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**Past President:** College Art Association (2002-4)

**Professional Experience:** Professor of Art, *Emeritus*, Vanderbilt University, August 2016, Retired  
Professor of Fine Arts, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2000 – present  
Associate Professor of Fine Arts, Vanderbilt University, Spring 1991- Spring 2000  
Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, Vanderbilt University, Fall 1986 – Spring 1991  
Assistant Professor of Art, Eastern Illinois University, Fall 1984 – Summer 1986  
Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Hamilton College, Fall 1983 – Spring 1984  
Teaching Assistant, Southern Methodist University, Fall 1981 – Spring 1983  
Instructor, Art History, Continuing Ed., Univ. of Kansas, Fall 1978 – Summer 1981

**Academic Degrees:** M.F.A., Sculpture, Southern Methodist University, 1983  
B.F.A., Studio Art, University of Kansas, 1981  
M.A., History of Art, University of Kansas, 1979  
B.S.J., Journalism, University of Kansas, William Allen White School of Journalism  
and Public Information, 1976  
B.A., Biology, University of Kansas, 1974

**Grants:** Tennessee Arts Commission Professional Development Grant, 2014-15  
Barbara Ritzman Devereux Artist Grant, University of North Florida, 2013  
Faculty Development Grant / Research Scholar Grant, Vanderbilt U., 2012  
Joan S. Beren Foundation Grant, Wichita Art Museum Exhibition, Wichita, KS, 2010  
University Central Research Scholar Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2008  
University Central Faculty Development Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2008  
University Central Research Scholar Summer Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2007  
Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA, Exhibition Grant, 2005  
Tennessee Arts Commission: Arts in Education Grant, 2003 (with Vanderbilt Univ.)  
Puffin Foundation Grant, 2002  
Professional Development Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2002  
University Central Research Scholar Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 2002  
University Central Faculty Development Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2002  
University Central Research Scholar Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2001  
University Research Council Grants, Vanderbilt University, 1997, 1990, 1989, 1988  
Small Grant Awards, Vanderbilt U., 1999, 1997, 1996, 1994, 1992, 1991, 1989, 1988  
National Endowment for the Arts - Visual Arts Public Projects Grant, 1993  
Art Matters Inc. Fellowships, 1992, 1989  
Tennessee Arts Commission / Knestrick Visual Arts Fellowship, 1990  
National Endowment for the Arts/Southern Arts Federation Fellowship, 1987  
Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Illinois University, 1985  
Faculty Development Grant, Eastern Illinois University, 1985

**Awards & Honors:** Southeastern College Art Conf.: President's Award for Exemplary Achievement, 2015  
Southeastern College Art Conference Award for Outstanding Exhibition  
and Catalogue of Contemporary Materials, 2011  
Frist Center for the Visual Arts Exhibition Award, Nashville, TN, 2001  
Alumni Outstanding Freshman Adviser Award, Vanderbilt University, 1997  
National Endowment for the Arts Visual Arts Fellowship Archive, National Museum  
of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, 1996  
Southeastern College Art Conf. Award for Outstanding Artistic Achievement, 1995  
Nominee, AVA Award (Award in the Visual Arts, NEA/SECCA), 1989  
Faculty Excellence Award for Research and Creativity, Eastern Illinois Univ., 1986  
Algur H. Meadows Fellowship for Artistic Achievement, Southern Methodist Univ.,  
1981-1983  
University of Kansas Scholarship for the Creative and Performing Arts, 1980  
Luella F. Stewart Scholarship, University of Kansas, 1980

**Selected Solo Exhibitions**

- 2018 University of North Carolina - Wilmington
- 2016 Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2015 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL
- 2014 Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, TN
- 2013 Museum of Contemporary Art at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL  
University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL  
Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, FL
- 2012 Samford University, Birmingham, AL
- 2011 Troy University, Troy, AL  
Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, KS  
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL
- 2010 Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, KS  
California State University at Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA
- 2009 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 2008 Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN
- 2007 Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE
- 2006 University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS  
University of Illinois - Springfield, Springfield, IL
- 2005 Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA  
LaGrange College, LaGrange, GA
- 2004 University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2003 Spartanburg Museum of Art, Spartanburg, SC  
Belmont University, Nashville, TN
- 2002 Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA  
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL
- 2001 Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN  
Murray State University, Murray, KY  
Association for Visual Artists, Chattanooga, TN
- 2000 Radford University Museum, Radford, VA  
Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA
- 1999 Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA  
Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN
- 1998 Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS  
University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, IA
- 1997 University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN  
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
- 1996 North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND  
Acme Art Co., Columbus, OH
- 1995 ARC/Raw Space, Chicago, IL  
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- 1994 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
University of Arkansas - Little Rock, Little Rock, AR
- 1993 Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 1992 Winthrop College, Rock Hill, SC  
University of Alabama, Huntsville, AL
- 1991 Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, New York, NY  
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
Furman University, Greenville, SC
- 1990 East Carolina University, Greenville, NC  
Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX
- 1989 Macon Museum of Arts and Science, Macon, GA  
University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS  
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR
- 1988 Tennessee Arts Commission Gallery, Nashville, TN  
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN  
Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

- 1987 Artemisia Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Berry College, Mt. Berry, GA
- 1986 University of Dayton, Dayton, OH  
Loyola University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2017 Inferno Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2015 Curb Center at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2014 High Point University, High Point, NC
- 2013 Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science, Evansville, IN  
University of North Carolina – Wilmington, Wilmington, NC  
Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
Trestle Gallery, Brooklyn Art Space, Brooklyn, NY
- 2012 Southeastern College Art Conference, Durham, NC  
Nexus 2012, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN  
Morrison Sculpture Biennial, Hammond, LA
- 2011 Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN
- 2010 Mt. St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA  
1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2009 Space 301, Centre for the Living Arts, Mobile, AL
- 2008 Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 2007 East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
- 2006 Three Rivers Art Festival, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2005 Atlanta Center for Contemporary Art, Atlanta, GA  
Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA  
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- 2004 City of Charleston Gallery, Charleston, SC
- 2003 Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
- 2002 Gulf Coast Exploreum, AL
- 2001 Vanderbilt University Fine Arts, Nashville, TN  
South Carolina State Museum, Columbia, SC
- 2000 Wustum Museum of Art, Racine, WI  
Meadows Museum of Art, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
- 1999 Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA
- 1998 Denison University, Granville, OH
- 1996 University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 1995 Cheekwood Museum of Art, Nashville, TN
- 1994 Miller Pavilion, Chattanooga, TN
- 1993 Tennessee State Museum, Nashville, TN  
NEA - Public Art Grant, Memphis, TN
- 1992 Heckscher Museum, Huntington, NY  
University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 1991 Tennessee Arts Commission, Nashville, TN  
Memphis State University, Memphis, TN
- 1990 Memphis Center for Contemporary Art, Memphis, TN
- 1989 Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
Nexus Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA
- 1988 Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, GA  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 1987 Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL  
Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL
- 1986 Century Center, South Bend, IN  
ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1985 Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX  
New Mexico Museum of Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM
- 1984 Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA  
ArtPark, Lewiston, NY
- 1983 Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY

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- World Sculpture News, Winter, 2016, Volume 22, No.1, pp.55-56, review by D. Joiner.
- SECAC Art Inquiries, XVII, No.1, 2016, pp. 81-84, “The Last Laugh: Selections from Aurbach’s Secrecy Series,” review by Dorothy Joiner.
- Nashville Arts Magazine, February 2016, pps. 70-71, “The Last Laugh: Selections from the Artist’s *Secrecy* Series, review by Jesse Mathison.
- World Sculpture News, Summer 2012, Vol. 18, No. 3, pp. 5, 36-42, featured American artist, cover story by Dorothy Joiner.
- Chronicle of Higher Education, August 22, 2011, “Art & Academe: Artist M.F.A.’s Find Teaching Jobs in New Venues, article by Daniel Grant.
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- World Sculpture News, Autumn 2009, Vol. 15, No. 4, pp. 94-95, review by D. Joiner
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- Sculpture, September, 2005, Vol. 24, No. 7, pp. 69-70, “The Burial,” review by Dorothy Joiner.
- Art Papers, July/August, 2005, Vol. 29, No. 4, pp. 39-40, “Reviews,” review by Phil Oppenheim.
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### **Selected Guest Lectures, Presentations, Critiques**

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| New York University, New York, NY                   | Northwestern University, Evanston, IL          |
| Brown University, Providence, RI                    | Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN          |
| J. Paul Getty Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA        | University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA              |
| Princeton University, Princeton, NJ                 | University of Washington, Seattle, WA          |
| Cornell University, Ithaca, NY                      | University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA |
| School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL | University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA    |
| Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI       | University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE            |
| Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA               | University of Delaware, Newark, DE             |
| Parsons School of Design, New York, NY              | University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill     |
| Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY                       | University of Texas, Austin, TX                |
| Hunter College, New York, NY                        | University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN       |
| CUNY - City College, New York, NY                   | University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ              |
| University of California - Los Angeles              | University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS             |
| Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, CA            | University of North Texas, Denton, TX          |
| Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA    | University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN         |
| Duke University, Durham, NC                         | University of California - San Diego           |
| Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO          | University of Georgia, Athens, GA              |
| University of California - Berkeley                 | University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK             |

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
 Atlanta College of Art, Atlanta, GA  
 Nasher Sculpture Center, Dallas, TX  
 Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN  
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
 Denison University, Granville, OH  
 Tulane University, New Orleans, LA  
 Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Minneapolis, MN  
 Herron School of Art, Indianapolis, IN  
 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV  
 Carleton College, Northfield, MN  
 Furman University, Greenville, SC  
 Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL  
 University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
 Davidson University, Davidson, NC  
 Emory University, Atlanta, GA  
 Spelman College, Atlanta, GA  
 George Mason University, Fairfax, VA  
 Colgate University, Hamilton, NY  
 Alexandria Museum of Art, Alexandria, LA  
 Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN  
 Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta, GA  
 Delaware Ctr. for the Contemp. Arts, Wilmington, DE  
 University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND  
 Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA  
 Haverford College, Haverford, PA  
 Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX  
 Winterthur Art Museum, Winterthur, DE  
 Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, KS  
 Hunter Museum of American Art, Chattanooga, TN  
 University of Richmond, Richmond, VA  
 Marietta College, Marietta, OH  
 Museum of Contemporary Art of Jacksonville, FL  
 Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC  
 University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
 Tennessee Tech University, Cookeville, TN  
 California State Univ. – Channel Islands, Camarillo  
 Clemson University, Clemson, SC  
 University of Memphis, Memphis, TN  
 Sterling College, Sterling, KS  
 McPherson College, McPherson, KS  
 Wichita State University, Wichita, KS  
 Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ  
 University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN  
 Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA  
 University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
 Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Richmond, VA  
 University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
 Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
 Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA  
 Auburn University, Auburn, AL  
 Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN  
 University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS  
 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL  
 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL  
 Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, IL  
 Loyola University, New Orleans, LA  
 Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA  
 East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN  
 Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL  
 Belmont University, Nashville, TN  
 University of Illinois-Springfield, Springfield, IL  
 Marshall University, Huntington, WV  
 Birmingham Southern University, Birmingham, AL  
 Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX  
 Chicago Artists' Coalition, Chicago, IL  
 Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA  
 Agnes Scott College, Decatur, GA (Atlanta)  
 University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK  
 State University of New York – Stony Brook  
 Webster University, St. Louis, MO  
 Meredith College, Raleigh, NC  
 University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL  
 High Point University, High Point, NC  
 New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL  
 University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL  
 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville  
 Washburn University, Topeka, KS  
 University of North Carolina – Wilmington  
 Bethany College, Lindsborg, KS  
 Bethel College, Newton, KS

**Collections**

National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN  
 University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND  
 Loyola University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA  
 Various private collections

**Professional Service (selected)**

College Art Association, Board Member, 1999-2005

- President, 2002-2004
- Vice-President for Committees, 2000-2002 (two terms)
- Vice-President for External Affairs, 1999-2000 (one term)
- Member, Presidents Circle, 2020
- Juror, Professional Development Grants, 2011-2014
- Member, Copyright Project, 2013
- Chair, Nominating Committee, 2000-2002
- Chair/Coordinator, Career Development Workshop, 1997- 2003
- Executive Committee, 1999-2005
- Finance Committee, 1999-2004
- Strategic Planning Working Group, 2003-2005
- Chair, Distinguished Teaching of Art Award, 2006-2008
- Conference Program Committee, 1998-2002
- Mentor, Career Development Workshop, 1997- present

Southeastern College Art Conference, Board Member, two terms, 1998-2001, 2001-2004

- Conference Coordinator, Nashville conference (with Mid-America College Art Association), 2006

Mid-America College Art Association, Board Member, 2004-2008

Tennessee Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Board Member, 2006-2008 (Charter Member)

Number, Inc. (magazine), Board Member, 2009 - 2010

Nominator, Heinz Awards, 2002, 2003

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*Marquis Who's Who in American Education*

*Marquis Who's Who in the South and Southwest*

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