

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CAREER SUMMARY

I am an award-winning artist with 30 years of experience navigating the intersection of traditional technique + modern concept. My portfolio, ranging from delicate ink, gouache + watercolor to cutting-edge digital work, is rooted in a rigorous background of design + research. **Recognition:** Two-time recipient of the Spiva Center for the Arts' "Best Landscape or Plein Air" award. **Expertise:** Commissions, team management + research. **Current Focus:** I am currently seeking exhibition opportunities for two new cohesive collections: an immersive **Steampunk series** + a high-concept **Cyberpunk series**.

GRAPHIC DESIGNER + ILLUSTRATOR EXPERIENCE

ART-RELATED EMPLOYMENT

May 2025-May 2026

Brand Ambassador

Craig Frames, Ithica, MI

March 2007-August 2008

Art Specialist

Weiner Religious School, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

May 2002-June 2003

Contract Illustrator

Rob Straud Advertising, Kansas City, MO

June 1996-Present

Founder, Owner, Illustrator, Graphic Designer + Art Business Architect

OneGirl Enterprises, LLC, DBA Esoteric Designs, Joplin, MO

August 1987-May 1988

Layout Designer + Reporter

The Collegio, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

JURIED EXHIBITIONS

May 2026

66 Stories: Attractions, Oddities + Americana Juried Group Exhibition

Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO, Juror Shaun Conroy, Exhibits Director

March 2026

Greetings from the Mother Road Juried Group Exhibition

artCentral, Carthage, MO, Juror Cheryl Church, CEO

April 1985

Juried Group Exhibition

State of Kansas Art Tournament, Ft. Hayes, KS

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

July 2007

Solo Art Exhibition

The Planet Café, Kansas City, MO

July 2006

Solo Art Exhibition

The Planet Café, Kansas City, MO

July 2005

Solo Art Exhibition

The Planet Café, Kansas City, MO

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

October 2026

79th Annual Joy Spiva Cragin Membership Exhibition

Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

JRAC Liminal Spaces + Thresholds Membership Exhibition

Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

June 2026

Joplin Regional Artists Coalition From the Archives Membership Exhibition

Joplin Public Library, Joplin, MO

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May 2026	Journeys + Destinations: Celebrating 100 Years of Route 66 Membership Show <i>artCentral, Carthage, MO</i>
	Friends of St. Avips Ball Sana S. Sagets Art Auction <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2026	Jo Mueller Small Works Auction <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
February 2026	Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Plant the Seed Group Exhibition <i>artCentral, Carthage, MO</i>
November 2025	Joplin Regional Artists Coalition in the Stacks Membership Exhibition <i>Joplin Public Library, Joplin, MO</i>
November 2025	78th Annual Joy Spiva Cragin Membership Exhibition <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
November 2025	Joplin Regional Artists Coalition What Lies Beneath Group Exhibition <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
April 2025	Friends of St. Avips Ball Sana S. Sagets Art Auction <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2025	Jo Mueller Small Works Art Auction <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2023	Jo Mueller Small Works Art Auction <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
June 2007	Annual Members Exhibition <i>Kansas City Artists Coalition, Kansas City, MO</i>

FEATURED ARTIST

September-December 2026	Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery, Featured Print Artist <i>Joplin, MO</i>
June 2026	Miami Public Library, Featured Artist <i>Miami, OK</i>

ART MARKETS

December 2026	Holiday Makers Market <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
November 2026	Small Works, Great Wonders + Holiday Boutique <i>artCentral, Carthage, MO</i>
	Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Studio Tour 2026 <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
October 2026	MapleCon <i>YMCA, Carthage, MO</i>
	First Thursday Art Walk <i>Joplin Avenue Coffee Company, Joplin, MO</i>
September 2026	Spooky Makers Market <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
	2026 Queer Art Traveling Road Show <i>GLO, Springfield, MO</i>
	Pride on Route 66 PrideFest <i>Downtown Joplin, MO</i>
	First Thursday Art Walk <i>Joplin Avenue Coffee Company, Joplin, MO</i>
August 2026	Centennial Route 66 Balloon Festival <i>MSSU, Joplin, MO</i>
	First Thursday Art Walk <i>Vino Noir, Joplin, MO</i>

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July 2026	JoMoCon <i>Joplin Expo Center, Joplin, MO</i>
	First Thursday Art Walk <i>Vino Noir, Joplin, MO</i>
June 2026	Evening Soiree Art Walk + Carthage in Bloom Awards <i>Vision Carthage, Carthage, MO</i>
	Silver Sage Renaissance Festival <i>Silver Sage, Joplin, MO</i>
April 2026	The Great Spring Market at Civil War Arena <i>DMR Group, Carthage, MO</i>
March 2026	Spiva in Bloom Makers Market <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
December 2025	artCentral Holiday Boutique <i>artCentral, Carthage, MO</i>

GIFT SHOPS + GIFT GALLERIES

July 2026-present	Sarahendipity Boutique <i>Carthage, MO</i>
	Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>

WHOLESALE MARKETS

July 2026-present	Faire Wholesale <i>San Francisco, CA</i>
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COMMISSIONS, CONSIGNMENTS, CONTRACTS + CONTESTS

July 2026	Art: Outside the Box 2026 Downtown Joplin Electrical Box Wrap Project <i>Downtown Joplin Alliance, City of Joplin, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin Arts District, Joplin, MO</i>
	Commissioned Grandchildren Portraits <i>The Vogt Grandchildren</i>
April 2026	Consignment Print Art <i>Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2026	Commissioned Pet Portrait <i>The Pyeatte Pets</i>
May 2015	Consignment Illustration Art <i>PS Landing, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2009	Contest Logo Designer <i>National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO</i>
June 2027	Commissioned Logo Designer <i>The Lap Band Chef, Overland Park, KS</i>
May 2007	Commissioned Logo Designer <i>Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS</i>
June 2006	Commissioned Ketubah Designer <i>The Bellotti Wedding, Overland Park, KS</i>
May 2002-June 2003	Consignment Jewelry Art <i>It's A Beautiful Day, Kansas City, MO</i>
January 2002	Commissioned Illustrator <i>The Witkowski Celebration, Kansas City, MO</i>
June 1996	Commissioned Graphic Designer <i>Osteria Il Centro, Kansas City, MO</i>

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June 1996

Contest Illustrator
Minsky's Pizza, Kansas City, MO

August 1985

Contest Logo Designer
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

April 2010

Community Second Night Seder Children's Activity
Rabbinical Association of KC-Jewish Community Center, Kansas City, MO

March 2009

Volunteer Interviewer
Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Co-Planner + Logo Designer
National Association of Social Workers-Missouri Chapter, Jefferson City, MO

May 1993

ACT-UP Sign Designer/Maker
ACT-UP, Kansas City, MO

AWARDS

2026

Best Landscape or Plein Air
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

2025

Best Landscape or Plein Air
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

2008

Best Logo
*NASW-Missouri
Jefferson City, MO*

1996

Best Design
*Minsky's Pizza
Kansas City, MO*

1985

Best Logo
*PSU-Nation Hall
Pittsburg, KS*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- artCentral
- Joplin Regional Artists Coalition
- Kansas City Regional Artists Coalition
- Spiva Center for the Arts

BUSINESS ARCHITECT EXPERIENCE

CONTENT WRITING

Infographics:

December 2019

Homelessness in America

December 2019

Adverse childhood experiences (ACES)

Press Releases:

November 2008

Dying Marine Veteran promotes prostate cancer awareness

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GHOST WRITING

Interviewer:

September 2008-March 2009

Veterans History Project of the American Folklife Center, Library of Congress, Washington, DC. *United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration Medical Center-Kansas City, Kansas City, MO*

Advocacy Briefs:

December 2019

Universal standards of street outreach: Recommendations to the United States Representative Pete Visclosky. *Washington, DC*

Technical Reports:

2011

2011 nonprofit + association salary and benefits survey of Greater Kansas City area nonprofit organizations report. *Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, Henry W. Bloch School of Management, University of Missouri-Kansas City*

2009

Walkability audit summary + recommendations for Kansas City, Missouri City Council, the Ivanhoe Neighborhood Council + the Green Impact Zone, Missouri (GIZMO). *AARP Missouri, Kansas City, MO*

Fact Sheets:

March 2009

Missouri Housing Development Commission allocations for the Kansas City area related to the Missouri Housing Trust Fund: Recommendations to Representative Jerry Nolte. *Jefferson City, MO*

Issue Briefs:

April 2009

Impact of discrimination on the health of LGBT individuals. *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*

February 2009

Impact of housing + homelessness on military Veterans' health + mental health. *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*

Policy Briefs:

March 2009

Media campaign for adoptive + foster parent recruitment + retention: Recommendations to Missouri Senator Yvonne Wilson. *Jefferson City, MO*

March 2009

Missouri Housing Trust Fund committee proposal: Recommendations to Missouri Representative Ryan Silvey. *Jefferson City, MO*

February 2009

Missouri Housing Trust Fund tax credit proposal: Recommendations to Missouri Senator Jolie Justus. *Jefferson City, MO*

January 2009

Support increasing the Missouri Housing Trust Fund tax credit proposal: Recommendations to Missouri legislators. *Jefferson City, MO*

August 2008

A blueprint towards economic security: Leveraging local resources to bring more federal dollars into Missouri to support services + create jobs: A needed response to our unfolding economic situation. *Economic Security Workgroup, Kansas City, MO*

Concept Papers:

2021

**Increasing health equity for older adults + aging populations
*Ozark Center, Joplin, MO***

Veterinary Medicine:

1993

Safety, immunogenicity + protection of cattle against heterologous endotoxin challenge following vaccination with an *E. coli* J5 bacterin-toxoid. *Lenexa, KS: Sanofi Animal Health and Ithaca, NY: School of Veterinary Medicine, Cornell University*

1993

IBR Plus: A new and improved vaccine for cattle. *Lenexa, KS: Sanofi Animal Health and Davis, CA: Department of Veterinary Pathology, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California*

BUSINESS PLANS

2012

Generations, *Joplin, MO*

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SCRIPT WRITING

Peer-Reviewed Presentations:

November 2010

Back to basics: LGBT rights. *Oral presentation at Missouri Association for Social Welfare 109th Annual Conference, Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Social Justice: A Call to Action. MASW: Lake Ozark, MO*

November 2009

KC4 aging in community. *Oral presentation at Midwest Aging Network Community Meeting, Kansas City, MO.*

May 2009-March 2011

The Missouri Housing Trust Fund: Why community should care. *Oral presentations at Community Together Meetings, University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Invited Presentations:

March 2019

The role of harm reduction in substance use treatment. *Oral presentation at Joplin Professional Social Workers 16th Annual Seminar, Joplin, MO*

September 2010

Advocacy for all: How case managers can influence movers, shakers + policymakers. *Oral presentation at Mid-America Assistance Coalition 25th Annual Training Conference, Strengths-Based Case Management for Caseworkers. MAAC: Kansas City, MO*

March 2010

AARP survey of the Ivanhoe neighborhood: Building sustainable environments for older residents. *Oral presentation at AARP-Missouri Stakeholders Meeting, Kansas City, MO*

SPEECH WRITING

Emcee/Host:

May 2010

Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter

January 2012

Martin Luther King Day Event

Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter

September 2009-April 2012

First Friday Forums

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter

Radio:

March 2010

Does anybody care about the poor + the disenfranchised? Poverty issues in Missouri + Kansas. *KGGN 890AM, Kansas City, MO*

April 1985

Voice of democracy: The torch has passed. *KLKC-FM, Parsons, KS*

INDIVIDUAL WRITING

Manuscript in Preparation:

2026

Poker dates with Parker Gates: A flash fiction account of ill-fated aging

Concept Papers:

1985

The torch has passed. *Voice of Democracy*

Capstone Projects:

2019

Field kit of outreach + assessment tools

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

2018

Universal standards of street outreach: A blue ocean approach to ending chronic homelessness among men over the age of 50

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

2012

Stuck in a rut? Don't decorate it, dismantle it! Mobilizing, managing, + measuring organizational change

University of Missouri-Kansas City

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2010

The social justice + public health concerns of a multiple-minority in multiple-jeopardy: 16 core components of culturally competent care for working with elder LGBT individuals

University of Missouri-Kansas City

GRANT WRITING

November 2022

United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks, VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC)-Joplin, Joplin, MO

- ***Addiction Scholars Capstone Pilot Project*** (November 2022). Funding source: VA Pain Management, Opioid Safety + PDMP. **Award Amount: \$50,000**

Ozark Center Joplin, MO

- **Increasing Health Equity for Older Adults/Aging Populations** (January 2021). Funding source: Missouri Foundation for Health Opportunity Fund. Award Amount: unfunded
- **Empowering Communities to Address Behavioral Health + Chronic Pain through Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Programs** (January 2021). Funding source: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living. Award Amount: unfunded
- **Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness** (January 2020). Funding source: Substance Abuse + Mental Health Services Administration. **Award Amount: \$4M**
- **Treatment for Individuals with Serious Mental Illness, Serious Emotional Disturbance or Co-Occurring Disorders Experiencing Homelessness** (March 2018). Funding source: Substance Abuse + Mental Health Services Administration. Award Amount: unfunded

GRANT REVIEWS

January 2022-April 2026

Indian Health Service Grant Reviewer

*Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, Division of Behavioral Health
Behavioral Health Integration Initiative*

Domestic Violence Prevention

Forensic Health Care

Substance Abuse Prevention, Treatment and Aftercare

Suicide Prevention, Intervention + Postvention

Zero Suicide Initiative

Rockville, MD

- Special Diabetes Program for Indians (November 2022)
- Domestic Violence Prevention Program-Forensic Healthcare Services (February 2022)

October 2021-April 2026

United States Department of Health + Human Services Grant Reviewer

Administration for Community Living

National Institute on Disability, Independent Living + Rehabilitation Research

Washington, DC

September 2021-April 2026

United States Department of Labor Grant Reviewer

Employment + Training Administration

Washington, DC

- Nursing Expansion Grant Program (February 2023)

August 2021-April 2026

United States Office of Justice Programs Grant Reviewer

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Bureau of Justice Assistance

National Institute of Justice

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Office for Victims of Crime

Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering + Tracking

Washington, DC

April 2021-April 2026

United States Department of Education Grant Reviewer

Office of Postsecondary Education

Washington, DC

- Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant Program (November 2022)

April 2021-April 2026

United States Department of Justice Grant Reviewer

Office on Violence Against Women

Washington, DC

April 2019-April 2026

Substance Abuse + Mental Health Services Administration Grant Reviewer

Rockville, MD

- Family Counseling + Support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex+ Youth + their Families (July 2023)
- Strategic Prevention Framework: Partnerships for Success for Communities, Local Governments, Universities, Colleges + Tribes/Tribal Organizations (June 2023)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Improvement and Advancement Grant (June 2023)
- Services Program for Residential Treatment for Pregnant + Postpartum Women (April 2023)
- Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (April 2023)
- Adult Reentry Program (March 2023)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic-Improvement + Advancement (June 2022)
- Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic-Planning, Development + Implementation Grants (June 2022)
- Targeted Capacity Expansion: Special Projects (April 2022)
- Community Mental Health Centers (June 2021)
- Medication-Assisted Treatment: Prescription Drug + Opioid Addiction (May 2021)
- Recovery Community Services Program (January 2020)
- Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (January 2020)
- Targeted Capacity Expansion: Special Projects (April 2019)

FUNDRAISING

May 2012

Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter

Fundraising goal: \$4,000. **Amount Raised: \$4,650**

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August 2011

Fundraising Coordinator

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter
Celebrate our Kansas City Chapter's future: Fundraising event honoring Mary Kay McPfee + Bill Pfeiffer, Sr., with special guest "Harry S. Truman." Fundraising goal: \$2,400. **Amount Raised: \$9,810**

May 2011

Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter
Fundraising goal: \$3,000. **Amount Raised: \$3,890**

October 2010

Survey of Kansas City aging communities: Demand + supply of necessary Services. *Funding source: Jewish Heritage Foundation of Greater Kansas City.*

Award Amount: \$25,000

May 2010

Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter
Fundraising goal: \$2,500. **Amount Raised: \$3,100**

May 2009

Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter
Fundraising goal: \$2,000. **Amount Raised: \$2,340**

RESEARCH

October 2026

Love Joplin, MO

Joplin, MO

December 2010-May 2011

Bloch Executive MBA Program

University of Missouri-Kansas City

August 2010-July 2011

Department of Public Affairs

University of Missouri-Kansas City

March 2010-June 2012

Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership

University of Missouri-Kansas City

August 2009-May 2010

Center for Practical Bioethics (internship)

Kansas City, MO

AARP Missouri (internship)

Kansas City, MO

August 2008-July 2009

Missouri Association for Social Welfare (internship)

Jefferson City, MO

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Punk subgenres + styles
- Alternative + sustainable materials
- The mechanics of medium
- Identity, culture + community
- Art + science intersections
- Art + well-being intersections
- The subconscious + surrealism
- Optical illusions
- World building + mythology

CONTENT MARKETING

Short Form Videos:

December 2019

Help and hope: Innovative technology can help end homelessness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZXJoT5ZVyc>

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Infographics:

December 2019
December 2019

Homelessness in America
Adverse childhood experiences (ACES)

Email Marketing:

August 2008-July 2009

Missouri Association for Social Welfare
Jefferson City, MO

WEBSITE DESIGN

December 2010-May 2011

Bloch Executive MBA
University of Missouri-Kansas City
Department of Public Affairs
University of Missouri-Kansas City
Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership
University of Missouri-Kansas City

August 2010-July 2011

March 2010-June 2012

CONSULTANCY

October 2026

Love Joplin, MO LLC
Joplin, MO

April 2010

LGBT Elder Outreach (LEO) Program
Lesbian and Gay Community Center of Greater Kansas City
LGBT Elder Outreach (LEO) Program + LGBT Support Group
Armour Oaks, Kansas City, MO

March 2010

February 2010

LGBT Elder Outreach (LEO) Program
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project
Dr. Marvin Fields Consulting Group
Lenexa, KS

May 1991-June 1993

EDUCATION + WORKSHOPS

Invited Guest Lectures:

March 2010

Advocacy press releases + advisories + professional development. *Social Policy + Program Analysis (SW465). Avila University, Overland Park, KS*

March 2010

Competencies for working with older + elder LGBT individuals. *Introduction to Social Welfare (SOCIO335R). University of Missouri-Kansas City*

November 2009

Public policy advocacy + the benefits of organizational research. *Social Work Research Methods (SW5536). University of Missouri-Kansas City*

October 2009

Public policy advocacy + the benefits of organizational research. *Social Work Research Methods (SW5536). University of Missouri-Kansas City*

September 2009

Advocacy 101. *Social Policy + Program Analysis (SW465). Avila University, Overland Park, KS*

February 2009

Policy in action. *Social Welfare Policy Practice (SW5535). University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Peer-Reviewed Presentations:

November 2010

Back to basics: LGBT rights. Oral presentation at Missouri Association for Social Welfare 109th Annual Conference, *Life, Liberty + the Pursuit of Social Justice: A Call to Action. Lake Ozark, MO*

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KC4 aging in community. Oral presentation at Midwest Aging Network Community Meeting, *Kansas City, MO*

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Invited Presentations:
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Advocacy for all: How case managers can influence movers, shakers + policymakers. Oral presentation at Mid-America Assistance Coalition 25th Annual Training Conference, *Strengths-based Case Management for Caseworkers.*,
Kansas City, MO
AARP survey of the Ivanhoe neighborhood: Building sustainable environments for older residents. Oral presentation at AARP Missouri Stakeholders Meeting,
Kansas City, MO.

March 2010

Compensated Teaching Positions:
May 2011-May 2012

Agency Field Instructor
Avila University, Kansas City, MO

March 2007-August 2008

Art Specialist
Weiner Religious School, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

March 2007-August 2007

Para-Professional
Sasone, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Overland Park, KS

March 2007-August 2007

Substitute Instructor
Weiner Religious School, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

March 2007-August 2007

Therapeutic Mysticism
Adult Education, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

May 2006-September 2007

Private Aquatics Instructor
Overland Park, KS

May 2006-September 2007

Aquatics Instructor + Lifeguard
Jewish Community Center, Center for Health and Human Performance, Overland

March 2006-August 2007

Substitute Instructor
Weiner Religious School, Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS
Park, KS

May 1989-September 1990

Aquatics Instructor + Lifeguard
Joplin Family YMCA, Joplin, MO

May 1985-September 1989

Aquatics Instructor + Lifeguard
Weede Natatorium, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

May 1984-September 1990

Private Aquatics Instructor
Southeast, KS + Southwest, MO

May 1984-September 1985

Aquatics Instructor
Altamont Municipal Pool, Altamont, KS

May 1983-September 1985

Aquatics Instructor + Lifeguard
Oswego Municipal Pool, Oswego KS

Mentorships:
March 2010

Legislative Mentor
National Association of Social Workers-Missouri Chapter
Jefferson City, MO

February 2010

Legislative Mentor
Avila University, Kansas City, MO

March 2009

Legislative Mentor
National Association of Social Workers-Missouri Chapter
Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator:
November 2011

Workshop Facilitator
Stopping the payday lending debt trap: Reform + alternative solutions
Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO

November 2010

Workshop Facilitator

Family literacy: Supporting the literacy needs of the entire family to enhance child achievement in school

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

This is your brain on poverty: What neuroscience research can tell us about fighting poverty

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Tools for change

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO

March 2009

Workshop Facilitator

Critical incident stress debriefing

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

From anger to empowerment: Practical solutions for emotional regulation

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Missouri licensure update

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Nurturing the nurturers

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Sexual health among older adults

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Social work legal + forensic issues

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

The road to cultural competence: Mapping the social work journey

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

Workshop Facilitator

Theoretical foundations + competencies in hospice care that are essential to social workers

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO

September 2008

Workshop Facilitator

Social needs + business opportunities: Are they compatible for social workers?

National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

September 2018-Present

Co-Chair, Prioritization Rank + Review Committee

Joplin Homeless Coalition, Joplin, MO

May 2012

Co-Planner + Host, Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter

January 2012

Co-Planner + Host, Martin Luther King Day Event

Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter

May 2011

Co-Planner, Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation

Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter

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January 2011	Co-Planner, Martin Luther King Day Event <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter</i>
May 2010	Co-Planner, Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare Kansas City Chapter</i>
January 2010	Co-Planner + Host, Martin Luther King Day Event <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
	Co-Planner, KC4 Aging in Community Event <i>Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO</i>
November 2009	Co-Planner, KC4 Aging in Community Event <i>Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO</i>
May 2009	Co-Planner, Annual Meeting + Awards Presentation <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
August 2011	Fundraising Coordinator <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
May 2011-May 2012	Coordinator, Speakers Bureau <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
May 2011-July 2011	110th Annual Conference Planning Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
August 2010-October 2011	Special Issue Forum Planning Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
August 2010-October 2010	109th Annual Conference Planning Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
July 2010-May 2012	Development Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
January 2010-October 2010	Research Workgroup <i>Center for Practical Bioethics + Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership University of Missouri-Kansas City</i>
October 2009-May 2012	Special Events Planning Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
September 2009-April 2012	Host, First Friday Forums <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
August 2009-June 2010	Conference Planning Committee <i>Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO</i>
October 2008-May 2012	Co-Chair, First Friday Forums Committee <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
October 2008-August 2010	Communications Director <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
October 2008-May 2012	Developer + Facilitator, First Friday Forums <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter</i>
August 2008-October 2008	Blueprint for Economic Security Workgroup <i>Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO</i>
<u>Local Public Education Forums (Missouri Association for Social Welfare-Kansas City Chapter):</u>	
December 2012	Research the Lawmaking Process: A Legislative Preview of the 2013 Missouri State Government featuring Executive Director Bob Quinn + Missouri State Legislators
November 2012	Attend MASW's 111th Annual Conference
October 2012	Advocate for Basic Fairness featuring MASW Criminal Justice Task Force Policy Priorities
September 2012	Advocate for Basic Needs featuring MASW Education Policy Task Force Policy Priorities

August 2012	Advocate for Basic Fairness featuring MASW Asset Development Task Force Policy Priorities
July 2012	Advocate for Basic Needs featuring MASW Health + Mental Health Task Force Policy Priorities
June 2012	Advocate for Basic Fairness featuring MASW Affordable Housing + Homelessness Task Force Policy Priorities
May 2012	Advocate for Basic Needs featuring MASW Human Rights Task Force Policy Priorities
April 2012	Advocate for Basic Fairness featuring MASW Hunger Task Force Policy Priorities
March 2012	Advocate for Basic Needs featuring MASW Economic Justice Task Force Policy Priorities
February 2012	Lead by Example: Action Training on Effective Advocacy featuring MASW-KC Board Member Sandy Culig
January 2012	Educate the Public: Overview of MASW Task Force Policy Priorities featuring MASW Task Force Chairs
December 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Injustice: A Legislative Preview of the 2012 Missouri State Government
November 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Inequality: Attend MASW's 110th Annual Conference
October 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Penitentiaries: Advocate for Alternatives to the Death Penalty + Sex Offender Issues
September 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Hunger: Monitor the Federal Farm Bill, Advocate for Food Stamp Benefits + Increase Participation Rates in the Food Stamp Program
August 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Scarcity: Implement the National Microenterprise Campaign, Advocate for Tax Credit Programs + Increase Income Flow
July 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Displacement: Support an Energy Affordability Plan, Upgrade Low-Income Housing Stock + Increase Universal Design
June 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Discrimination: Advocate for Immigration Rights + LGBT Rights
May 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Illiteracy: Establish Quality Educational Standards + Bridge the Service Delivery Gap
April 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Disparity: Implement the Affordable Care Act, Express Lane Eligibility + Mental Health Parity Law
March 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Poverty: Support Tax Justice + Address Predatory Lending + Utility Rates
February 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Homelessness: Increase Revenues in Missouri Housing Trust Fund
January 2011	Disconnect the Pipeline to Prison: Reduce the Prison Population + Support the Re-Entry Process
December 2010	What's Hot + What's Not with the Missouri State Government: A Legislative Preview of 2011
November 2010	Attend MASW's 109th Annual Conference
October 2010	What's Open + What's Shut with Human Rights: Spotlight on Aging-in-Place + Universal Design
September 2010	What's Coming + What's Going with Health + Mental Health: Spotlight on Healthcare Reform
August 2010	What's Left + What's Right with Education Reform: Spotlight on Children Aging out of Foster Care + Educational Standards
July 2010	What's Open + What's Shut with Human Rights: Spotlight on Mobility, Transportation + Sustainable Communities
June 2010	What's In + What's Out with Criminal Justice: Spotlight on Drug Felons' + Sex Offenders' Rights

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May 2010	What's Up + What's Down with Housing + Homelessness: Spotlight on Missouri Housing Trust Fund + Homeless Veterans
April 2010	What's In + What's Out with Economic Development: Spotlight on Tax Justice + the Budget Deficit
March 2010	What Walks + What Talks with Economic Development: Spotlight on the Unemployment Crisis + Poverty
February 2010	What's Up + What's Down with Housing + Homelessness: Spotlight on Housing Stock, Abandoned Homes + Foreclosures
January 2010	What's New + What's Old with Hunger Relief: Spotlight on Restocking Pantries + Increasing Food Stamp Benefits
December 2009	What's Hot + What's Not with the Missouri State Government: A Legislative Preview of 2010
November 2009	What's New + What's Old with Hunger Relief
October 2009	What are the Lies + the Truths of the Politics of Health Care, Part 2
September 2009	What are the Lies + the Truths of the Politics of Health Care, Part 1
August 2009	What's Left + What's Right with Education Reform
July 2009	What's Coming + What's Going with Immigration Reform
June 2009	What's In + What's Out with Criminal Justice
May 2009	What's Near + What's Far with Health + Mental Health
April 2009	What's Up + What's Down with Housing + Homelessness
March 2009	What Walks + What Talks with Economic Development
February 2009	What's Hot + What's Not with the Missouri State Government + Legislature in 2009

State Special Issue Forums (Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO):

December 2011	Special Issue Forum on Missouri Public Policy
December 2010	Special Issue Forum on Missouri Public Policy
November 2010	Special Issue Forum on Racial Profiling + Preventive Policing

TRAINING

June 2026	Acrylic Bug Painting <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
May 2026	Watercolor Bouquets <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2026	Artist INC Express <i>Mid-America Arts Alliance-Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
February 2026	Linocut Valentine's <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
December 2025	Studio 55 Guided Class: Christmas Ornaments Paint Pouring <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
	Tiny Worlds in Watercolor <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
August 2025	Drawing with Objects <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
	Watercolor Caricatures <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
August 2024	Pastel Landscapes <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>
March 2023-present	Studio 55 Open Studio <i>Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO</i>

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January 2023

Wonders of Watercolor

Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

January 2017-December 2019

Doctorate of Social Work, GPA 4.0, summa cum laude

Grand Challenge to End Homelessness, Dean's List, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, University of Southern California, Focus: Stage of Change Outreach + Utilization Tool (SCOUT), Field Kit of Outreach + Assessment Tools, Evidence-Based Street Outreach Model, Universal Standards of Street Outreach

September 2010

Portfolio Day: Parsons School of Design

Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

August 2010-May 2012

Master of Public Administration, GPA 3.889, magna cum laude

Marjorie Powell Allen Fellowship in Urban + Community Affairs, Department of Public Affairs, Henry W. Bloch School of Management, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Concentrations: Non-Profit Management, Health Services Administration

May 2010

Drawing from Life

Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

Cartooning, Sequential Storytelling + Storyboarding Artwork

Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

August 2007-May 2010

Master of Social Work GPA 3.879, magna cum laude

John A. Hartford Foundation Fellowship and Jewish Heritage Foundation Fellowship, Graduate School of Social Work, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Focus: Generalist/Administrative

August 2010-October 2010

Professional Certificate in Nonprofit Fundraising, GPA 4.0

Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership, Henry W. Bloch School of Management, University of Missouri-Kansas City

August 1985-May 1989

Bachelor of Arts, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS

Major: Biology/Chemistry, Minor: Computer Science/French

August 1981-May 1985

Art, Forensics + General Studies

Oswego High School, Oswego, KS

PERFORMANCE ART

March 2009

Team Forensics

National Association of Social Workers-Missouri Chapter Annual Show Me Symposium Challenge Bowl, Lake Ozark, MO

September 2007

Solo Chanting

Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

May 1991-May 2000

Techie, Stagehand + Errand Girl

Willow Productions, Kansas City, MO

Cross Currents, Kansas City, MO

Phoenix Books, Kansas City, MO

August 1984-May 1985

Cheerleader, Mascot + Drum Majorette

Oswego High School, Oswego, KS

August 1984-May 1985

Solo Acting-Humorous: *Hunger!*

State of Kansas Forensics Tournament, Ft. Hayes, KS

August 1984-May 1985

Ensemble Acting - Play: *If A Man Answers*

Oswego High School, Oswego, KS

August 1984-May 1985

Duet Acting-Improvised: *2 Characters, 1 Situation, 1 Solution + 1 Location*

State of Kansas Forensics Tournament, Ft. Hayes, KS

August 1984-May 1985

Individual Forensics: *Original Oration Speech*

State of Kansas Forensics Tournament, Ft. Hayes, KS

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August 1984-May 1985

Team Forensics: *Policy Debate*
Math and Science Challenge Bowl
State of Kansas Forensics Tournament, Ft. Hayes, KS

August 1978-May 1982

Marching Band: French Horn
Oswego Junior/Senior High School, Oswego, KS

September 1975-May 1976

Musical Theater: *Alice in Wonderland Playing Card*
Gardner + Soldier: *March of the Cards + Painting the Roses Red*
Neosho Heights School, Oswego, KS

SKILLS

- Adobe Acrobat • Adobe Creative Suite • Adobe Stock • Adobe Express • Adafruit • Arduino/Coding • Art Educator
- Audio/Visual • Blogging • Canva • Cartooning • Collaboration • Color Mixing • Composition • Computer Proficiency
- Creative Design • Cricut • Customer Service • Design Principles • Digital Art • Drafting • Design Drawing • Gouache
- Painting • Graphic Design • Inkspace • Illustration • Linocut • Marketing • MS Office • Organization • Pen + Ink
- Photography • Printmaking • Podcasting • Portfolio Management • Problem Solving • Project Management • Prototyping
- Research • Studies • Studio Lighting • Sublimation • Team Leadership • Team Management • Typography
- Urban Sketching • Verbal Communication • Wacom Tablet • Watercolor • Website Development • Woodworking
- Written Communication

HOBBIES

- Caving • Classic Car Shows • Gardening • Golfing • Hiking National Parks/Monuments/Sites • Microcomputers
- Pets • Scuba Diving • Swimming • Weightlifting

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