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education

- 2000 MFA Fine Arts, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
1995 BFA Sculpture & Printmaking, Grand Valley State University,
Allendale, MI

solo exhibitions

- 2004 *Pretty Rugged*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY
2002 *Quivering Twilight*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY
2001 *Superstructure*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY

group exhibitions

- 2011 *Live Coverage*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts,
Grand Rapids, MI
50th Anniversary Alumni Exhibit, Grand Valley State University,
Allendale, MI
- 2010 *Urban Lights*, The Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
Faculty Exhibition, Kendall College of Art & Design,
Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 *Artspace*, ArtPrize, Grand Rapids, MI
Go Team, ServeStudio, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2006 *Faculty Exhibit*, Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2005 *Voice of Site*, New York-Tokyo, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004 *Voice of Site*, Tokyo National University of Fine Art & Music,
Tokyo, Japan
Beginning Here, 101 Ways, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
Rubbish, Cuchifritos Project Space, New York, NY
- 2001 *I Love NY-Art Benefit*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *Aspects of Contemporary Landscape*, Marvelli Gallery, New York, NY
CAA New York Area MFA Exhibition, Hunter College, New York, NY
MFA Thesis Exhibition, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
- 1999 *Group Trope*, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
Rewrite, Visual Arts Gallery, New York, NY
Space (I believe in), ABC no Rio, New York, NY
Plot, Westside Gallery, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 1998 *Sculpture*, SoFA Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Alumni Invitational, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University,
Allendale, MI
Time Line, Art Complex, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

- 1997 *Alumni Printmakers*, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
- 1995 *BFA Thesis Exhibition*, Calder Gallery, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

curatorial projects

- 2012 SiTE:LAB - 109 1/2 S. Division Ave., Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - Blandford Nature Center, Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - ArtPrize, 54 Jefferson Ave (old Public Museum), Grand Rapids, MI
- 2011 SiTE:LAB - Free Radical, 2 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - ArtPrize, 2 East Fulton, Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - Blandford Nature Center, Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - BFA Exhibition, 2 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI
SiTE:LAB - Praxis, 2 East Fulton Street, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2010 SiTE:LAB - 833 Lake Drive, Grand Rapids, MI
Michigan - Land of Riches, 54 Jefferson Ave (old Public Museum), Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 ActiveSite - ArtSpace, Grand Rapids, MI
ActiveSite - Emerge, Flat Iron Building, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2008 ActiveSite IV, Federal Building, Grand Rapids, MI
ActiveSite @ Kindel Furniture Factory, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2007 ActiveSite @ Clear Water Place, Grand Rapids, MI
ActiveSite @ 70 Ionia, Grand Rapids, MI

awards

- 2011 Outstanding Venue - ArtPrize, Reed Kroloff, juror, Grand Rapids, MI
Strong Voices - Art Honoree, Progressive Women's Alliance, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 Innovation Michigan Finalist - ActiveSite, Business Review, MI
- 2000 Paula Rhodes Scholarship, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 1999 Graduate Fine Arts Award, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 1998 Silas H. Rhodes Merit Scholarship, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 1997 Tanner Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 1994 Branstrom Fine Arts Scholarship, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

lectures/presentations/panels

- 2012 Womens City Club, Grand Rapids, MI
Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2011 Rapid Growth - Not Your Average Speaker Series, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

- 2010 Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, ArtWorks, Grand Rapids, MI
Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
Grand Rapids Public Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 ActiveSite Artspace, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2008 Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2007 Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2006 Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2004 Tokyo National University of Fine Art and Music, Tokyo, Japan
- 2003 School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2002 University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
- 2000 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
- 1999 Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Kenowa Hills High School, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1998 Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

bibliography

- 2012 Higgins, Emma, "Art Brings Crowds Downtown to Art.Downtown",
The Rapidian, April 18
Stoner, Jonathan, "Artist Put Finishing Touches on Art.Downtown",
The Rapidian, April 13
Cracker, Lorilee, "See 300 Artists at 30 Locations in Just a Few Hours
at Art.Downtown", The Grand Rapids Press, April 9
Stukkie, Heidi, "Secret Society Inspires Newest SITE:LAB Event",
The Rapidian, April 10
DeLacy, Josh, "Fill Your Night with Art", Revue, April
Carroll Burdick, Dianne, "Site-ing", On-the-Town, April
LaForge, Chelsea, "Art.Downtown. plans for bigger event",
The Rapidian, February 28

- 2011 Primeau, Marty, "ArtPrize 2011-The Other Winners", Grand Rapids
Magazine, December
Kelly, Brian, Brian Kelley's Top Ten Rapid Growth Images",
Rapid Growth, December 15
Fitzgerald, Linda, "Grand Rapids A&D Donors Provide Support for
Bold New ArtPrize Venue", Emergence, Fall 2011
Becherer, Joseph, "No awards, but here are some other winners of
ArtPrize 2011", The Grand Rapids Press, October 8
Michels, Laura, "ArtPrize 2011 juried award winners: See who won",
The Grand Rapids Press, October 6
Caruth, Nicole, "Eyes on the Prize: Curators Make a Difference",
ArtPrize Blog, October 4

Becherer, Joseph, "ArtPrize is failing to nourish good, worthy art", The Grand Rapids Press, October 3
Thomas, Michelle, GVSU ArtPrize Project: Profile of Alois Kronschlaeger", The Grand Rapids Press, October 3
Pelz, Tori, "How to help the good guys win", The Rapidian, September 28
Naselli, Mara, "Relax: Art Dosen't Think You're Dumb", The Rapidian, September 27
Caruth, Nicole, "Eyes on the Prize: Kickstarting the Way", ArtPrize Blog, September 26
Michels, Laura, "The Fine Art of Plublicity?", The Grand Rapids Press, September, 22
Hill, Jeff, "Opening up the Urban Canvas", Rapid Growth, July 14
Helakoski, Claire, "Sighting at Blandford", On-the-Town, July
Allen, Tommy, "A Little Bit of History Repeating", Rapid Growth, June 9
Allen, Tommy, "Art.Downtown - Walkable. Wonderful. Visually Bright.", Rapid Growth, April 15
"Kendall curates SiTE:LAB - Praxis in GR's vacant JA building April 15", Recoil, April
Recker, Rachael, "100 artists take over former JA building for free SiTE:LAB event", The Grand Rapids Press, April 14
Filter, Andrea, "SiTE:LAB", Revue, April
Carmichael, Grant, "JA Building Re-imagined by SiTE:LAB", blog.thinkXD.com, April 8
Holm, Elisabeth, "Site:lab - Michigan Artists Squat Legally", blog.kickstarter.com, April 6
Higgins, Caroline, "On Site", On-The-Town, April
Chester, Timothy, "The Persistence of Memory: A Meditation on the Absence of Curators in a Museum Exhibition Project", Curator: The Museum Journal, April 1
Allen, Tommy, "AIGA's D/E/C - Talking Design, Making Cool", Rapid Growth, March 24
Recker, Rachael, "SiTE:LAB nabs abandoned JA building for its next mid-April art event", Mlive.com, January 25
2010 Caprara, Laura, "The 2010 GRSD Top 10 of Twenty-Ten Hot Events", Grand Rapids Social Diary, December
Koens, Chris, "Featured Event: Site Lab", Grand Rapids Social Diary, November
Pulsinelli, Olivia, "Art, business communities collaborate on one-night event", Business Review, October 21
Allen, Tommy, "Free Radical Galleries - Set Your Sites on Fresh Art", Rapid Growth, October 14
Cook, Sandra, "One-offs & Soirees in downtown Grand Rapids",

Examiner, October 19
Recker, Rachael, "Installation-based artists show off work at SiTE:LAB event", The Grand Rapids Press, October 17
Schaub, Jenn, "Free Radical Gallery", The Rapidian, September 24
Tennant, Kristin, "Land of Riches", Solace Magazine, Spring & Summer
Bunn, Austin, "Review: Michigan Land of Riches", The Rapidian, May 17
Allen, Tommy, "The Road Traveled", Rapid Growth, April 22
Smith, Susan, "Where I've Been: Michigan Land of Riches exhibit at the old Grand Rapids Public Museum", Mlive.com, April 21
Arnold, Brandy, "'Expect the Unexpected' at Downtown Art Party", GRNow, April 14
Bailey-Boorsma, Joanne, "The Public Museum re-examines its former home in a special exhibit that combines creativity with the past", On-the-Town, April 13
Kimelman, Molly, "Groups collaborate to re-invent collection, old Grand Rapids Public Museum building", The Grand Rapids Press, April 12
Kolakowski, Kelli, "New Art Transforms Old Treasures", Revue, April 12
Mullen, Victoria, "Amenta--Man of Riches", Rapid Growth, April 8
Vinnedge, Gretchen, "Michigan - Land of Riches Sneak Preview", The Rapidian, April 1
Rumsey, Mark, "Land of Riches - Art.Downtown. and Beyond", The Rapidian, March 22
2009 Gryczan, Matthew, "Get Ready for ArtTech", Rapid Growth, December 10
ARTPRIZE 2009: A Hands-on Experience, "Creators of Interactive pieces Welcome Viewers to Have An Artistic Touch", The Grand Rapids Press, September 30
Pulsinelli, Olivia, "Preparing for ArtPrize", Business Review, September 9
Olsen, Cory, "ArtPrize Venues Hear From Police, Fire Officials About Safety Regulations for Event", Grand Rapids Press, September 1
Pulsinelli, Olivia, "Activesite Shakes Things Up", Business Review, July 9
Carmichael, Grant, "Activesite, Demonstrating Sustainability", ThinkXD, May 6
Bailey, Joanne, "art.downtown. downtown art.", On the Town, April
Takemoto, Neil, "Michigan Town's Artist Use Entire City as Canvas", Cool Town Studios, April 28
Pulsinelli, Olivia, "Another Activesite Success", Business Review, April 21
Bailey, Joanne, "Pebble in the Pocket", On the Town, April 20

- Reyna, Liz, "Grand Rapids to Showcase Art.Downtown", Grand Valley
Lanthorn, April 15
- Knape, Chris, "Flat Iron Building in Downtown Grand Rapids to Host
Activesite Event Friday", Grand Rapids Press, April 14
- Allen, Tommy, "Activesite Emerge", Rapid Growth, April 14
- Smith, Danielle, "Activesite Continues to Emerge in West Michigan",
Business Review, April 1
- 2008 Allen, Tommy, "It's Been a Good Year", Rapid Growth, December 18
- Baily, Joanne, "A Happy Ending to the Start of the Season",
On the Town, October 24
- Pulsinelli, Olivia, "Creating Activesites for Collaboration in Grand
Rapids", Business Review Western Michigan, October 9
- Woolfenden, Tricia, "Old Grand Rapids Art Museum Hosts Sculpture
Show", Grand Rapids Press, October 2
- Knape, Chris, "Activating in an Inactive Museum", Grand Rapids
Press, October 1
- De Polo, Steven Geoffrey, "Living the Downtown Life" Revue, October
- Wozniak, Curt, "Different Kinds of Canvas", Rapid Growth,
September 25
- Weiner, Emily, "The Fine Art of Teaching Art", Visual Arts Journal,
Fall 2008
- Patton, Pamela, "ACTIVESITE @ Clear Water Place", Portfolio,
Winter 2008
- 2005 Takami, Akihiko, "Neighboring School Rooms", Voices of Site
catalogue, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music, 2005
- 2004 Finel Honigman, Ana, "New York Horticulture", Artnet Magazine,
April 23 2002
- Johnson, Ken, The New York Times, September 20
- Worth, Alexi, The New Yorker, September 30
- 2001 Smith, Roberta, "As Chelsea Expands, A Host of Visions Rush in", The
New York Times, June 1
- 2000 Agro, Umbretta, "Emerging Artist; The Curator's Picks", Art Tribune,
January 1999
- Artists' Album, NY Arts Magazine, July/August
- Dietsch, Scott, "Best and Brightest", Villager, December 22

collections

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI

teaching

2007- Adjunct Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design,
Grand Rapids, MI
Courses: Sculpture I, 3-D Design, Model Making II, Site Lab,
Collaborative Studies

- 2007-09 Adjunct Professor, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Course: Sculpture, Installation & New Media Art
- 2007-08 Adjunct Professor, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Courses: 3-D Design
- 2006-07 Assistant Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design,
Grand Rapids, MI
Courses: Sculpture I, Sculpture II and 3-D Design
- 2002-05 Adjunct Professor, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Course: Sculpture, Installation & New Media Art

professional

- 2010- Curator + Co-founder, SiTE:LAB, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2007-09 Creative Director + Founder, ActiveSite, Grand Rapids, MI
Visual Arts Committee, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts,
Grand Rapids, MI
- 2004 Artist's Assistant, Ursula von Rydingsvard, sculptor, New York, NY
- 2000-02 Assistant to the Chair, MFA Fine Arts Department, School of
Visual Arts, NYC
- 1999-04 Artist's Assistant, David Row, painter, New York, NY
- 1999 Preparator, Art in General, New York, NY
- 1998 Artist's Assistant, Elona Van Gent, sculptor, Grand Rapids, MI
Artist's Assistant, Yolande McKay, sculptor/installation artist,
Bloomington, IN
- 1996-97 Artist's Assistant, Beliz Brother, installation artist, Seattle, WA
- 1995 Artist's Assistant, Elona Van Gent, sculptor, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1993 Artist's Assistant, Beliz Brother, installation artist, Seattle, WA
Artist's Assistant, Cliff Goodman, glass artist, Seattle,
- 1990-01 Artist's Assistant, James Clover, sculptor, Grand Rapids, MI