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## **Education**

- M.F.A.** University of Montana, Missoula, MT - Master of Fine Arts, Studio Art-  
*Thesis: Agency Panic: A Reckoning of Place*
- B.S.** Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD - Bachelor of Science, Mass  
Communications

## **Teaching Experience**

I have lead 27 classes at collegiate level, 16 classes at college prep school level, and I have closely mentored 7 students.

**Part-time Faculty, Cal Poly University**, Art and Design Department, San Luis Obispo, California  
*April 2026 – Present*

Courses Taught:  
History of Photography  
1 sections per semester; 20 students

**Part-time Faculty, Allan Hancock College**, Department of Art and Design, Santa Maria, California  
*January 2026 – Present*

Courses Taught:  
Basic Photography  
1 sections per semester; 20 students

**Assistant Professor**, Community College of Rhode Island, Department of Art, Art History, and Design, Warwick, Rhode Island  
*July 2024 – July 2025*

Courses Taught:  
Darkroom Photography 1  
2 sections per semester; 10-15 students/section  
Darkroom Photography 2  
1 section 1 semester; 13 students  
Digital Photography 1  
1 section per semester; 10-15 students/section  
Digital Photography 2  
1 section 1 semester; 15 students  
Independent Study: Special Topics in Art  
1 section 1 semester; 1 student

**Photography Teacher**, Waterford School, Department of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, Utah  
*July 2022 – July 2024*

Courses Taught:

Photo VIII: Intro to Photography

2 sections per 3/3 trimester year (taught every term); 15-20 students/section

Color Digital 1

2 sections 1/3 trimester/year; 13-17 students/section

Color Digital 2

1 section 2/3 trimesters/year; 13-17 students/section

Photo History and Aesthetics

1 section 1/3 trimesters/year; 13 students

AP Photo 1/2

1 section 3/3 trimesters/year; 8 students; advanced photographic methods

Alternative Processes in Photography

1 section 1/3 trimesters/year; 13 students

**Visiting Professor of Fine Arts** - University of Montana, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Missoula, MT *August 2018 - May 2019*

Courses Taught:

Photography I: Technique and Processes; ARTZ 284a

2 semesters; 15-25 students/section

Online Photography I: Technique and Processes; ARTZ 284b

2 semesters; 25-30 students/section

Photography II: Darkroom; ARTZ 384

1 semester; 15 students/section

The Art of Digital Photography; ARTZ 385

1 semester; 15 students/section

Independent study; ARTZ 493

1 semester; 4<sup>th</sup> year BFA student; weekly mentorship meetings on advanced photographic methods

**Adjunct Instructor** - University of Montana, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Missoula, MT *January 2018 - May 2018*

Courses Taught:

Photography I - Technique and Processes; ARTZ 284a

1 semester; 15-25 students/section

**Graduate Teaching Assistant** - University of Montana, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Missoula, MT *January 2017 - December 2017*

Courses Taught:

Visual Language 2D Foundations; ARTZ 105a

Instructor of Record, 2 semesters; 20-25 students/section

Photography I - Technique and Processes; ARTZ 284a

Instructor of Record, 1 semester; 15-25 students/section

Courses Assisted:

Introduction to Photoshop; ARTZ

Teaching Assistant, 2 semesters; 60 students

**Workshop Leader** - The Montana Federation of Public Employees Conference, Missoula, MT, October 2017

Course Description: Introduction to photographing in RAW and RAW file editing with photoshop

## **Professional Experience**

**Cabinet Maker** - Green Goods, San Luis Obispo, CA, January 2026 – Current

Duties: Build and install custom cabinets in homes and businesses

**Relationship / EDU Manager** - Pictureline, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2022 – July 2022

Duties: Oversee community outreach programs and educational events; Lead workshops; Coordinate events; Work with outside partners to create unique community experiences

**Exhibits Manager** - The Leonardo Museum, Salt Lake City, UT, March 2020 – February 2022

Duties: Develop Museum exhibits and visual content; Manage exhibits team in the design, fabrication, and installation of exhibits; Design and install assets for traveling and in-house produced exhibits; Propose and manage project budgets; Provide production oversight and coordination on community art projects; Interface with external vendors for outsourced fabrication needs.

**Lead Graphic Designer** - The Leonardo Museum, Salt Lake City, UT, August 2019 - March 2020

Duties: Creation of compelling designs for marketing needs; development and design of museum wayfinding; design and install assets for international traveling and internal exhibits; exhibit development; and website management.

**Juror** - Create New +, online, January 2017

Duties: Juror of national online exhibition hosting over 100 applicants; development of exhibit theme, criteria, and platform; interactions with participating artists; and production of online exhibition.

**Co-Director** - Frontierspace Gallery, Missoula, MT, April 2016 - January 2018

Duties: Co-director of small non-profit contemporary art gallery dedicated to cutting edge and emerging artists; fundraising; grant writing; curate shows; coordinated with exhibiting artists; installations; and perform community engagement on behalf of the gallery.

## **Solo Exhibitions**

1. *Phaseolus vulgaris: A Study of Inherent Wildness*, Cawein Gallery, Forest Grove, OR, 2019
2. *Agency Panic: A Reckoning of Place*, Gallery of Visual Arts, Missoula, MT, 2018

3. *Mixed severity landscapes: fire in the bitterroot ecosystem*, Dram Shop, Missoula, MT, 2017
4. *Avian Study*, UM Fine Arts Gallery, Missoula, MT, 2016
5. *Flies*, UM Fine Arts Gallery, Missoula, MT, 2016
6. *Sweet Water Domes*, Old Town Coffee, Solo Exhibition, Lander, WY, 2014

### **Select Group Exhibitions**

1. *CCRI Faculty Show*, Knight Art Gallery, Warwick, Rhode Island, 2024
2. *Waterford Faculty Show*, The Houston Concert Hall Foyer, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2023/24
3. *Waterford Faculty Show*, The Houston Concert Hall Foyer, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2022/23
4. *2018 University of Montana Faculty Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual Arts, Missoula, MT, 2018
5. *Frontierspace Benefit Auction*, Frontierspace, Missoula, MT, 2018
6. *2018 University of Montana Faculty Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual Arts, Missoula, MT, 2018
7. *Frontierspace Benefit Auction*, Frontierspace, Missoula, MT, 2017
8. *Student Juried Exhibition*, Gallery of Visual and Performance Arts, Missoula, MT, 2016
9. *Group Exhibition*, UM Fine Arts Gallery, Missoula, MT, 2015
10. *Frontierspace Benefit Auction*, Frontierspace, Missoula, MT, 2015
11. *Group Exhibition*, Pangburn Gallery, Spearfish, SD, 2013
12. *Senior Class Exhibition*, Black Hills State University Photography Gallery, Spearfish, SD, 2013

### **Artist Lectures, Publications, & Presentations**

1. *Select Ambrotypes*, Enviro-Art Gallery Showcase, Duke University, online, April 2021
2. *Video Testimony*, Enviro-Art Gallery Showcase, Duke University, online, April 2021
3. *Ambrotypes selected*, *Extraction: Art on the Edge of the abyss* Catalog and Exhibition Guide, 2020
4. *Visiting Artist Lecture*: - Keynote discussion of art's role in environmental activism, and wildness. Pacific University, Forest Grove, OR, February 22, 2019
5. Mickelsen BM, *Agency Panic: A Reckoning of Place*, University of Montana Scholar works, 2018

6. *Guest Lecturer* - Panel discussion with artist Elizabeth Dove discussing the use of data in art, data as art, and challenging perceptions of data, ART Talk, Missoula, MT, October 01, 2017
7. Mickelsen BM, *Avian Study*, Oral Presentation, GRADCON, University of Montana Scholar works, 2017
8. *Photograph published in The Green Bowl Review*, Black Hills State University, Spearfish, SD, 2011

### **Awards & Funding**

**Marion Boyer Fine Arts Scholarship**, University of Montana, 2017, 2016, 2015

**Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, University of Montana, 2017

**Interdisciplinary Collaborative Network Grant**, University of Montana, 2016

**Finalist** in Photographers Forum Spring Photography Contest, 2015

**Fell-Oskins Scholarship**, University of Montana, 2015