

Education

2013 University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, CO

- **Master of Public Administration (MPA)**
- **Certificate: Non-Profit Management**
- **Certificate: Non-Profit Fund Development**

1998 Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO

- **Bachelor of Arts, Fine Art (*magna cum laude*)**
- **Concentration in Sculpture and Printmaking**

Current Position

2010 to present **Galleries of Contemporary Art, University of Colorado**
Colorado Springs, CO.

Program Director & Chief Curator

- Curate, design, produce professional contemporary art exhibitions in two gallery spaces and off-site locations (Ent Center for the Arts and downtown locations)
- Design and implement multiple creative and award-winning programs, solo and in collaboration with campus and community partners
- Robust fundraising activities including recent successful major capital campaign (Ent Center for the Arts, including establishment of new endowment for program), annual major donor campaigns, special events, seasonal campaigns, and serving as Principal Investigator on significant state grant as well as writing and submitting successful funding proposals.
- Plan, negotiate, contract, and schedule exhibitions, including traveling exhibitions originating from GOCA
- Create and execute multiple targeted educational programs in tandem with exhibits for wide range of audiences
- Develop and lead educational programs with visiting university classes and K-12 area students
- Manage Advisory board comprised of community donors and university stakeholders
- Cultivate advantageous partnerships and collaborations with individuals and entities in relevant local, regional and national communities
- *Completed project:* develop and execute implementation of collection management software as well as hire and manage museum registrar staff to digitally catalog and physically label entire UCCS art collection of over 1,200 objects.
- Develop, maintain, and administrate annual budget of \$475,000+
- Supervise and inspire full-time professional exempt staff and student staff team.
- Write and publish exhibition text, press releases and exhibit related textual material
- Strategize and execute social media and e-marketing platforms
- Manage campus art collection inventory and campus-wide art installations
- Service on multiple university committees, including Chair positions
- Service on multiple community Advisory Boards and Committees
- *Adjunct Instructor:* Museum Studies & Gallery Practice: Arts Administration course (semester) and Museum Studies & Gallery Practice Internship Program.

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Past Professional Experience

2004 - 2010 **InterDisciplinary Experimental Art Space, Colorado College, CO.**

Assistant Curator

- Curated and produced over 16 major interdisciplinary contemporary art exhibitions.
- Lead preparator on over 45 significant exhibitions, including traveling exhibitions.
- Created and executed K-12 education program in collaboration with CC Education Department
- Assistant grant writer on national proposals (NEA *Our Town* grant)
- Implemented college-wide collection database and museum-standard storage of over 1,800 art objects.

2003 – 2004 **Jordahl Elementary School, Ftn-Ft. Carson School District, CO**
Art Educator

- Taught 650 students weekly in grades K-5 incorporating state standards for Art education through socially conscious curriculum for all classes

2002-2003 **Coburn Art Gallery, Colorado College, Colorado Springs**

Director & Curator

- Curated, designed, installed exhibitions, working with national and regional artists
- Managed annual budget expenses and student employee staff

Summer 2003 Art Department, **Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO**

Visiting Instructor

- Instructor, "Drawing into Printmaking " with undergraduate and graduate MAT students

2000-2002 Art Department, **Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO**

Studio Art: Printmaking Studio Manager

- Facilitated visiting artist program for undergraduate, graduate printmaking courses

Technical Skills and Training

Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Teams

Adobe Design Suite: Acrobat, Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign

Project Management: Basecamp, Asana, Airtable

Database Management Programs: PastPerfect, Tessitura CRM, Advance Fundraising, Cognos, Peoplesoft

Data Analysis Programs: IBM SPSS

Social Media Marketing: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Hootsuite

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**Selected Grants
and Awards
Received**

2010 - 2020

\$15,000 Colorado Creative Industries, 2020-2022 Season Support
\$10,800 UCCS Student Government Association, 2019-2020 Season Support
\$10,600 UCCS Student Government Association, 2018-2019 Season Support
\$7,500 UCCS Student Government Association, 2017-2018 Season Support
\$6,500 UCCS Student Government Association, 2016-2017 Season Support
\$10,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation, 2017-2019
\$15,000 Colorado Creative Industries, 2017-2018
\$ 75,000 Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation, Public Sculpture Program Gift, 2017
\$500,000 Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation, Naming Endowment, 2016
\$500,000 Marie Walsh Sharpe Art Foundation, Naming Gift, Ent Center for the Arts, 2016
\$15,000 Colorado Creative Industries, Colorado, General Operating Support, 2016-17
\$50,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Public Art Program Seed Gift, 2016
\$3,000 H. Chase Stone Trust, JP Morgan, Season Grant, 2016-2017
\$5,600 UCCS Student Government Association, Season Sponsor, 2015-2016
\$6,500 Colorado Creative Industries, Colorado, General Operating Support, 2014
\$3,500 Bee Vradenburg Foundation Grant, Season Sponsor, 2014-2015
\$17,500 Indy Give/Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Season Support, 2014-2015
\$5,000 H. Chase Stone Trust, part of JP Morgan Chase, Denver, CO. 2014-15 Season
\$5,000 UCCS Student Government Association, Season Support, 2014-2015
\$5,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation Grant, Colorado Springs, CO, 2013-14 Season
\$12,000 Indy Give Campaign, Pikes Peak Community Foundation, 2013-2014 Season
\$3,000 Diversity & Excellence Fund, University of Colorado "Documentation Exhibit"
\$3,000 Pikes Peak Community Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO, Season Support
\$3,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO, Season Support
\$5,000 UCCS Student Government Association, 2013-14 Season Support
\$3,000 Edmondson Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO, "Bright Young Things Exhibit
\$3,000 Diversity & Excellence Fund, University of Colorado, "H2O Lecture Series"
\$3,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation Grant, Season Support, 2012-13
\$3,000 Diversity & Excellence Fund, University of Colorado, "PLACES Lecture Series",
\$6,500 Colorado Creative Industries, Colorado, General Operating Support, 2011
\$3,000 Bee Vradenburg Foundation, Colorado Springs, CO, Challenge Grant, 2011
\$80,000 UCCS Vice Chancellor for Admin/Finance's Grant for Gallery Improvements

**Publications &
Presentations**

Selected Presentations

2020 CuratorCon, Denver Art Fair, Denver, Colorado
2019 – 2020 UCCS Mountain Lion Teaching & Learning Day, Colorado Springs
2017 University of Denver Graduate Visual Art Students, Denver
2015 Momentum Conference on Women + Art + Technology, Univ. of Denver,
2015 48 Hours of Social Engagement, REDLINE Gallery, Denver, Speaker
2015 Chats & Cabarets – Presentation & Demo, AAMG National Conference

Published Essays

2019 Vadis Turner: Megaliths, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2018 Linda Fleming: Confluence, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2017 The Black Power Tarot, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2015 Senga Nengudi: Improvisational Gestures, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2014 Cuba & Other Considerations, University of Colorado Colorado Springs
2013 Jay Shinn: ILLUMINATED, University of Colorado Colorado Springs

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Print Publications

2017 "Laura Shill's *Phantom Touch* at MCA Denver", Review, Sculpture International Magazine

2016 "UCCS performance opens dialogue about healing during shooting anniversary", Colorado Springs Business Journal

2016 "Amber Cobb at Gildar Gallery", Review, Sculpture International Magazine

2013 "Let's Make a Greater Commitment to Arts & Culture", CS Business Journal

Awards & Honors

2016 Mayor's Young Leaders Award, Colorado Springs, CO.

2015 Leadership Institute, Center for Creative Leadership, Colorado Springs

2014 "Bee an Arts Champion" Award, Bee Vradenburg Foundation for the Arts

2013 "Cultural White Knight", Colorado Springs Independent "Best Of" Awards

2013 Pikes Peak Arts Council Award, "Brilliant Exhibition and Gala"

2013 Rising Star Award, Colorado Springs Business Journal

2013 Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration

1998 Distinction in Fine Arts Award, Colorado College

Selected Curated Exhibitions

2019

Vadis Turner: Megaliths, UCCS Galleries of Contemporary Art
Color Theory: Camila Friedman-Gerlicz, Andrew Huffman, Clark Richert,
UCCS GOCA

Art of the State: 2019, Arvada Center for the Arts, Arvada, Colorado

2018

Radical: 50 Years of Libre Intentional Artist Community, UCCS GOCA

Linda Fleming: Confluence, UCCS GOCA

Yummy Yummy, Yeah Maybe Artists @ Yes Ma'am Projects, Denver

Collectivity, DURDEN & RAY Gallery, Los Angeles, and UCCS GOCA

Lazy Stitch: Cannupa Hanska Luger, UCCS GOCA

Floyd Tunson: Janus, UCCS GOCA

2017

Nice Work If You Can Get It, RedLine Contemporary Art Center, Denver

The Black Power Tarot, Galleries of Contemporary Art (GOCA), UCCS

2016 **micro/macro: Michael Theodore**, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS

Girl Crush: Amber Cobb & Laura Shill, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS

Drawing Never Dies (co-curated with Donald Fodness) RedLine CAC, Denver

BITUMINOUS, part of Pollinate Festival on ENERGY, GOCA, UCCS

Inhabiting: Mary Hood & Marilee Salvator, GOCA, UCCS

Jenene Nagy: Disappear Here, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS

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- 2015 **Beyond the Beyond:** Katie Caron, Carla Gannis, Evan Mann, Barry Whittaker, Sam Sheffield, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
Points of Contact: Jane Lackey, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
Bright Young Things: Biennial Survey, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
A Body in Fukushima: Eiko Otake & William Johnston, GOCA UCCS
- 2014 **PROTEST! Bradley Flora, LaToya Ruby Frazier, Scott Johnson, Lane Hall, Lisa Moline, Dareece Walker,** Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
Cuba & Other Considerations: Carlos Manuel Cardenes & Esteban Blanco
- 2013 **M12: The Black Hornet,** Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
Ceramica: Contemporary Clay, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
STYROBOT: Michael Salter, Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
- 2012 **Louis Cicotello: Retrospective,** Galleries of Contemporary Art, UCCS
2010 **Listening to Architecture,** IDEA Space, Colorado College, Colorado Springs
2007 **Mary Chenoweth: Passages,** Coburn Gallery, Colorado College