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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, NV

Upcoming Shows

- 2018 -“ገዢ = Journey III”, Charleston Heights Art Gallery, NV

Solo Shows

- 2017 -“ገዢ II = Journey II”, Leland Art Gallery, Milledgeville, GA
- 2015 -“ገዢ = Journey”, Rotunda Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2014 -“X Y Z = ኤ ከስ ዋጂ ዚ” Donna Beam Art Gallery, Las Vegas, NV
- 2013 -“አራሽን 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
- “በመካከል: 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

- 2018 -“Oconee Artist Exhibition” (35th Annual Juried Exhibition), Marlor Art Center, Milledgeville, GA
- “Drawn to Macon” (juried exhibition), Macon Arts Gallery, Macon, GA
- “(E)MERGED”, (Three person show), Middle Georgia State University, Cochran, GA
- “Meraki”, (Georgia College Art Faculty Exhibition), Leland Gallery, Milledgeville, GA
- “Structural Probability”, (Three persons show), Greenville Center for Creative Arts, Greenville, SC

- 2017 -“(E)MERGED”, (Three person show), Mercer University, Macon, GA
 - Invitational exhibition, ASBDA (Asian Society of Basic Design & Art), Seoul, S. Korea
 - COPLAC 2017: Group show, Asheville, NC
- 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”, Cured 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 curreted 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 Art – Graphic Design, Georgia College and State University
- 2016 – -Developing Curriculum for the BA in Art with Graphic Design Concentration, and Graphic Design Minor (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
- 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 & Honors

- 2018 - Third Place winner at 35th Annual Juried Exhibition, Marlor Art Center
- 2017 -Faculty Research Grants, GCSU
 - Faculty Development Grant, GCSU
- 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

Mentorship & Curating

- 2018 -Mentored senior student Kristen Pack for 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Accepted project title: “The Future of American Currency Through Improved Artistic and Security Elements”
 - Mentored sophomore student Jacalyn Carper for 2018 National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), Accepted project title: “Mobile Application to Assist Learning: Design Research to Increase Productivity”
 - Mentored senior student Kristen Pack for the 21st Annual GC Research Conference, Accepted project title: “The Future of American Currency Through Improved Artistic and Security Elements”
 - Mentored sophomore student Jacalyn Carper for the 21st Annual GC Research Conference, Accepted project title: “The Future of American Currency Through Improved Artistic and Security Elements”
- 2017 -Co-curated online exhibition for COPLAC 2017
 - Juried art exhibition by Inmates of the Baldwin State Prison, Milledgeville, GA
- 2015 -Curated “256” Graphic Design show at the Grant Hall Gallery, LV

Press, Publication & workshop

- 2018 -“Professor Fuzo: Poems & Short Stories”, experimental typography book published in the U.S.A.
- 2017 -One of my designs featured in the book published by ASBDA (Asian Society of Basic Design & Art), Seoul, S. Korea
 - Participated in the “Deep Roots Festival” Representing the Department of Art, Milledgeville, GA
 - Participated COPLAC conference, Summer Institute on Liberal Learning, University of North Carolina Asheville, NC
 - Juried art exhibition by Inmates of the Baldwin State Prison, Milledgeville, GA

- 2016 - Participated in the “Deep Roots Festival” Representing the Department of Art, 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
- 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

Services

- 2017-Current -Dean’s Advisory Committee
- 2017-Current -Faculty Advisory Committee for Academic Advising
- 2017-Current -Department Excellence Award Committee
- 2017-Current -President’s Purchase Award Committee
- 2017-Current -Update and maintain the Department of Art website, GCSU
- 2016-Current -Senior Capstone Advising Committee