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EXPERIENCE

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS. MONTGOMERY, AL – 2018-
Manage professional staff and operations of the agency. Federal ADA Coordinator, Office of Information Technology coordinator, work closely with the Executive Budget Office, state Personnel Department and other state agencies. Primary contact with NEA relative to applying for, receiving and reporting on federal appropriations. Administer grants management system and troubleshoot problems for staff and applicants. Design and implement new systems to increase impact and efficiency of agency operations. Prepare and monitor budgets, and work closely with all staff members to ensure compliance with all state and federal policies and guidelines. Member of State Arts Action Network, which consists of executive leadership from state arts agencies and state arts advocacy organizations from around the nation.

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM MANAGER & GALLERY DIRECTOR, ASCA. MONTGOMERY, AL – 2012-2018
Managed annual visual arts grant program budget of \$600,000+, curate exhibitions, manage gallery staff, consult with arts organizations throughout the state, develop and facilitate special projects such as Alabama Bicentennial Park sculpture commission and forthcoming book on artists and history of visual arts in Alabama.

INSTRUCTOR, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA HONORS COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT OF ART HISTORY & DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2008-2012
Designed and instructed *Engagement in Education Through The Arts, New York School Abstract Expressionism, The Art of Globalization, Art and the Environment*, taught *Introduction to Digital Photography*, and facilitated an arts living learning community in the College of Arts & Sciences.

FOUNDER & CO-DIRECTOR, BLACK BELT 100 LENSES. TWELVE BLACK BELT COUNTIES – 2007-2012
Managed all aspects of the program including coordination with public and private school teachers and administrators, management of work study students and instructors, exhibit design and planning, teaching, community partnerships, research, documentation, communications, and multimedia production.

COMMUNITY ARTS FELLOW, CREATIVE CAMPUS INITIATIVE. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2006-2007
Designed and implemented arts programming bridging the campus and broader Tuscaloosa communities.

DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY, THE CRIMSON WHITE. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2006-2007
Managed photography department and staff at newspaper published four times weekly.

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA – PHD, INTERDISCIPLINARY – 2012
qualitative arts education research, art history, program evaluation

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA – MA, AMERICAN STUDIES – 2009
cultural studies, art history, museum studies

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA, TUSCALOOSA – BA, VISUAL COMMUNICATION – 2007
photojournalism, fine art photography, graphic design, film

INVOLVEMENT

FOUNDING MEMBER, UA COMMUNITY AFFAIRS BOARD OF ADVISORS – 2016...
MEMBER, MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS JUNIOR EXECUTIVE BOARD – 2016...
CHAIR, ALABAMA CLAY CONFERENCE STEERING COMMITTEE – 2016
BOARD MEMBER, MONTGOMERY ART GUILD – 2015...
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, MONTGOMERY PUBLIC ART COMMISSION – 2014...
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER, ALABAMA CRAFT COUNCIL – 2014...
MEMBER, ALABAMA ART KITCHEN ADVISORY BOARD – 2011
MEMBER, BEAUTY AMID DESTRUCTION PUBLIC ART PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD – 2011
FELLOW, THE BLACKBURN INSTITUTE – INDUCTED 2009
INTERN, PAUL R. JONES COLLECTION OF AMERICAN ART. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2009
MEMBER, UA CENTER FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PARTNERSHIPS COUNCIL – 2009- 2012
FELLOW, IMAGINING AMERICA PUBLICLY ACTIVE GRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2009-2010

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

BOOK EDITOR & PROJECT MANAGER, *ALABAMA CREATES: 200 YEARS OF ART & ARTISTS*.
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA PRESS – FORTHCOMING SPRING 2019
Led statewide team of curators, writers and arts professionals to produce signature bicentennial publication.

SPEAKER, VARIOUS ARTS & CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS & UNIVERSITY CLASSES. ALABAMA – 2012...
CONTRIBUTING ARTS WRITER, *MADE* MAGAZINE. MONTGOMERY, AL – 2014-2015
SPEAKER, UA LIBRARIES TECH TRENDS PANEL DISCUSSION. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2012
DISSERTATION AUTHOR & PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR, *BLACK BELT 100 LENSES: EXPLORING A PARTICIPATORY MEDIA PROJECT & THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEARNING AND INNOVATION SKILLS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS' PERSPECTIVES*. – 2012
SPEAKER, ALABAMA DIGITAL HUMANITIES CENTER LUNCHEON. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2012
SPEAKER, THE CITIZENS TOOLBOX CONFERENCE. MIAMI UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, OH – 2011
SPEAKER, ALABAMA RURAL HEALTH CONFERENCE. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2010
SPEAKER, DAVID MATTHEWS CENTER FOR CIVIC LIFE CONFERENCE. POINT CLEAR, AL – 2010
SPEAKER, IMAGINING AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE. NEW ORLEANS, LA – 2009
SPEAKER, NATIONAL ASSOC. OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS. LINCOLN, NE – 2009
SPEAKER, IMAGINING AMERICA NATIONAL CONFERENCE. LOS ANGELES, CA – 2008
SPEAKER, INTERNATIONAL ASSN. FOR INTEGRATIVE STUDIES CONFERENCE. ATLANTA, GA – 2006
CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR & PHOTOGRAPHER, *OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS*. LEE COUNTY, AL – 2005
CONTRIBUTING AUTHOR & PHOTOGRAPHER, *THE CRIMSON WHITE*. TUSCALOOSA, AL – 2004-2007

HONORS

RECIPIENT, UA GRADUATE SCHOOL DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIP – 2011
MEMBER, UA CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER HONOR CIRCLE – INDUCTED 2009
RECIPIENT, EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD, UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA – 2008
RECIPIENT, UA SGA JACK WARNER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ARTS AWARD – 2007
RECIPIENT, OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN PHOTOGRAPHY AWARD, UA MEDIA PLANNING BOARD – 2006
RECIPIENT, OUTSTANDING CREATIVITY AND RESPONSIBILITY AWARD, UA MEDIA BOARD – 2006

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART. *OUR PEOPLE, OUR PLACES, OUR COLLECTION*, MARCH 2018-JAN. 2019
GEORGINE CLARKE ALABAMA ARTISTS GALLERY. MONTGOMERY, AL:

KENTUCK STUDIO ARTISTS – 2018

FELLOWSHIP ARTIST SHOWCASE – 2018

CLAY TAKES SHAPE: TWENTY CERAMIC ARTISTS – JAN-MARCH 2018

FELLOWSHIP ARTIST SHOWCASE – 2017

REPRESENT: ALABAMA WOMEN'S CAUCUS FOR ART MEMBER SHOWCASE – 2017

JOHN AUGUSTUS WALKER'S HISTORICAL PANORAMA OF ALABAMA AGRICULTURE – 2017

RURAL STUDIO: ALABAMA DESIGN / BUILD PROJECTS – 2017

VISUAL ARTS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: STATEWIDE K7-12 – 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

MELTING WAX: CONTEMPORARY ALABAMA ENCAUSTIC ART – 2017

WATERCOLOR SOCIETY OF ALABAMA MEMBER SHOWCASE – 2016

CURRENT TRADITIONS: 2016 FELLOWSHIP ARTIST SHOWCASE – 2016

LET US NOW PRAISE FAMOUS SOIL – 2016

HEAVY LIGHT: 2015 FELLOWSHIP ARTIST SHOWCASE – 2015

ALABAMA PRISON ARTS + EDUCATION PROGRAM – 2015

ALABAMA MAKERS – 2015

A4 – 2015

BLACK BELT TREASURES – 2015

PINE – 2014

PAST AND PRESENT: ALABAMA ARTISTS FROM THE MOBILE MUSEUM OF ART – 2014

THE EVOLUTION OF PLACE-MAKING IN ALABAMA – 2014

ALABAMA NOW – 2014

50 YEARS OF BLUFF PARK ART – 2013

COLLECTING EXPERIENCES: SELECTED MEMORIES OF GEORGINE AND JACK CLARKE – 2013

PRINTMAKING IN ALABAMA – 2013

MADE IN ALABAMA – 2013

PIETRASANTA, ITALY. *ALABAMA'S BLACK BELT: THREE PHOTOGRAPHERS* – 2016

MOBILE ARTS COUNCIL. *PINE* – 2016

UA HONORS COLLEGE GALLERY. *HOLT HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP SHOW* – 2012

HOLT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM. *HOLT HIGH SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP SHOW* – 2011

TUSCALOOSA ARTS COUNCIL BAMA THEATRE GALLERY. *100 LENSES CAMP GROUP SHOW* – 2011

HOTEL CAPSTONE, TUSCALOOSA. *100 LENSES SUMMER CAMP 2011 GROUP SHOW* – 2011

CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI SEWELL'S WASHINGTON D.C. OFFICE. *100 LENSES PHOTOGRAPHS FROM ALABAMA'S 7TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT* – 2011-2013

ALABAMA SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS, BIRMINGHAM. *100 LENSES CAMP 2010 GROUP SHOW* – 2011

PIELAB, GREENSBORO, AL. *A PHOTOGRAPHIC TRIBUTE TO ALABAMA* – 2011

HAYNEVILLE/LOWNDES PUBLIC LIBRARY, HAYNEVILLE, AL. *LOWNDES COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010

MARENGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LINDEN, AL. *MARENGO COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010

PICKENS COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CARROLLTON, AL. *PICKENS COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

CHOCTAW COUNTY COURTHOUSE, BUTLER, AL. *CHOCTAW COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010
JULE COLLINS SMITH MUSEUM OF FINE ART, AUBURN, AL. *100 LENSES RETROSPECTIVE* – 2010
MONTGOMERY MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS. *100 LENSES SIX COUNTY RETROSPECTIVE* – 2010
PIELAB, GREENSBORO, AL. *LOOK, EAT, LISTEN: HALE COUNTY REVISITED* – 2010
FERGUSON GALLERY, TUSCALOOSA, AL. *SCORNED CONVERGENCES* – 2010
WILCOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE, CAMDEN, AL. *WILCOX COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010
JOSEPHINE CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, UNION SPRINGS, AL. *BULLOCK COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2010
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER, TUSCALOOSA. *MACON AND PERRY COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2009
BRYAN W. WHITFIELD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, DEMOPOLIS, AL. *100 LENSES RETROSPECTIVE* – 2009
OLD MARION DEPOT, MARION, AL. *PERRY COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2009
TUSKEGEE AIRMEN MUSEUM, TUSKEGEE, AL. *MACON COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2009
FERGUSON GALLERY, TUSCALOOSA, AL. *BEAUTIFUL DECAY* – 2009
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER, TUSCALOOSA. *HALE COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2009
HALE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, GREENSBORO, AL. *HALE COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2009
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER, TUSCALOOSA. *GREENE COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2008
WILLIAM MCKINLEY BRANCH COURTHOUSE, EUTAW, AL. *GREENE COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2008
CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CENTER, TUSCALOOSA. *SUMTER COUNTY 100 LENSES* – 2008
UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA WEBB HALL GALLERY, LIVINGSTON. *SUMTER CO. 100 LENSES* – 2008
IGNITION GALLERY, NORTHPORT, AL. *CREATIVE CAMPUS VISUAL ART SHOWCASE* – 2006
NEW COLLEGE GALLERY, TUSCALOOSA, AL. *NEW ORLEANS* – 2006

JUDGED OR JURIED

KENTUCKY FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, NORTHPORT, AL – 2017
ARTS ALIVE FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL, FLORENCE, AL – 2017
RIVER CLAY ARTS FESTIVAL, DECATUR, AL – 2016
FAIRHOPE ARTS FESTIVAL, FAIRHOPE, AL – 2016
KENTUCKY STATE ARTS COUNCIL INDIVIDUAL ARTIST FELLOWSHIP REVIEW PANEL – 2016, 2014
AL STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION STUDENT EXHIBITION – 2016
CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION FOR CONGRESSWOMAN TERRI SEWELL – 2014, 2015, 2016
AL DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION SERVICES ART + DESIGN CONTEST – 2014, 2015, 2016
ORANGE BEACH ARTS FESTIVAL, ORANGE BEACH, AL – 2014, 2015
BLUFF PARK ARTS FESTIVAL, HOOVER, AL – 2015
SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS MONTGOMERY WATERFRONT EXHIBITION – 2015
PIKE ROAD PLEIN AIR PAINTOUT – 2015
MONTGOMERY ARTS COUNCIL DOING OUR OWN THING EXHIBITION – 2015
OPPFEST JURIED ART SHOW, OPP, AL – 2015
SHRIMP FESTIVAL FINE ART SECTION, GULF SHORES, AL – 2014
TUSCALOOSA ARTS COUNCIL DOUBLE EXPOSURE PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION – 2014
AUBURN ART ASSOCIATION MEMBER EXHIBITION – 2014
JULYFEST ARTS FESTIVAL, MENTONE, AL – 2013
CHICKEN AND EGG JURIED ART EXHIBITION, MOULTON, AL – 2013
DAPHNE JURIED ARTS EXHIBITION – 2013