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## EDUCATION

**Bowling Green State University**, Bowling Green, Ohio

*Bachelor of Fine Arts: Emphasis in Jewelry and Metal*

Minor: Popular Culture

*Graduated December 2010*

## EXHIBITIONS/AWARDS RECEIVED

<b>Artist in Residence Exhibition;</b> Touchstone Center for Crafts	2014
<b>Scrap4Art: Encore!</b> Jewelry and Accessories Reborn from Unexpected Materials	2010
<b>No Boundaries;</b> Society of North American Goldsmiths Annual Juried Student Exhibition <i>Glassell Jr. School, Museum of Fine Arts Houston; Houston, TX</i>	2010
<b>Bowling Green State University Undergraduate Show</b> - Honorable Mention	2010
<b>Scholastics Art and Writing Competition:</b> - Regional ( <i>Cleveland, OH</i> ) - Gold Key, Gold Key, Tony Eterovich Drawing Award, American Visions Award ( <i>Cleveland, OH</i> ) - Nationals ( <i>New York City, NY</i> ) - Gold Key, Honorarium of Purchase ( <i>New York City, NY</i> )	2006

## EXHIBITION CATALOG

<b>Scholastics Art and Writing Competition Regional;</b> <i>New York City, NY</i>	2006
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## WORKSHOPS / CLASSES ATTENDED

<b>Introduction to Stone Setting;</b> Todd Pownell; TAP Studios; <i>Cleveland, OH</i>	<i>Jan, 2014</i>
<b>Blacksmithing Workshop;</b> Fred Crist; Southern Illinois University; <i>Carbondale, IL</i>	<i>Sept, 2013</i>
<b>Metal Fabrication;</b> Scott Stibich; Cleveland Institute of Art; <i>Cleveland, OH</i>	<i>June/July, 2013</i>
<b>Powder Coating Workshop;</b> Michael Dale Bernard; Edinboro University; <i>Edinboro, PA</i>	2013
<b>Mokume Gane Workshop;</b> Wayne Werner; Society for Contemporary Craft; <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	<i>Apr, 2013</i>
<b>Knife Making Workshop;</b> Daniel Warren and Bill Wiggins; <i>Canton, NC</i>	<i>Jan, 2013</i>
<b>Knife Making Workshop;</b> E. Scott McGhee; <i>Wilmington, NC</i>	<i>Jan, 2013</i>
<b>“How Many Ways Can I Say I Love You”;</b> Natalya Pinchuk and Dana Sperry; Edinboro University; <i>Edinboro, PA</i>	2012
<b>Intermediate Damascus;</b> Daniel McMullen; <i>Alliance, OH</i>	2012
<b>Independent + Advanced Jewelry and Metal;</b> Cleveland Institute of Art, Continuing Education Program; <i>Cleveland, OH</i>	2011
<b>5-Day Damascus Steel Knife Making Workshop;</b> Mike and Audra Draper; <i>Riverton, WY</i>	2012
<b>Wood Bending and Coopering;</b> Dustin Farnsworth; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts; <i>Gatlinburg, TN</i>	2012
<b>Enameling;</b> Kathy Wilcox; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts; <i>Gatlinburg, TN</i>	2012
<b>Hinges, Hinges, &amp; More Hinges!;</b> Stacey Lee Webber; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts; <i>Gatlinburg, TN</i>	2011
<b>Exploring Green Wood;</b> Christian Burchard; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts; <i>Gatlinburg, TN</i>	2011
<b>Colored Metal and Colored Pencils Workshop;</b> Marilyn da Silva; Bowling Green State University; <i>Bowling Green, OH</i>	2011
<b>3-Day Paper Pulp Workshop;</b> Renee Zettle-Sterling; Bowling Green State University; <i>Bowling Green, OH</i>	2009
<b>5-Day Damascus Steel Knife Making Workshop;</b> Mike and Audra Draper; <i>Riverton, WY</i>	2009
<b>3-Day Resin Workshop;</b> Sungyeol Lee; Bowling Green State University; <i>Bowling Green, OH</i>	2008

## ORGANIZATIONS / RESIDENCIES

<b>Artist in Residence;</b> University for the Creative Arts; <i>Farnham, Surrey, England</i> (Unable to attend 12 month residency 2013/2014 - Extending offer for 2014/2015 year)	<i>Januaty 2015-June 2015</i>
<b>Artist in Residence;</b> Touchstone Center for Crafts; Famington, PA	<i>September 2014-November 2014</i>
<b>American Craft Council</b>	<i>2013 - Present</i>
<b>Western Reserve Artisan Blacksmith Association (WRABA)</b>	<i>2013 - Present</i>
<b>Crafthaus;</b> <a href="http://crafthaus.ning.com/profile/MeredithSTibjash">http://crafthaus.ning.com/profile/MeredithSTibjash</a>	<i>2012 - Present</i>
<b>American Bladesmith Society (ABS);</b> Apprentice Bladesmith	<i>2012 - Present</i>
<b>Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG)</b>	<i>2009 - Present</i>

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT / CONFERENCES

<b>Keystone Metals Forum;</b> Touchstone Center for Crafts; Famington, PA	<i>May 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>
<b>Alchemist Picnic: A Mid-Atlantic Metals Retreat;</b> Hosted by Wayne Werner; Touchstone Center for Crafts;	<i>May 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>
<b>SNAG’s annual conference;</b> Professional Work Exchange; <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	<i>April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>

## PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT / CONFERENCES (CONTINUED)

<b>East Carolina University Metals Symposium (SIU Conference);</b> <i>Greenville, NC</i>	<i>January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>
<b>Southern Illinois Metalsmiths Society Conference (SIMS);</b> <i>Carbondale, IL</i>	<i>September 19<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013</i>
<b>Great Smokey Mountain Fall Hammer-In;</b> American Bladesmith Society; Haywood Community College	<i>October 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>th</sup>, 2012</i>
<b>SNAG Presents: Forging Enrepteneurs: Tools and Skills for Business Success;</b> Society for Contemporary Craft; <i>Pittsburgh, PA</i>	<i>August 25<sup>th</sup> &amp; 26<sup>th</sup> 2012</i>
<b>Studio Assistant;</b> Educational Assistants Program; Arrowmont School of Arts and Craft	<i>March 2012- April 2012</i>
<b>Work Study;</b> Educational Assistants Program; Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts	<i>June 2011-July 2011</i>
<b>Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG) Annual Conferences</b>	
- <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	<i>2014</i>
- <i>Toronto, Ontario, Canada</i>	<i>2013</i>
- <i>Phoenix, AZ</i>	<i>2012</i>
- <i>Houston, TX</i>	<i>2010</i>
- <i>Philadelphia, PA</i>	<i>2009</i>
<b>Student Metal Art Council (Bowling Green State University)</b>	<i>2008- 2010</i>
- 2010 President	
- 2009 Vice-President	
<b>Sculpture, Object, and Functional Art (SOFA) International Exposition;</b> Navy Pier, <i>Chicago, IL</i>	<i>2008</i>

## WORK EXPERIENCE

<b>Touchstone Center for Crafts,</b> Farmington, Pennsylvania	
<i>Studio Assistant</i>	<i>September 2014</i>
· Assist instructor Greg Gehner with students in Forge and Fabrication class.	
· Assist instructor Jody Best with students in Fundamentals of Blacksmithing class	
<b>Life Time Fitness,</b> Beachwood, Ohio	
<i>Aquatics Assistant Department Head</i>	<i>January 2014- Present</i>
<i>Aquatics Swim Supervisor</i>	<i>April 2011 - Present</i>
<i>Aquatics Lifeguard, Swim Instructor and Rock Wall Attendant</i>	<i>February 2011- Present</i>
· Review sales and activity reports, along with other performance data to measure productivity and goal achievement and to determine areas needing cost reduction and program improvement.	
· American Red Cross certified Lifeguard, with certifications in CPR and First-Aid for the professional rescuer.	
· Performs all lifeguard responsibilities including monitoring pool activities, applying first aid, and performing water rescues as necessary.	
· Ensures that swimmers are well supervised in the pool and on decks. Fills in for lifeguards as necessary.	
· Orients new lifeguards to job duties and responsibilities. Ensures that all lifeguards are current on their training and certifications.	
· Schedules, coordinates and conducts in-service training. Ensures that lifeguards are fully competent in first aid, CPR, and all water rescue techniques.	
· Assists with the scheduling of lifeguards to ensure that adequate coverage of pool areas are maintained during operating hours.	
· Ensures that lifeguards perform in accordance with established safety regulations and policies.	
· Keeps the management well informed of pool maintenance needs including cleaning, chemical adjustments, and repairs.	
<b>Shoreby Club,</b> <i>Bratenhal, Ohio</i>	
<i>Lifeguard,</i>	<i>June 2013 – September 2013</i>
· American Red Cross certified Lifeguard, with certifications in CPR and First-Aid for the professional rescuer.	
· Performs all lifeguard responsibilities including monitoring pool activities, applying first aid, and performing water rescues as necessary.	
· Ensures that swimmers are well supervised in the pool and on decks.	
<b>The Hanger,</b> <i>Lyndhurst, Ohio</i>	
<i>Lifeguard,</i>	<i>2011 – 2012</i>
· American Red Cross certified Lifeguard, with certifications in CPR and First-Aid for the professional rescuer.	
· Performs all lifeguard responsibilities including monitoring pool activities, applying first aid, and performing water rescues as necessary.	
· Ensures that swimmers are well supervised in the pool and on decks.	
<b>Portage Quarry,</b> <i>Portage, Ohio</i>	
<i>Lifeguard,</i>	<i>June 2010 – September 2010</i>
· American Red Cross certified Lifeguard, with certifications in CPR and First-Aid for the professional rescuer.	
· Performs all lifeguard responsibilities including monitoring pool activities, applying first aid, and performing water rescues as necessary.	
· Ensures that swimmers are well supervised in water and on beach, along with monitoring scuba divers.	

## VOLUNTEER WORK

<b>Jazzed About Art IX;</b> Annual Fall Benifit - Touchstone Center for Crafts; Farmington, PA	<i>October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>
<b>Raffle;</b> Annual SNAG Conference - <i>Minneapolis, MN</i>	<i>April 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014</i>
<b>Trunk Show;</b> Annual SNAG Conference - Toronto, ON, Canada	<i>May 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> 2013</i>
<b>Repair Days;</b> National Ornamental Metal Museum; <i>Memphis, TN</i>	<i>October 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2013</i>
<b>Studio Tech;</b> Edinboro University; <i>Edingboro, PA</i>	<i>2013/2014</i>
<b>Tour Guide;</b> Bowling Green State University; School of Art; <i>Bowling Green, OH</i>	<i>2008- 2010</i>
<b>Expert Student Panel: Parents and Potential Students: Question and Answer Sessions;</b> Bowling Green State University; School of Art; <i>Bowling Green, OH</i>	<i>2008- 2010</i>