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## EDUCATION

**MFA** Sculpture, May 2002

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

**MA** Sculpture, May 2000

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa

**BA** Fine Art, Cum Laude, May 1992

Augustana College, Rock Island, IL

## ACADEMICS

Associate Professor of Art, Whitman College, 2013-present

Assistant Professor of Art, Whitman College, 2007-2012

Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Millsaps College, 2005-7

Adjunct Assistant Professor, The University of Iowa, Spring 2002

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Grinnell College, Spring 2001

## AWARDS AND RESIDENCIES

Monothon, Crow's Shadow Institute of the Arts, 2019

Signal Fire, 2017

Djerassi, 2017

The Arctic Circle, 2017

Anderson Ranch, Visiting Artist, 2014

VCCA Moulin A Nef, Auvillar, France, 2012

Whitman College Perry Grant, 2012

Playa Artist Residency, 2012

Brush Creek Foundation Artist Residency, 2012

Artist Trust GAP Grant, 2010

Ragdale Foundation Artist Residency, 2010

Virginia Center for the Creative Arts Residency, 2010

Whitman College Abshire Grant, Whitman College, 2009

Mississippi Arts Commission Fellowship, 2006

Millsaps College Faculty Development Grant, 2006

Millsaps College Faculty Travel Award, 2005, 2006

Prairie Center of the Arts, Artist Residency, Peoria, IL, 2006

KHN Center for the Arts, Artist Residency, Nebraska City, NE, 2005  
Jentel Foundation, Artist Residency, Banner, WY, 2005  
International Sculpture Center Outstanding Student Award in  
Contemporary Sculpture, 2000  
Paula Patton Grahme Scholarship, 1998, 1999, 2000  
Len Everett Scholarship 1999, 2000

## **SOLO EXHIBITIONS + PROJECTS**

### **2020**

*Torso*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR.

### **2019**

*polyglot plume*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR.

### **2018**

*CLOUD*, Penrose Library, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

### **2014**

*the immiscible edges*, White Box, Portland, OR.

### **2012**

*Surrogate*, Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA.

*Surrogate*, Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA.

### **2009**

*A Topology of Thinking*, The Pendleton Center for the Arts,  
Pendleton, OR.

### **2008**

*Corpus*, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

### **2007**

*Mind's Meander* – The Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI.

### **2006**

*Wounded*- University of Memphis ArtLab, Memphis, TN.

*Fragile World*, Kimmel Harding Nelson Center for the Arts Satellite Space, Nebraska  
City, NE.

### **2005**

*Making the Mountain*, CSPS, Cedar Rapids, IA.

### **2002**

*Butch*, Ruby's Pearl, Iowa City, IA.

### **2001**

*Michelle Acuff - Recent Sculpture*, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, Cedar Rapids, IA.

*The Locus of a Disassociated Self*, Eve Drewlowe Gallery, The University of IA.

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2022** (scheduled)

*Bewildered*, Nightengale Gallery, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, OR

*Bewildered*, The Dalles Art Center, The Dalles, OR

*Bewildered*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR

**2021**

*Second Date*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR

**2020**

*Low Boil!*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR.

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**2019**

*IF/THEN*, Tropical Contemporary, Eugene, OR.

*Alumni Invitational Exhibition*, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL.

*Arctic Lament* (two-person exhibition), CAVE Gallery, Vancouver, WA.

**2018**

*First Date*, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR.

*Freeze-thaw*, 3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH.

*Close In: 1st Northwest Juried Landscape Exhibition*, Jundt Museum, Spokane, WA.

*Studio Art Faculty Exhibition*, Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

*White Out*, Montez Press.

Now You Don't: Photography and Extinction, *In the In-Between*, *Journal of New and New Media Photography* <https://www.inthein-between.com/now-you-dont-photography-and-extinction/>

**2015**

*Of Silence*, Tilt Export@Outpost Projects, Yucca Valley, CA.

**2014**

*Mutations of Otherness*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL, juried by Shoshanna Weinberger. *Post-Rural*, *Sheehan Gallery*, *Whitman College*, *Walla Walla, WA*.

**2013**

*10x10x10'*, Mighty Tieton, Tieton, WA, juried by Linda Tesner, Director of the Hoffman Gallery, Lewis & Clark College and Justin Gibbens, co-Founder PUNCH Gallery.

**2012**

*Somewhere Else – Artprize 2012*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI.

*Consumer Culture*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL, juried by M.E. Ware, Associate Professor of Sculpture, Central Michigan University.

*Mudiliscious*, New Jersey Arts Incubator, West Orange, NJ.

**2011**

*10x10x10*, Mighty Tieton, Tieton, WA, juried by Bonnie Laing-Malcolmson, Arlene and Harold Schnitzer Curator of Northwest Art at the Portland Art Museum; René Barilleaux,

Chief Curator at McNay Art Museum, San Antonio; Stephen Lyons, Director of Platform Gallery.

*Green*, Attleboro Museum of Art, Attleboro, MA, (juror's award recipient) juried by Kate McNamara, Director and Chief Curator, Boston University Art Gallery.

*9th Annual Biennial*, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY, juried by Alexandra Schwartz, MoMA; Montclair Art Museum.

*Intimacy*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL, juried by Andrea Green, Director of the Visiting Artists Program at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

*Surrogate*, New and Returning Faculty Exhibition, Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

*12x12x12*, Todd Gallery, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, juried by Hamlett Dobbins.

*Beacons*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI.

*Small Sculpture Exhibition*, Andrews Gallery, The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, curated by Elizabeth Mead.

## **2010**

*Marlboro Gallery National Juried Sculpture Exhibition*, Prince George's Community College, Largo, MD, juror: Molly Donovan, Associate Curator for Modern and Contemporary Art, National Gallery of Art.

*Seeing Double*, Attleboro Arts Museum, Attleboro, MA, juror: Kristina Durocher, Curator of Collections, Fitchburg Art Museum.

*Artscapes*, Tacoma Arts Commission, Tacoma, WA

*Yesterday: Today: Tomorrow*, The Q Center, Portland, OR.

## **2009**

Seattle CoCA, *Across the Divide*, Belltown multimedia space and Ballard space, Seattle, WA.

*Faculty Exhibition*, Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

*Gertrude Press Group Exhibition*, Portland, OR.

## **2008**

*Objects of Desire*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL.

## **2007**

*New Faculty Exhibition - Introductions* – Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA.

*Faculty Exhibition* – Millsaps College Lewis Art Gallery, Jackson, MS.

## **2006**

*Bi-State Annual Art Competition*, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS.

*33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA.

*Faculty Exhibition* - Millsaps College Lewis Art Gallery, Jackson, MS.

## **2000**

*Fall/Winter 2000/2001 Exhibition*, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ.

*50<sup>th</sup> Annual Quad State Juried Art Exhibition*, Quincy Art Center, Quincy, IL.

## **1999**

*Five Star Art*, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, IA.

*Corporal Evidence*, Arts Iowa City, Iowa City, IA.

*Twenty Third Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition*, Centennial Hall Gallery, Rock Island, IL.

## **1998**

*Home*, Reservoir Space, The University of Iowa, IA.

*Handmade Books*, Checkered Space, The University of Iowa, IA.

## **1995**

*Gelatina*, Fundacion Paul Rivet, Cuenca, Ecuador.

## **1994**

*Experiencias de Vida y Muerte*, Museo del Banco Central, Cuenca, Ecuador.

## **1992**

*Women Do Women*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL.

*Lesbian Art Movement*, Liz Long Gallery, Chicago, IL.

*Rock Island Fine Art Exhibition*, Centennial Hall Gallery, Rock Island, IL.

## **1991**

*Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition*, Centennial Hall Gallery, Rock Island, IL.

*Quad City Regional Art Showcase*, Davenport Museum of Art, Davenport, IA.

## **1990**

*What's New in Art?* Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, IL.

*Visual Aids*, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA.

## **INTERVIEWS AND ARTIST LECTURES**

Art & About: <https://artandaboutpdx.com/blog/the-spaces-between-objects-and-images-a-conversation-with-m-acuff>

Whitman Wire: <https://whitmanwire.com/arts/2017/11/09/cloud-sculpture-installation-in-library/>

University of Oregon, Eugene, OR 2021

Portland State University, Portland, OR 2020

CAVE Gallery, Vancouver, WA 2019

Penrose Library, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA 2018

Walla Walla Public Library, Walla Walla, WA 2012

Bellevue College, Bellevue, WA 2012

Sheehan Gallery, Whitman College, Walla Walla, WA 2012

Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, PA 2012

The College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA 2010

Millsaps College, Jackson, MS 2007

Jentel Presents, Banner, WY 2005

Denison University, Granville, OH 2004

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 2002

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA 2002