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**Education**

- 2021 **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)**, Providence, RI  
MFA in Ceramics  
Certificate in Collegiate Teaching
- 2014 **University of Massachusetts Dartmouth**, North Dartmouth, MA  
BFA summa cum laude in Illustration  
BFA summa cum laude in Painting
- Manchester Community College**, Manchester, CT
- 2015-19 Ceramics Courses  
2012 AA cum laude in Fine Arts  
AA cum laude in General Studies

**Awards**

- 2021 **Third Place Award for Graduate Student Excellence**,  
NCECA Juried Student Exhibition, DAAP Reed Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2019-21 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship**, Graduate Fellowships, RISD
- 2019 **MCC Foundation Purchase Award**, Manchester Community College, CT
- 2017 **Linda Percoski Memorial Award**, Piedmont Art Show, Somers, CT
- 2016 **MCC Foundation Purchase Award**, Manchester Community College, CT  
**Best In Show: Bill & Phyllis Baltaks Memorial Award**,  
Vernon Community Art Center, Vernon, CT
- 2015 **Grand Prize, Magic & Mischief Illustration Contest**, Anime Boston, Boston, MA
- 2014 **Third Place**, MCC Community College Art Show
- 2012 **Award for Student Excellence**, Manchester Community College
- 2011 **Daddy Grasso Award**, MCC Community College Art Show  
**Honorable Mention**, MCC Community College Art Show

**Selected Art Shows & Exhibitions**

- 2021 **RISD Graduate Exhibition**, Providence, RI  
**National Council for the Education on Ceramic Arts (NCECA) Juried  
Emerging Student Artist Show**, DAAP Galleries, Cincinnati, OH  
**Feminized** Gelman Gallery, Providence, RI  
**Memories and How We Hold Them** Gelman Gallery, Providence, RI  
**Small Favors**, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, PA  
**Five Points Gallery 2021 Juried Exhibition**,

- 2020 Five Points Gallery Annex, Torrington, CT  
**RISD Ceramic Triennial**, Woods-Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI
- 2019 **Small Works**, Five Points Gallery Annex, Torrington, CT
- 2018 **Focus Under Forty**, Rowayton Arts Center, Rowayton, CT  
**Spectrum**, Carriage Barn Arts Center, New Canaan, CT  
**10th Annual Hall of Fame**, MCC Foundation, Bolton, CT  
**Affordable Art Upward Hartford**, Hartford, CT  
**222**, Dehn Gallery, Manchester, CT  
**The Gallery Management Class Presents**, Loop Gallery, Manchester, CT  
**Hartford Art Space**, OSH Group Show, Hartford, CT
- 2017 **Piedmont Art Show**, Somers Cultural Commission, Somers, CT  
**MCC Alumni Show**, MCC on Main, Manchester, CT
- 2016 **Piedmont Art Show**, Somers Cultural Commission, Somers, CT  
**Tattoos in Modern Art**, Vernon Community Arts Center, Vernon, CT
- 2015 **On Paper**, Vernon Community Arts Center, Vernon, CT
- 2014 **ArtWorks! Senior Painting Thesis Show**, New Bedford, MA  
**Senior Illustration Show**, CVPA Gallery, North Dartmouth, MA  
**“Magic and Mischief” Art Contest**, Anime Boston

## Experience

- 2020-21 **Instructor of Record**  
*Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI*  
Courses Taught: Form and Surface 2020 and 2021.
- Wintersession 2021 was a fully remote 6 week, 3 credit course that took place over Zoom & Canvas, using alternative materials to investigate the making practices of the ceramic art form.
  - Designed and co-taught intensive 6 week, 3 credit course with fellow grad student over the 200 semester. Students included undergrad and grad students from non-ceramics departments at RISD and Brown University students.
- 2019-21 **Teaching Assistant**  
**Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI**  
Object As Idea, Fall 2019, Figure Sculpting, Spring 2020, and Topics in Material Science Fall 2020, Pottery 01 Spring 2021  
Assisted creating clay & glaze, helped critique individually and in groups.
- 2016-19 **Kiln & Studio Technician**  
*Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT*  
Maintained and monitored studio space, processed student work for community college & summer program, general studio assisting.

2018

**Gallery Assistant**

*Dehn Gallery at Workspace!, Manchester, CT*

Part of a course on Gallery Management at Manchester Community College. Assisted with conceiving show, jurying, curating, and creating print media.

2013-14

**Curatorial Intern**

*New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, New Bedford, MA*

Created print media, such as the annual appeal and ads for exhibitions, helped design the new logo, and assisted in curating an interactive exhibit for children.

2011-Current **Matt Becker Art**

Self-employed small business & design studio for selling illustration, ceramics, and other media which has exhibited at over 50 events (i.e. The Mystic Art Fair 2018 & 19, Roseland Cottage Art Fair 2019, Flamecon 2016, 17 & 19, and Connecticon 2011, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, & 19) Extensive knowledge of Adobe Suite, coordinated and produced merchandise, and dealt with sales & use tax IDs.

## References

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