

# **CAROLYN ALBRACHT**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Ph.D., Education Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2016**

Concentration: Curriculum & Instruction

Dissertation: *Wilderness Restoration: A Case Study of Two Place-based Education Programs*

Dissertation Advisors: Edmond T. Hamann, Ph.D., John Raible, Ph.D., Lauren Gatti, Ph.D., Carolyn Pope Edwards, Ph.D.

### **Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Certificate, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2009**

Concentration: K-12 Art Education

### **M.A., Museum Studies, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2003**

Concentration: Public Programs

Internship (Non-Thesis): Lincoln Children's Museum and Germans From Russia Museum

Academic Advisor: Karen Janovy, M. A.

### **B.A, Studio Art & Psychology, University of Nebraska-Kearney, 1999**

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Assistant Professor, Wayne State College, 2015-Present**

Courses: Art Processes for the Elementary Classroom, PK-8 Art Curriculum, Multicultural Art, Secondary School Art, Art Content Methods, Mixed Media, Visual Arts Experience

### **Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2012-2015**

Courses: Art in the Elementary Classroom, School & Society, Elementary Math Practicum Supervision, Elementary Student Teacher Supervision

### **Adjunct, York College, York NE, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Summer 2012**

Courses: Introduction to Painting, Art Appreciation

## **PK-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Art Teacher, Hampton Public School, Hampton NE, 2009-2012**

Courses: Art I - IV, Graphic Design, Glass & Ceramics, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Art, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art, Elementary Art

Coaching: Junior High Track

Extra duty: Bus driving

### **Student Teaching at Grand Island High School, Grand Island NE, Spring 2009**

Taught Introduction to Art Units: Graphic Communication, Painting Music, and Narrative Still Life

### **Student Teaching at York Elementary, York NE, Spring 2009**

Taught Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grades implementing various lessons covering a variety of mediums and processes (clay, painting, drawing, weaving, bookmaking)

### **Practicum at North Star High School, Lincoln NE, Fall 2008**

Assisted teaching four courses, once a week: Graphic Design, Jewelry/Sculpture, Introduction to Ceramics (two sections)

Created and taught two lessons/supporting activities: 1) composition and 2) paper sculpting techniques

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Arts Integration, Place-based Education, Community-based Art Education

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Albracht, C. (2019). "Ecological Responsibility, Landscape Literacy, and the Aesthetic Awareness of Place." *Great Plains Research*, volume 29(1), 25-32.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Albracht, C. (2020). "Sowing Seeds and Labors of Love." Presented paper about community arts advocacy at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference (virtual).

Albracht, C. (2019). "Glass Fusion." Workshop presented at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference in Nebraska City.

Albracht, C. and Cassandra Lindgren (2018). "Service Learning Mural Projects in a Multicultural Art Course" Paper presented at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference, University of Nebraska, Kearney NE.

Albracht, C. and Kim Nuss (2016). "Designing Aesthetic Awareness: Art Processes in the Natural World" Workshop presented at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference, McCook High School, McCook NE

Albracht, C., Rivero, A., and Reinkordt, E. (2014). "Sustainable High School Change" Paper presented at the Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference at Long Island University-Post, Long Island NY

Albracht, C. (2013). "Professional Development in Arts-Integration Curricula" Paper presented at the College of Education and Human Sciences Student Conference at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE

Albracht, C. (2013). "Cut, Tear, Color, Repeat" Workshop presented at the Alternative Education Resource Organization Conference at Long Island University-Post, Long Island NY

Albracht, C. (2012). "Watercolor/Prismacolor/Foamboard" Workshop presented at the Association of Nebraska Art Clubs at the Leadership Center, Aurora NE

Albracht, C. (2011). "Mixed Media Mash-Up" Workshop presented at the Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference, University of Nebraska, Kearney NE.

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2023 *Vibrant Voracity*, Carnegie Arts Center, Alliance NE

2022 *Natural Curiosity*, G.A.R. Hall, Yankton Area Arts, Yankton SD

*Always Drifting Back*, KHN Center for the Arts, Nebraska City NE

*Recent Works*, Minden Opera House Gallery, Minden NE

2021 *Recent Works*, Star Deli, Omaha NE

2018 *Recent Work*, Wirth Art Gallery, Hartington NE

*Recent Work*, Gallery 92 West, Fremont NE

2017 *Contemplations*, Columbus Art Gallery, Columbus NE

*Contemplations*, Unitarian-Universalist Church Gallery, Lincoln NE

2001 *From Victoria to Venus*, Gallery Nine, Lincoln NE

### **JURIED EXHIBITIONS**

2023 *Beyond Belief*, St Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis MO (juror: David Brinker)

*Red*, Workshop 13 Cultural Arts & Learning Center, Ware MA (juror: Nayana Lafond)

*9<sup>th</sup> Annual Curry/Bower Exhibition*, Bower Center for the Arts, Bedford VA

(juror: Jane Winders Frank)

2022 *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Faber Birren National Color Award Show*, Stamford Art Association, Stamford CT (juror: Laura G. Einstein)

*Something Red*, Elsinore Framing and Fine Arts Gallery, Salem OR

(adjudicator: Paul Toews)

*Small Works*, Northville Art House, Northville, MI

*Small Art Show*, Paseo Arts & Creativity Center, Oklahoma City, OK (juror: Behnaz Sohrabian)

*Kindness: Unexpected, Unusual, Unfailing*, Nails in the Wall Gallery, Metuchen NJ

*NATA Educators Show*, Norfolk Art Center, Norfolk NE (juror: Elley Coffin)

*Beauty in the Beasts*, Healdsburg Center for the Arts, Healdsburg CA

*Local Perspectives*, Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City IA (juror: Christopher Atkins)

2021 *NATA Educators Show*, Hot Shops Art Center, Omaha NE (juror: Patty Talbert)

*In. Art Show*, Hallberg Center for the Arts, Wyoming MN (judges: Alison Baker, Steve Forseth, and Rita Dungey)

*Americas 2021: All Media*, Northwest Art Center, Minot State University, Minot SD (juror: Zig Jackson)

- Fine Art at FAIR Prices*, Le Mars Art Center, Le Mars IA (judges: Amy Thompson, Beth Schlichte, Glenda Drennen)
- Landscape*, Arts Illiana, Terre Haute IN, juried group show (guest curators: Vivian Scheihing and Camila Mora)
- Works on Paper*, The Art Center, Dover NH, juried group show
- Make Me Laugh*, Ground Floor Artists, Surprise AZ (work accepted)
- 2020 *Primar(il)y Red*, Emerge Gallery, Saugerties NY
- Textures & Patterns*, Art Room Gallery, <https://artroomgalleryonline.com>
- Art and Earth*, Berkley Art Works, Martinsburg WV (juror: Janis Goodman)
- 2019 *Winter Show of Small Works*, Parklane Gallery, Kirkland WA
- NATA Educators Show*, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center, Nebraska City NE (juror: Holly McAdams)
- Roots – Taking Seed*, Center for the Visual Arts, Wausau WI (juror: Amanda Bulger)
- Art is... Fun*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton IL (juror: Jason Hoffman)
- 2018 *50th Annual Clay Fiber Paper Glass Metal Wood*, Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames IA (juror: Peter Pinnell)
- NATA Educators Show*, Walker Art Gallery-UNK, Kearney NE
- 2017 *NATA Educators Show*, Elder Gallery-Nebraska Wesleyan University
- 2014 *NATA Educators Show*, Plainsman Museum, Aurora NE (juror: Ernest Ochsner)
- 2013 *NATA Educators Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 2011 *NATA Educators Show*, Walker Art Gallery-UNK, Kearney NE
- 2009 *Earth Day Art Show*, Phelps Gallery, Central Community College, Hastings NE
- 2007 *14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Carnegie Arts Center, Alliance NE
- 2006 *13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Carnegie Arts Center, Alliance NE
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Faces*, Upstream People Gallery, online juried group show
- 2005 *9x12 Works on Paper Show*, Fort Worth Community Arts Center, Ft. Worth TX
- 2003 *Nude Nite*, Orlando, FL
- 2000 Athena Gallery, Omaha NE
- 1999 *Spiritual: 2<sup>nd</sup> International Exhibition*, Period Gallery, Omaha NE

### **GROUP/INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS**

- 2023 *Landscape Interpretations*, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln NE
- 2022 *Place and Memory*, Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames IA, three-person show with Cindy Lesperance and Jeanine Coupe-Ryding
- WSC Faculty Exhibit*, Norfolk Art Center, Norfolk NE
- 2021 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- Natural Curiosity*, Red Path Gallery, Seward NE, two-person show with Michael Fluent
- 2020 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- The Corner of Nowhere*, Norfolk Arts Center, Norfolk NE, two-person show with Sarah Lemmon
- 2019 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Gallery Nine, Lincoln NE

- Depth & Accumulation*, Fred Simon Gallery, Omaha NE, two-person show with Jennifer Radil
- 2018 *Gathering Focus*, Noyes Art Gallery, Lincoln NE  
*Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 2017 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 2016 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 2015 *Faculty Show*, Nordstrand Gallery-WSC, Wayne NE
- 2014 *Holiday Show*, Renaissance Gallery, Aurora NE  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show*, Gallery Nine, Lincoln NE
- 2013 *Featured Artists-October*, Noyes Gallery, Lincoln NE
- 2009 *Cats, Cats, Cats*, Carnegie Arts Center, Alliance NE, four-person show
- 2007 *Catty Women*, L'eglise Art Center & Gallery, Aurora NE
- 2006 *Faces: Here's Looking at You*, Louisville Art Gallery, Louisville NE
- 2005 *The Artists Dozen*, Wayne NE  
*Breast Cancer Awareness*, Gallery Nine  
*Art From the Heart*, L'eglise Art Center & Gallery, Aurora NE
- 2004 *Feminine Mystique*, Prairie Winds Art Center, Grand Island NE  
*Recollections*, Gallery Nine, Lincoln NE, two-person show
- 2003 *Chocolate Naked*, Gallery Nine, Lincoln NE, two-person show with Sharon Cech  
*Woman*, Graham Gallery, Hastings NE
- 2001 Lincoln Community Playhouse, Lincoln NE, two-person show
- 2000 *Artel II Exhibit*, Antiquarium Gallery, Omaha NE, invitational group show  
 Stable artist, L. Shaw Gallery, Kearney NE

## **GRANTS**

WSC Technology Grant (Wayne State College, 2016): Received grant to purchase laptop and scanner to assist with incorporating technology tools into the art education courses

Public Information and Education Grant (Nebraska Environmental Trust, 2014): Received grant through the Nebraska Environmental Trust to fund science educators as part of the NATA Fall Conference I chaired in Aurora NE

KBW Grant (Kay Bain Weiner Educational Foundation, 2012): Received grant to purchase \$100 worth of glass for the Hampton High School art program

School Bus Grant (Nebraska Arts Council, 2010 and 2011): Received grant from the Nebraska Arts Council to fund transportation costs and admission fees for 25 high school students to attend Celebrate Creativity at the Joslyn Museum in Omaha NE

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Best of Show, Fine Art at Fair Prices, Le Mars Art Center, Le Mars IA, 2021

Nebraska Higher Art Educator of the Year, 2016

First Place, Earth Day Art Show, Central Community College, Hastings NE, 2009

Second Place, Junk Yard Art Wars, Studio C, Harvard NE, 2002

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Public Art Committee, Wayne Area Economic Development, 2019-present

Revitalize Wayne Committee, Wayne Area Economic Development, 2017-present

Exhibits Committee, Norfolk Art Center, Norfolk NE, 2016-present

Spring Forum Coordinator, Nebraska Art Teachers Association Pre-service Spring Conference at Wayne State College, Wayne NE, 2016 and 2021 (virtual)

Conference Chair, Nebraska Art Teachers Association Fall Conference, Aurora NE, 2014

Fine Arts Committee, Hamilton Community Foundation, Hamilton County NE, 2003-2015

Visual Arts Coordinator, Fall Arts & Music Festival, Aurora NE, 2004-2007

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Nebraska Art Teachers Association/National Art Education Association

American Education Research Association

Alternative Education Resource Organization

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Guest Presenter, Youth Naturalist Program, Prairie Plains Resource Institute, Aurora NE, 2022

Nebraska Arts Council Roster Artist, Creative Aging Program, 2021-present

Director/ Sole-proprietor, Blue Cat Gallery & Studio, Wayne NE, 2017-present

Guest Instructor, Science-Art Camp at the Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora NE, 2015

Guest Presenter, SOAR day camp, Prairie Plains Resource Institute, Aurora NE, 2004, 2011, 2015

Director/ Sole-proprietor, L'eglise Art Center & Gallery, Aurora NE, 2003-2012

Guest Instructor, Science-Art Camp at the Edgerton Explorit Center, Aurora NE, 2004

Art Outreach Coordinator, Great Plains Art Collection, Lincoln NE, 2002-2003

Education Camp Intern, Lincoln Children's Museum, Lincoln NE, 2002-2003

Toddler Teacher, Easter Seals/ Merry Manor of Childhood, Lincoln NE, 2000-2001