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#### EDUCATION

2008 MFA, with emphasis in Drawing, Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI

2007 Ox-Bow School of Art and Artist's Residency, Saugatuck, MI

2003 BA, Studio Art, with emphasis in Painting, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA  
Graduated Summa cum laude

1998 Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN

1997 Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2009 Giving Presence, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Byrneboehm Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

2007 A Little Surprise, Fwd Space, Grand Rapids, MI

2006 Muskegon Museum of Art Contemporary Art Showcase, Muskegon  
Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI

2004 WYSIWYG, Division Avenue Arts Council

2003 The Crochet Series, Foyer Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2009 Little Hang Ups (upcoming), Byrneboehm Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

Put On Show Off, Byrneboehm Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, Curator: Kevin Boehm

NEXT Art Fair 2009: The Invitational Exhibition of Emerging Art  
(held in conjunction with Artropolis), Chicago, IL

Live Coverage 2009, Live Group Exhibition/ Auction, Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts,  
Grand Rapids, MI

Fresh Start 2009, Santa Monica, CA, Guest Curator: Seonna Hong

2008 I Know What You Did Last Summer: Harold Arts Residency Show, The Co-Prosperity Sphere,  
Chicago, IL

You Rule Me: A Show of Power, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL, Curator: Brieanne Hauger

Grand Opening Exhibition, Pleasant View Art Gallery, Lincoln NE, Curator: Joanne Kaylor

Live Coverage, Live Group Exhibition/ Auction, Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts,  
Grand Rapids, MI

2007 Getting Closer, Two-person Exhibition with Michele Bosak, Byrneboehm Gallery,  
Grand Rapids, MI, Curator: Kevin Boehm

A Common Line, Gallery 214, Dekalb, IL, Curator: Michele Bosak

Odd Couplings, Group Invitational, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI

2006 The Telephone Show, Group Collaboration, Byrneboehm Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

Fun PIGS on Parade, Kendall College Graduate Student Exhibition, Free Radical Gallery,  
Grand Rapids, MI

Threads, Free Radical Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI, Curator: Allison Jones

Live Coverage, Live Group Exhibition/ Auction, Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts,  
Grand Rapids, MI

2005 Art Battle V, Live Group Exhibition, Urban Institute of Contemporary Arts,  
Grand Rapids, MI

Countdown to Ecstasy, Thirdstone Gallery, Saugatuck, MI

2004 The Holiday Show 2004, Gallery Arcadia, Grand Rapids, MI

280 Studios Artist Battle IV, Live Group Exhibition, Urban Institute of Contemporary Art,  
Grand Rapids, MI

On the Verge, Three person Exhibition, Gallery Arcadia, Grand Rapids, MI

Dia De Los Muertos, Free Radical Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

2003 280 Studios Art Battle II, Live Group Exhibition, 280 Studios, Grand Rapids, MI

Regional Invitational Exhibition, First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA

Senior Exhibition, Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University,  
Arcata, CA

#### SELECTED JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2008 The 80th Regional Exhibition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI  
Curator: Joe Bova, Professor, Louisiana State University, Ohio University School of Art

2007 Drawing No Conclusions, Urban Institute of  
Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI, Curator: Dominic Molon

The 79h Regional Exhibition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI

2006 The 78th Regional Exhibition, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI  
Curator: Art Martin, Registrar, Muskegon Museum of Art

2005 Submission, Fuse Gallery, New York, NY, Curators: editor of Juxtapoz Magazine

Festival 2005 Regional Arts Competition, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI

The West Michigan Regional Competition, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI

2003 Annual Juried Exhibition, Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

2002 Annual Juried Exhibition, Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

2002 Annual Junk Art Exhibition, Morris Graves Museum, Eureka, CA

#### AWARDS AND GRANTS

2007 West Michigan Scholarship, Ox-Bow School of Art and Artist's Residency

2006 Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University Scholarship of Merit

2005 First Place, Art Battle V, Urban Institute of Contemporary Art

Honorable Mention, West Michigan Regional Competition

2004 Second Place, 280 Studios Art Battle

2003 First Place, 280 Studios Art Battle

205 Painting Award, Humboldt State University

2002 Berry Painting Award, Humboldt State University

#### GALLERY REPRESENTATION

2003-Present Byrneboehm Gallery  
959 Lake Dr SE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

2005-Present Thirdstone Gallery and Art Works  
120 East Main St  
Fennville, MI 49408

#### BIBLIOGRAPHY

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March 31, 2009, Section B, page 5

Zevitas, Steven T., and Andrew Katz, Studio Visit, Volume Four, The Open Studios Press, 2008, pages 6-7

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Take Five, Television Interview with Reporter Stephanie Webb, WZZM Channel 13,  
Grand Rapids, MI January 12, 2008

On-The-Town, The Arts and Entertainment Magazine of West Michigan,  
Cover Page Reproduction, Joel Holland, November 2007

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On-The-Town, The Arts and Entertainment Magazine of West Michigan, Joel Holland,  
June 2006, page 42

Grand Rapids Magazine, Grand Rapids, Curt Wozniak, June 2006, page 54

The Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids, Gail Philbin, May 14, 2006, Section C, page 4

The Kendal Portfolio, Biannual Newsletter, Grand Rapids, Pamela Patton, Spring 2006, page 16

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April 2006, page 8

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Cover Page Reproduction, Joel Holland, January 2005

The CNA News, Tommy Allen, Volume 26, Issue No. 1, page 9

On-The-Town, The Arts and Entertainment Magazine of West Michigan, Joel Holland,  
October 2004, page 42

The Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids Press, Grand Rapids, image reproduction, October 10, 2004,  
Section E, page 4

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Gallery Director, Byrneboehm Gallery, 2008-Present  
Freelance Artist/ Designer, Solace Magazine  
Mentor Artist, UICA Artworks Program, Summer 2008, 2009  
Co-Founder/ Co-Owner/ Designer Heebeeegeebee LLC, 2003-2008  
Co-Founder/ Co-Owner/ Designer Ruby Clothing Company, 2003-2008  
Gallery Assistant, Kendall Gallery, Kendall College of Art and Design, 2006-2008  
Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kendall College of Art and Design, 2006-2008  
Instructor, Kendall College of Art and Design Continuing Studies Program, 2006  
Freelance Artist, Painter of Interiors, Signs and Original Fine Art Commissions

#### LECTURES/ GUEST SPEAKER

2009 Nosh Night Slide Lecture, UICA, Grand Rapids, MI

Slide Lecture, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Guest Presenter, UICA Arts and Communications Career Expo 2009

Guest Lecturer, Kendall College of Art and Design, Fine Arts Career Day,  
hosted by Deborah Rockman

2008 Guest Critic, Kendall College of Art and Design, Drawing IV/IV, taught by Patricia Constantine

UICA Ladies Luncheon For the Arts, Guest speaker on behalf of UICA's ArtWorks program

#### CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2006 The Telephone Show, Group Collaboration, Byrneboehm Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

#### COLLECTIONS

Kevin Nealon, Actor/ Comedian  
Deborah Rockman, Professor, Author, Kendall College of Art and Design,  
Mariel Versluis, Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design  
Kevin Boehm, Gallery Owner, Byrneboehm Gallery  
Mandy Burrow, Professor, Calvin College  
Sheryl Budnik, Grand Rapids Yester  
Bill and Susan Lewis, Owners, Yesterdog Restaurant  
Ellie Frey, Realtor,  
Nancy Oakes-Hall, Adjunct Professor, Kendall College of Art and Design  
Art Martin, Registrar, Muskegon Museum of Art  
Marianne and Brett Menger  
and others