

# JOHN SEBELIUS

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## EDUCATION

**University of Kansas**, Lawrence, KS

2012 Master of Fine Arts, Drawing and Painting

- Founding Board Member, School Of The Arts Student Advisory Board, 2009-11
- Board Member, Exhibition Committee, 2009-11

**Rhode Island School of Design**, Providence, RI

2006 Bachelor of Fine Arts *with honors*, Illustration

- RISD Basketball, Varsity team, 2003-04

**Sydney College of the Arts**, Study Abroad Program, Sydney, Australia

2005 Concentration: Painting and Printmaking

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Cofrin Logan Center for Addiction Research & Treatment**, University of Kansas

Artist-In-Residence and SMART Recovery Advanced Host, 2018-Present

Creator of *Artistic Expressions Healing Arts Initiative*, an arts program that provides artistic non-verbal expression for veterans with military related trauma and individuals struggling with addiction. This work allows them to process and express internal struggles and past experiences through positive creative activity and improve quality of life and self-esteem. This innovative program has been taught at West Los Angeles VA Hospital (CA), Osawatomie State Hospital (KS), The Stress Disorder Treatment Program (Colmery-O'Neil VA Hospital, Topeka, KS), Bert Nash Mental Health Center (Lawrence, KS), First Step at Lake View (DCCCA Women Treatment Facility, Lawrence, KS), VFW Post 1650 (Topeka, KS), and Warriors' Ascent (Kansas City, MO). *Artistic Expressions Healing Arts Initiative* collaborative ArtEFT study with CLC at First Step at Lake View women's addiction facility was published in Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment in 2024.

**Gillius, Inc.** Lawrence, KS

Owner, 2006-Present

Created and produced the Gillius™ clothing line which has been exhibited in fashion shows and pop-ups throughout the US. Cleat designs hand painted by Sebelius have been worn by Kansas City Chiefs since 2018 for NFL's My Cause My Cleats. Other creative partnerships include: OG Sack (Denver, CO), Democratic Governors Association (Washington DC), Sunflower Food & Spice Company (Lenexa, KS), and Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center (Lawrence, KS).

**Veterans Affairs, The Stress Disorder Treatment Program**, Topeka, KS

Artist-In-Residence, 2016-2018

Provide artistic non-verbal expression for male and female veterans who have experienced military-related trauma. Hundreds of veterans with PTS have completed Artistic Expressions Healing Arts Initiative, and it was launched at West Los Angeles VA Medical Center January, 16th 2018.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022- Lawrence College and Career Academy, Art and Design

2017 Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Drawing 1 (3 courses) and Design 1

2016 Washburn University, Adjunct Professor, Drawing 1

2012 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Drawing 2

2011 University of Kansas, Instructor of Record, Landscape Painting: Vista and Visage

University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Captured Alive: Portrait Painting

2010 University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Figure Drawing and Landscape Painting

2009 University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Sculpture 1 & 2 and Painting 1-4

## SOLO/DUO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *Pop-Up*, Fat City Gallery, Aspen, CO
- 2023 *Launch*, 13 Funston Bungalow, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 *Powerful Women*, (collaboration with Brian Lanker), Mulvane Art Museum, Topeka, KS  
*Palpitation*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2020 *Born To Kill*, (collaboration with Chris King), Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2019 *Collection*, Holt-Russell Gallery, Baker University, Baldwin, KS
- 2018 *I'm Not From Here*, (collab with Chris King), Glassblock Gallery, University of Arkansas, Monticello, AR
- 2017 *Litter Box*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS  
*CollabMeNot*, (collaboration with Chris King), Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2016 *Cupcakes*, Phoenix Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2015 *More Than Meets The Eye*, collaboration with Jeromy Morris, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS  
*New Work*, Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS
- 2013 *Sebelius*, (duo show with James Borger), Leopold Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Friends In My Head*, Plenum Space, Kansas City, MO
- 2012 *Decadent and Depraved*, Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
*100 Questions About Sturgis*, (MFA Thesis) Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artists Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Under The Influence*, Invisible Hand Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2010 *Outcast*, Bourgeois Pig, Lawrence, KS

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Vicinity: A Group Exhibition*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2018 *Art Kansas*, McPherson College, McPherson, KS (invitational)
- 2017 *99: Locally Brewed*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2016 *The Murray Invitational*, Public Works, San Francisco, CA (invitational)  
*Ratio*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2015 *Seed Co Residents Group Show*, 2016 Main, Kansas City, MO
- 2014 *Cider Gallery Group Show*, Cider Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2013 *Hot Sheets II: Hotter Sheets*, Wonder Fair, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 *Above Average: Recent Work from Decent People*, A & D Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2010 *Graduate Scholarship Show*, Art & Design Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2009 *Prairie Fire: In The Field or In The Glass*, Pearl Gallery, Kansas City, MO
- 2006 *\$760,000 Show*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2005 *Great Works Exhibition*, Gallery Two, Sydney, Australia
- 2004 *Contemporary Topics in Illustration*, ISB Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2003 *RISD Freshmen Foundation*, toured China

## VISITING ARTIST

- 2023 Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA
- 2019 University of Wisconsin-Superior
- 2018 University of Arkansas at Monticello
- 2016 Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES/WORKSHOPS

- 2021 Anderson Ranch, Snowmass, CO
- 2017 Tom Huck's Woodcut Master Workshop, St. Louis, MO
- 2015 Large Woodblock Print Workshop, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
- 2013 Project-Based Residency, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2001 Summer Institute Residency Program, The Art Institute of Chicago  
Pre-College ArtLab, Kansas City Art Institute

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2023 ARPA Funds Grant, City of Topeka, KS  
2021 TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka  
Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
2019 TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka  
2018 Rocket Grants, Spencer Art Museum, Charlotte Street Foundation, Andy Warhol Foundation, KCMO  
Douglas County Community Foundation Grant  
TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka  
2017 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
TOPArts Access Grant, ARTSConnect Topeka  
Career Opportunity Grant, Lawrence Art Guild  
2016 Hawks To Watch, KU CLAS Alumni Award  
2015 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
2014 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
2013 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (2<sup>nd</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
2012 Best of Lawrence, Best Artist (1<sup>st</sup> Place), Lawrence Journal-World  
2011 Wayne DeWitt Larabee Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
School Of The Arts Travel Grant (Vermont), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
Artist Grant & Work Exchange Grant, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
2010 School Of The Arts Travel Grant, University of Kansas (New York), Lawrence, KS  
Daniel MacMorris Scholarship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
2007 Fashion Designer Open Call Contest, Winner, Deegie's Carma, Kansas City, MO  
2002 Arts Design Award, Eubank Foundation, Topeka, KS  
2001 Leadership Award, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO

## COLLECTIONS & PUBLIC ART

Tennessee Titans, Nashville, TN  
Mulvane Art Museum, Topeka, KS  
Launch Inc, San Francisco, CA  
Panda Pediatrics, Lawrence, KS  
Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
University of Kansas, School of Business, Lawrence, KS  
Lawrence Memorial Hospital

## REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION

- 2024 Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment, "Art Delivered Episodic Future Thinking", March 1.  
2023 McKenzie Nelson, "NFL My Cause My Cleats", KSHB, Dec. 4.  
2021 Maya Hodison, "Artist John Sebelius Celebrates Spirits of Powerful Women", Lawrence Times, July 28.  
2020 RISD XYZ Magazine, pg. 85, Spring/Summer Issue  
2019 Simone Solondz, "Offering an Antidote to PTSD", RISD News, Nov. 19.  
Ryan Compeau, "Born To Kill", Fox 21 News, Oct. 10.  
Jessica Eley, "Local Artist Designs Chiefs Custom Cleats", Fox 4 News, Dec. 4.  
2018 Hannah Brandt, "Lawrence Artist has hand in creating Chiefs footwear", KSNT, Dec. 13.  
Dylan Lysen, "Local Artist Designs Cleats for Kansas City Chiefs Players", LJWorld, Dec. 7.  
Alana Laflore, "Chiefs players will sport special cleats", Fox 4 News, Nov. 29.  
Simone Solondz, "Offering an Antidote to PTSD", RISD News, Nov. 19.  
2017 Savana Maue, "Topeka Mural Creates Perfect Backdrop", Topeka Capital-Journal, Aug. 20.  
2016 Nick Krug, "65 Colorful Characters", Lawrence Journal-World, Front page Arts, Nov. 20.  
2015 Joanna Hlavacek, "Double Take", Lawrence Journal-World, Front page Arts, May 24.  
Not So Late Show. Guest appearance, May 21.  
2014 Nadia Imfidon, "Pledging Through Paint", Lawrence Journal-World, Front page, August 17.  
Best Of Lawrence Magazine. Lawrence Journal-World Front page and pg 88.  
2013 Sara Shepherd, "Arts District high-end fine art", LJWorld, Front page, April 24.

## REVIEWS, PUBLICATIONS and MEDIA ATTENTION (continued)

- 2012 *Kansas City Voices*, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, Artwork featured on pg. 57.  
Andrew Travers, "Gonzo Goes Beyond Benton", *Aspen Daily News*, June 16.
- 2011 Abbie Stutzer, "John Sebelius on his film *Searching At Sturgis*", *The Pitch*, July 28.  
Brienne Pfannenstiel, "Artist, fashion designer, and filmmaker", *Ink Magazine*, June 21.  
The University of Wyoming's Art and Literature Journal, *Owen Wister Review*
- 2010 Steve Brisendine, "Bringing the Outcasts in: John Sebelius", *Review*, May 16.  
*KU Collegian*, Cover illustration and reproductions, Spring Edition.
- 2009 Kris Coronado, "Game Changer: John Sebelius", *Express*, March 9.  
Jay Leno, "Headlines", *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*. NBC Television. March 3.
- 2008 Heather Krafft, "Local Fashion Designers Making Their Mark", *Kansas City Star* Aug. 7.  
John Sebelius, "Go Directly to Jail." *Harper's* June Issue.  
Nadia Pflaum, "A John Sebelius Update." *The Pitch* May 5.  
"KNOW+TELL" *DETAILS* March, pg 14.  
*Fox & Friends*. 3 minute segment January 28.

## FILM FESTIVALS

- 2015 "Find Me A Man", Free State Festival, Lawrence, KS
- 2014 "Find Me A Man", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA  
Midwest Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Tallgrass Film Festival, Wichita, KS  
World Premiere: "Find Me A Man", Austin Film Festival, Austin, TX  
Midwest Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Free State Festival, Lawrence, KS
- 2013 World Premiere: "Welcome To Slab City, USA", Virginia Film Festival, Charlottesville, VA

## SCREENINGS

- 2014 "Welcome To Slab City USA", The American School of Kinshasa, Congo, Africa
- 2013 "Welcome To Slab City USA", Film Row Art Screen, Kansas City, MO
- 2012 "Searching At Sturgis", Gonzo Museum, Aspen, CO  
"Searching At Sturgis", The Granada Theatre, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 "Searching At Sturgis", Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
"Searching At Sturgis", Knuckleheads Saloon, Kansas City, MO

## PANELS

- 2024 Panelist, Graduate Leadership Seminar, University of Kansas
- 2015-16 Panelist, Citizen Advisory Committee (ELNA Representative)
- 2013 Juror, mARTch MADNESS, 1109 Gallery, Lawrence, KS
- 2011-13 Visual Arts and Museum Panelist, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC

## ARTIST LECTURES

- 2019 A2RU National Conference, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
*Public Service Through Art*, Dole Institute of Politics, Lawrence, KS
- 2016 *A Life of Film*, Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, Natchitoches, LA
- 2014 *Do You Know Who My Father Is?!*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS
- 2011 *Sebelius*, Kansas City Artist Coalition Underground Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*A Life of Happy Accidents*, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

- 2016-2023 Just Food, Board of Directors
- 2018 SMART Recovery Program, Advanced Host (Certification)
- 2015-2016 East Lawrence Neighborhood Association Board Member
- 2010-2014 Gawker Artists, curated online art community and exhibition program