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

October 2026-present	**Grant Reviewer** *Mid-America Arts Alliance, Kansas City, MO*
September 2026	**Consultant** *Love Joplin MO LLC, Joplin, MO*
July 2026-present	**Veterans Art Group Facilitator** *Veterans Healthcare System of the Ozarks, Joplin, MO*
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 2027-August 2027	**Solo Art Exhibition** *Big Spring Gallery, Neosho, MO*
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*

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FEATURED ARTIST

November 2026 — **Little Yellow Art Box**
Joplin Avenue Coffee Company, Joplin, MO

September-December 2026 — **Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery, Featured Print Artist**
Joplin, MO

June 2026 — **Miami Public Library, Featured Artist**
Miami, OK

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

September 2026 — **Neosho Arts Council Thomas Hart Benton Art Competition + Exhibition**
Neosho, MO

June 2026 — **Joplin Regional Artists Coalition from the Archives Membership Exhibition**
Joplin Public Library, Joplin, MO

May 2026 — **Journeys + Destinations: Celebrating 100 Years of Route 66 Membership Show**
artCentral, Carthage, MO

Friends of St. Avips Ball Sana S. Sagets Art Auction
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

March 2026 — **Jo Mueller Small Works Auction**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

February 2026 — **Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Plant the Seed Group Exhibition**
artCentral, Carthage, MO

November 2025 — **Joplin Regional Artists Coalition in the Stacks Membership Exhibition**
Joplin Public Library, Joplin, MO

November 2025 — **78th Annual Joy Spiva Cragin Membership Exhibition**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

November 2025 — **Joplin Regional Artists Coalition What Lies Beneath Group Exhibition**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

April 2025 — **Friends of St. Avips Ball Sana S. Sagets Art Auction**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

March 2025 — **Jo Mueller Small Works Art Auction**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

March 2023 — **Jo Mueller Small Works Art Auction**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

June 2007 — **Annual Members Exhibition**
Kansas City Artists Coalition, Kansas City, MO

ART MARKETS

December 2026 — **Holiday Makers Market**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

November 2026 — **Small Works, Great Wonders + Holiday Boutique**
artCentral, Carthage, MO

Joplin Regional Artists Coalition Studio Tour 2026
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

October 2026 — **MapleCon**
YMCA, Carthage, MO

First Thursday Art Walk
Joplin Avenue Coffee Company, Joplin, MO

September 2026 — **Spooky Makers Market**
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

	2026 Queer Art Traveling Road Show
	GLO, Springfield, MO
	Pride on Route 66 PrideFest
	Downtown Joplin, MO
	First Thursday Art Walk
	Joplin Avenue Coffee Company, Joplin, MO
August 2026	**Centennial Route 66 Balloon Festival**
	MSSU, Joplin, MO
	First Thursday Art Walk
	Vino Noir, Joplin, MO
July 2026	**JoMoCon**
	Joplin Expo Center, Joplin, MO
	First Thursday Art Walk
	Vino Noir, Joplin, MO
June 2026	**Evening Soiree Art Walk + Carthage in Bloom Awards**
	Vision Carthage, Carthage, MO
	Silver Sage Renaissance Festival
	Silver Sage, Joplin, MO
April 2026	**The Great Spring Market at Civil War Arena**
	DMR Group, Carthage, MO
March 2026	**Spiva in Bloom Makers Market**
	Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO
December 2025	**artCentral Holiday Boutique**
	artCentral, Carthage, MO

GIFT SHOPS + GIFT GALLERIES

July 2026-present	**Sarahendipity Boutique**
	Carthage, MO
	Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery
	Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, MO

WHOLESALE MARKETS

July 2026-present	**Faire Wholesale**
	San Francisco, CA

COMMISSIONS, CONSIGNMENTS, CONTRACTS + CONTESTS

July 2026	**Art: Outside the Box 2026 Downtown Joplin Electrical Box Wrap Project**
	Downtown Joplin Alliance, City of Joplin, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin Arts District, Joplin, MO
	Commissioned Grandchildren Portraits
	The Vogt Grandchildren
April 2026	**Consignment Print Art**
	Spiva Center for the Arts Gift Gallery, Joplin, MO
March 2026	**Commissioned Pet Portrait**
	The Pyeatte Pets
May 2015	**Consignment Illustration Art**
	PS Landing, Joplin, MO
March 2009	**Contest Logo Designer**
	National Association of Social Workers, Jefferson City, MO
June 2027	**Commissioned Logo Designer**
	The Lap Band Chef, Overland Park, KS
May 2007	**Commissioned Logo Designer**
	Congregation Beth Torah, Overland Park, KS

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June 2006 **Commissioned Ketubah Designer**
The Bellotti Wedding, Overland Park, KS

May 2002-June 2003 **Consignment Jewelry Art**
It's A Beautiful Day, Kansas City, MO

January 2002 **Commissioned Illustrator**
The Witkowski Celebration, Kansas City, MO

June 1996 **Commissioned Graphic Designer**
Osteria Il Centro, Kansas City, MO

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 **2nd Place**
Cyberpunk Woman No. 1 Wearing Sunglasses
Art: Outside the Box Electrical Box Wrap Project
Downtown Joplin Alliance, Spiva Center for the Arts, Friends of Memorial Hall, Joplin Arts District + Liberty Electric
Joplin, MO

Honorable Mention
Steampunk Trompe L'oeil No. 1
Joplin Regional Artists Coalition
Joplin, MO

Selected
Cyberpunk Woman No. 1 Wearing Sunglasses
Art: Outside the Box Electrical Box Wrap Project
Downtown Joplin Alliance, Spiva Center for the Arts, Friends of Memorial Hall, Joplin Arts District + Liberty Electric
Joplin, MO

Selected
Cyberpunk Woman No. 2 Under a Maypole
Art: Outside the Box Electrical Box Wrap Project
Downtown Joplin Alliance, Spiva Center for the Arts, Friends of Memorial Hall, Joplin Arts District + Liberty Electric
Joplin, MO

2026 **Best Landscape or Plein Air**
Steampunk Fish No. at the Lake
Spiva Center for the Arts
Joplin, MO

2025	**Best Landscape or Plein Air** **Steampunk Scuba No. 1** *Spiva Center for the Arts* *Joplin, MO*
2008	**Best Logo** **Challenge Bowl** *NASW-Missouri* *Jefferson City, MO*
1996	**Best Design** **A Day at Minsky's Pizza** *Minsky's Pizza* *Kansas City, MO*
1985	**Best Logo** **Nation Hall** *Pittsburg State University* *Pittsburg, KS*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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

BUSINESS ARCHITECT EXPERIENCE

CONTENT WRITING

Blogs:

April 2026	**Steampunk pen + ink creations** *Esoteric Designs, Joplin, MO*
March 2026	**Guide to pen + ink design** *Esoteric Designs, Joplin, MO* **Explore unique art with Esoteric Designs** *Esoteric Designs, Joplin, MO*
February 2018	**Blue ocean approach to ending chronic homelessness** *OneGirl Enterprises LLC, Joplin, MO*

Infographics:

December 2019	**Homelessness in America**
December 2019	**Adverse childhood experiences (ACES)**

Press Releases:

November 2026	
November 2008	**Dying Marine Veteran promotes prostate cancer awareness**

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*

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**
Esoteric Designs, Joplin, MO

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

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

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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**

March 2018-January 2022

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

October 2026-present

Mid-America Arts Alliance
Kansas City, MO

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**

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**

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

CONTENT MARKETING

Short Form Videos:
December 2019 **Help and hope: Innovative technology can help end homelessness**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZXJoT5ZVyc

Infographics:
December 2019 **Homelessness in America**
December 2019 **Adverse childhood experiences (ACES)**

Email Marketing:
August 2008-July 2009 **Missouri Association for Social Welfare**
Jefferson City, MO

MEDIA APPEARANCES:

November 2026 Visit Joplin MO **Downtown Joplin is getting more colorful!**
https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19FbbysgiB/?mibextid=wwXlfr
KOAM News Now **Art Outside the Box brings color to Joplin**
https://youtu.be/QyKflFq_7og?is=LKuApNsWYRBJclPg
KSNF News **Downtown Joplin ribbon cutting for art electric boxes**

WEBSITE DESIGN

December 2010-May 2011 **Bloch Executive MBA**
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

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

March 2010 **LGBT Elder Outreach (LEO) Program + LGBT Support Group**
Armour Oaks, Kansas City, MO

February 2010 **LGBT Elder Outreach (LEO) Program**
Kansas City Anti-Violence Project

May 1991-June 1993 **Dr. Marvin Fields Consulting Group**
Lenexa, KS

EDUCATION + WORKSHOPS

Invited Guest Lectures:

March 2010 **Advocacy press releases + advisories + professional development.** ***S****ocial Policy + Program Analysis (SW465). Avila University, Overland Park, KS*

March 2010 **Competencies for working with older + elder LGBT individuals.** *Introduction to Social Welfare (SOCIOL335R). 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*

November 2009 **KC4 aging in community.** Oral presentation at Midwest Aging Network Community Meeting, *Kansas City, MO*

March 2009-May 2011 **The Missouri Housing Trust Fund: Why community should care.** Oral presentations at Community Together Meetings, *University of Missouri-Kansas City*

Invited Presentations:

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., 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.*

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
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Co-Planner, KC4 Aging in Community Event
Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO

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August 2011	**Fundraising Coordinator** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*
May 2011-May 2012	**Coordinator, Speakers Bureau** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
May 2011-July 2011	**110th Annual Conference Planning Committee** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*
August 2010-October 2011	**Special Issue Forum Planning Committee** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*
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July 2010-May 2012	**Development Committee** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*
January 2010-October 2010	**Research Workgroup** *Center for Practical Bioethics + Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership* *University of Missouri-Kansas City*
October 2009-May 2012	**Special Events Planning Committee** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
September 2009-April 2012	**Host, First Friday Forums** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
August 2009-June 2010	**Conference Planning Committee** *Center for Practical Bioethics, Kansas City, MO*
October 2008-May 2012	**Co-Chair, First Friday Forums Committee** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
October 2008-August 2010	**Communications Director** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
October 2008-May 2012	**Developer + Facilitator, First Friday Forums** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Kansas City Chapter*
August 2008-October 2008	**Blueprint for Economic Security Workgroup** *Missouri Association for Social Welfare, Jefferson City, MO*

Local Public Education Forums (Missouri Association for Social Welfare-Kansas City Chapter):

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

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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 • Zines

HOBBIES

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

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