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EDUCATION

- 1969 Independent Study - Costa Rica (Central America)
- 1968 Independent Study - Florence, Rome, Madrid, Barcelona
- 1962 –1967 Awarded Scholarship to the Tyler School of Fine Arts, Temple University, Sculpture Major, B.F.A.
- 1955 –1962 Studied Painting and Sculpture at the Samuel Fleischer Art Memorial, Philadelphia, PA

TEACHING and AFFILIATIONS

- 1975 – Present Professor of Art, West Chester University (Sculpture and Three-Dimensional Design)
- 2009 Juror for The Naional Figure Modeling Competition, New York Academy of Art, NY
- 2008 – 2011 Elected President of the National Sculpture Society, Manhattan, NY
- 2008 Alex J Eittle Grant - Jurist, The National Sculpture Society, Manhattan, NY
- 2006 Stewardson Figure Competition - Jurist, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Phila., PA
- 2005 –2007 Board of Directors, Membership committee, National Sculpture Society; Manhattan, NY
- 2005 Visiting Artist and Guest Lecturer, Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Phila., PA
- 1981 –1994 Drawing Instructor, Hussian School of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 1994 Guest Lecturer, "Visiting Artist" American University, Washington, DC
- 1993 Guest Lecturer, "Visiting Artist" University Of The Arts, Philadelphia, PA
- 1978 –1982 Sculpture Board Committee, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- 1971 –1974 Lecturer, Philadelphia College of Art, Philadelphia, PA

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2008 Peoples Republic of Guizhou University, Guiyang, China Faculty Exchange Exhibition
- 2006 Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, West Chester University Faculty Exhibition
- 2005 Brookgreen Gardens, Winning Works: Selection from NSS; Pawley's Inlet, SC
- 2004 National Sculpture Society, Manhatton, NY
- 2004 Christopher Clark Fine Arts Gallery, San Francisco and Carmel, CA
- 2003 Pasquale Iannetti Gallery, San Francisco and Carmel, CA
- 2004 Finalist—Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian, Washington, DC
- 2002 Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, SC
- 2001 Motherlode International 35th Annual Exhibition, CA
- 1997 10th Annual International Open Exhibition, Magnum Opus X, Sacramento, CA
- 1997 Manhattan Arts International 6th Annual Open Competition, New York
- 1992 Higher Elevations International Juried Art Exhibition, Higher Elevations Gallery, Lake City, CO
- 1992 Sacramento Fine Art 5th Annual International Open Exhibition, "Magnum Opus 92", Sacramento, CA
- 1992 Eighteenth Annual International Miniature Exhibition, Clearwater, FL

SELECTED NATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2010 Awards Exhibition , NSS & Brookgreen Gardens, SC
- 2009-2010 Tampa Bay Center for the Performing Arts, Tampa Bay, FL
- 2008 Brookgreen Gardens, 75th Annual Exhibition, SC
- 2008 Lancaster Art Association National Juried Exhibition, Lancaster, PA
- 2008 75th Annual Exhibition, Park Avenue Atrium, NSS, Manhattan, NY
- 2007 Fellows Invitational Exhibition, National Sculpture Society, Manhattan, NY
- 2003 National Sculpture Society "Portraits Public and Private" New York, NY
- 2001 Armory Art Exhibition, Figurative Work, West Palm Beach, FL
- 2001 Harrisburg Art Association, 73rd Annual Juried Exhibition, Harrisburg, PA
- 2000 "Drawings by Sculptors" National Sculpture Society, New York, NY
- 2000 "World Leaders" National Sculpture Society, New York, NY
- 2000 Masterwork's of American Sculpture, Fleischer Museum, Scottsdale, AZ

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1998	National Academy Museum, 173rd Annual Exhibition, Fifth Avenue at 89th Street, N.Y., N.Y.
1998	Fresno Museum of Art, Fresno, CA
1997	National Figurative Sculpture Competition, Sundance Gallery, Bridgehampton, NY
1997	32nd Annual National Open Exhibition, Fine Arts Institute, San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, CA
1997	16th Annual Hoyt National Art Exhibition, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA
1997	National Sculpture Society, New Members, American Towers Bld., New York
1997	National Spring Open Juried Exhibition, Wayne, PA
1997	Armory Art Center, Small Works Exhibition, West Palm Beach, FL
1997	Mid-Atlantic Art Exhibition, Norfolk, VA
1997	69th Annual Juried Exhibition, Harrisburg, PA
1996	171st Annual Exhibition, National Academy of Design, 1083 Fifth Ave at 89th Street, NY, NY
1995	North American Sculpture Exhibition, Golden, CO
1995	National Sculpture Society/Annual Exhibition, American Towers Bld., N.Y., N.Y.
1995	American University, Watkins Gallery, "Sixteen Sculptures," Washington, D.C.

COMMISSIONS

- 2010 Awarded the Frederick Douglass Monument commission, West Chester University, West Chester, PA
- 2006, Awarded Commission, Milton & Catherine Hershey Monumental Sculpture, Hershey, PA
This commission was a major national competition. The over all cost approx. a quarter of a million dollars. It encompassed two 8' bronze portrait figures composed around 20 tons of granite.
- 2006, MalcomX Monument Commission, (awarded second Place) NY, NY (This was a national competition.)
- 2005, Smithsonian, Museum of the American Indian Commission, (awarded second place) Washington, DC (This was a national competition.)
- 2000, Awarded Commission, Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Peace Gardens of the Univ. of California, Fresno, CA.
This commission was a national competition to be placed in the peace gardens.
- Awarded Commission, Captain John F. Laboon Memorial Portrait Project, Installed on the Guided Missile Destroyer, U.S.S. , Laboon, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD (1994)
- Awarded Outdoor Commissions by Philadelphia Redevelopment Authorities, Philadelphia, PA
- Awarded Commission, Sculpture Mural Sumitomo Electronic Corporation, Manhattan, NY, NY
- Awarded Commission, Six Bas-Reliefs, Speakman Hall, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- Awarded Commission to create Fountains for Science Exposition, Arkansas Science Museum, AR
- Awarded Outdoor Commission by Philadelphia Redevelopment Authorities, Philadelphia, PA (8th and Rodman Streets)

SELECTED AWARDS

- Awarded the Ettl Grant Prize, Brookgreen Sculpture Gardens/ National Sculpture Society, Pawleys Inlet, SC (2010)
- Awarded the Silver Rose Award by the National Sculpture Society, NY, NY (2005)
- Awarded a "Fellow" of the National Sculpture Society, New York, NY, (2003)
- Award of Excellence – Mother Lode International 35th Annual Exhibition, Placerville, CA, (2001)
- Realism Award, Harrisburg Art Association, Harrisburg, PA, (2001)
- Awarded the Leonard J. Meiselman Prize, 173rd Annual Exhibition National Academy Museum, N.Y., N.Y., (1997)
- Awarded the West Chester University Faculty Merit Award for the "Third World Women" Sculpture Series, (1997)
- Awarded 1st. Prize (Sculpture & Ceramics) 69th Annual Juried Exhibition, Harrisburg, PA (1997)
- Awarded the Merit Award, 16th Annual Hoyt National Exhibition, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA (1997)
- Awarded the Merit Award, Sacramento Fine Arts 10th Annual International Open Exhibition, Magnum Opus X, Sacramento, CA (1997)
- Awarded The Profile Award, Manhattan Arts International, New York, (1997)
- Awarded The Bertelsen Prize by the National Academy of Design, 171st Annual Exhibition, NY, (1996)
- Awarded The Alex J. Ettl Grant, The National Sculpture Society, NY, NY (1995)
- Awarded The Trustees Achievement Award, West Chester University (1995)
- Awarded The John Cavanaugh Memorial Award, North American Sculpture Exhibition, CO (1994)
- Awarded Honorable Mention 51st Anniversary National Art Competition Lake Worth, FL (1992)
- West Chester University College of Arts and Sciences Support and Development Award (1992, 1994, 1995, 2001)