sierra Nevada Job Corps Center, Reno, NV

Press, Publication and workshop

- 2016 “Deep Roots Festival”, Milledgeville, GA
“20/20 What’s in a Sketch?” Organized by Associate Professor Sandra Trujillo, GCSU
Jun, Y., Jang, G., Cho, B.-K., Trubatch, J., Kim, I., Seo, S.-D., Oh, P.Y. (2016) “A humanoid doing an artistic work - graffiti on the wall,” 2016 IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (Participated in developing illustration so that the robot could paint it on the wall).
- 2015 “Zap 7”, Clark County, Las Vegas, NV
- 2013 “The Meadow” Journal, Reno, NV
- 2012 Published Amharic poetry book titled “Eggmel”, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
EBSTV, Semonun Addis Program
Ethiopian Television (ETV) entertainment news promoting the poetry book, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Addis Ababa Mestedader TV, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Cover Design for the book “Heart and Mind: Love and Battle” – Olamide Christus Ojo, FriesenPress Publication.
- 2011 Steve Bornfeld, “Artist travels from Ethiopia to ‘The Other Side of Las Vegas’ at Winchester Gallery, Las Vegas Review-Journal, Las Vegas, NV
Kristen Peterson, “Local artist Abraham Abebe’s dreamy take on the Las Vegas landscape, Las Vegas Weekly, Las Vegas, NV
Jarret Keen, “Power Lines and Parking Lots: A new art show digs beneath Vegas’ glitzy veneer to show us what we’d otherwise ignore, Vegas Seven, Las Vegas, NV
Helina Radio, Las Vegas, NV
Clark County Television (CCTV) Channel 4, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 Facilitate and lead scratch art workshop for Winchester Skating Team, Winchester Cultural Center, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 Facilitate and lead scratch art workshop, Left of Center Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2009/07 “The Meadow” Journal, Reno, NV
- 2009 “Vagus Nerve” UNLV Art Journal, Las Vegas, NV
Helina Radio, Las Vegas, NV
- 2005 Encore newspaper, Vol. 30 No, 11, Reno, NV