

Education

Master of Fine Arts , Interdisciplinary Arts	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Master of Science , Education	California State University, East Bay (Hayward)
Bachelor of Fine Arts , Painting	Boston University

Teaching Experience

2015 - Current

Educator, Teen Leadership Programs, *Milwaukee Art Museum*, Milwaukee, WI

- Creation, management and teaching of new curriculum for *Satellite Teen Program*:
 - Developed and taught unit on curating interactive tours
 - Delivered teacher-training unit for elementary school and high school levels
 - Partnered with local artists & musicians for interdisciplinary programs including drawing, writing/poetry, photography, music and movement
 - Created and directed teen-narrated video-documentaries of *Satellite Programs*
 - Trained and supervised UWM undergraduate Teaching Assistants, and innovated leadership development opportunities for teen alumni
 - Created and directed innovative showcases of teen photography, poetry performances and improvised live music
- Development, management and launch of *Teen Advisory Council (TAC)*
 - Facilitated TAC creation of multimedia newsletter, *MAM's the Word*, including journalism, art, poetry, video and podcasts
 - Created and supervised role of *In-classroom Mentor* for a UWM Film Department undergraduate to assist in video and podcast production
 - Taught a unit on design & installation, in preparation for city-wide teen art exhibition
 - Instituted the first-ever Teen Winter Gala serving all greater Milwaukee area teens
- Restructured, coordinated and taught *Teen ArtXpress Summer Program*
 - Partnered with *RedLine Milwaukee* printshop, supervised volunteer artists teaching printmaking strategies for public mural
 - Facilitated social justice discussion with teens for mural to be displayed on city bus
 - Taught unit on resume writing, college grants and applications
 - Instituted annual panel of diverse artists to speak about identity & public art
 - Handled digitalization and post-production of mural image for MCTS Bus and Museum marketing materials, hard-copy and social media distribution
 - Organized community reception with live music and teen social justice poetry readings
- Responsible for grant writing, budget creation and management, and all associated administration for teen programs and associated events

2015 - 2016

Teacher/Teaching Assistant, Professional Practices ART604*, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*

- Functioned as *Teacher of Record* during fall semester faculty maternity leave and *Teaching Assistant* during spring semester. *(A required senior level undergraduate class for developing portfolios, resumes, statements, bios, business plans and community networks)
 - Developed and implemented rotating journalism roles including photographer, writer, question-askers and answer-documenters, to facilitate engagement with curriculum
 - Developed and instituted daily socially engaged art video and discussion
- Responsible for daily attendance, student feedback, and grading on multiple projects including professional interviews, resumes, artist statements, and portfolio development.

2013/14 & 2015/16

Coordinator/Teacher, Photo-Documentation Lab, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI*

- Managed sign-up & scheduling for *Photo Doc Lab & Studio Lighting Check-out*
- Taught undergraduate students how to photo-document their work, including lighting, camera work and post-production
- Assisted students in curating final images for portfolios and call-for-entry submissions

2016

Guest Lecturer, Judith Harway's class, "Creativity, Change, and Chance," *Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design*

- Lectured and led a "Draw Write Here!" interdisciplinary social arts program with undergraduate students, culminating in a group reading

2016

Coordinator, Social Justice Winter Tapestry Film Series, *Harry & Rose Samson J.C.C., Milwaukee, WI*

- Curated a free international film series on social justice topic of *Women and Girls*
- Facilitated talk-backs with Director of Education and topical group discussions

2015

Teacher, Making Musical Instruments, Family Arts Workshop, *Sharon Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI*

- Using all reclaimed materials, created four templates for children and their families to assemble music-making instruments during all-day drop-in workshop

2014

Teacher, Beginning and Advanced Photography, *Digital Media Academy, Stanford University, Stanford, CA*

- Developed and taught beginning and advanced digital photography techniques, including camera work and photoshop to high school students at pre-college summer academy
- Taught theme-work, idea & series development, public-speaking and group critique

1996 – 2000

Director of Education, *Temple Beth Torah, Fremont, California*

- Directed five community education programs serving pre-Kindergarten through adults
- Recruited, trained and supervised 20 teaching faculty and innovated teacher-training program for high school students
- Developed arts-based curriculum for all programs, and incorporated music/choir program
- Doubled high school attendance and increased Board membership by 100%

1994 – 1996

Assistant Director of Education, *Congregation Beth Chaim, Danville, California*

- Led curriculum development workshops with faculty, demonstrating creative pedagogy
- Planned and organized community-wide education days and books sales
- Coordinated parent and volunteer committees
- Facilitated student leadership through peer-led teen programs

1991-1992

Coordinator, Children's Theater, *Jewish Community Center, Oakland, California*

- Created and directed a children's musical revue
- Hired and supervised musicians, conceived of and executed stage, lighting and costume design
- Handled advertising, and volunteers for house-management and stage management

1990-1991

Coordinator, After School Program, *Jewish Community Center, Oakland, California*

- Developed, scheduled and implemented creative, sports and educational after-school activities for Kindergarten through 6th grade students
 - Recruited, trained and supervised staff of three teachers
 - Organized, planned and staffed Winter Camp and Day Trips to coincide with Oakland Public School vacations and holidays
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Selected Bibliography, Print & Publicity

- 2015** **WUWM, Lake Effect**, Interview by Bonnie North, 'Exploring Jewish Identity Through Art: Jody Hirsh, Marc Tasman and Helene Fischman,' June 3, 2015, <http://wuwm.com/post/exploring-jewish-identity-through-art#stream/0>
- Local Trolley, Volume 15**, Article by Lamont Smith, 'Hands That Move, Helene Fischman, Draw Write Here.' <https://localtrolley.com/2015/05/29/hands-that-move-helene-fischman-draw-write-here/>
- 2014** **Cross Connection, Issue One Volume One, "Place"** Article by Anja Notanja Sieger, 'Two Mind Expanding events I attended in one week: Draw Write Here! & Creative Mornings.' https://issuu.com/stoopkids/docs/crossconnection_v4
- 2012** **The River, An Art & Literary Journal**, Featured Artist, Photography & Poetry, June, Edition 2, Issue 1, <https://theriverpaper.wordpress.com/2012/06/08/interview-with-helene-fischman/>
- 2008** **Shots Magazine**, Featured Photographer, Summer Edition, Number 100
- 2007** **The Promised Bride, Poetry by Jehanne Dubrow**, Cover Artist, Finishing Line Press, Georgetown, KY
- Prarie Schooner**, Cover Artist, Spring Edition, Volume 81, Number 1
- 2005** **Hartford Courant**, Guest Photographer, Travel Section, Sunday, December 4, 2005
- 2005** **Zyzyva, The Last Word: West Coast Writers and Artists**, Featured Photographer, Fall 2005, Volume XXI, Issue 2
- 2003** **Resource Magazine: A Guide to Jewish Life in the Bay Area**, Cover Artist, 2003/5763, 14th Edition
- 2002** **The Jewish Bulletin of Northern California**, Front Page Artist, Weeks of 3/22/02, 9/06/02, 11/29/02

Conference Presentation

- 2015** **Assembly 2015**, Portland State University/Portland Art Museum, May 27-31, Portland, Oregon
- Supported by UWM, Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship
- Jewish Artists Laboratory Network of the Midwest**, October 23, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Supported by the Covenant Foundation
- 2008** **Limmud Colorado**, Keystone Conference Center, May 22-25, Keystone, Colorado
- Supported by Rose Community Foundation
- 2002** **Limmud Conference at University of Nottingham**, December 21-24, Nottingham, England
- Supported by the Roszi and Jenő Zisovitch Award to Teach the Holocaust

Socially Engaged Art

2014 - present

Creator/Director, DRAW WRITE HERE![®] Improvisational collaborative events for artists & writers at various locations including, (Wisconsin:) Kohl Farm/Veterans' Healing Garden, Racine Correctional Institute, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, Milwaukee Art Museum, In Tandem Theater, Pfister Hotel, Art Bar Riverwest/Wal-Mart, and (Oregon:) Portland Art Museum

2014 - present

Creator/Director, The Longhand Project A pop-up event in Milwaukee providing stationary, stamped envelopes and discussion about the pending obsolescence of hand-writing. Held at: *MLK Library, Dryhooch Coffee Shop, People's Bookstore Collective, Jazz Gallery, Colectivo Coffee, Art Bar Riverwest, Jewish Community Center*

2016

Writer, The Advice Tent, Fringe Fest, August 27-28: Improvisational type-written advice, directed by Anja Notanja Sieger, Milwaukee, WI

Grants & Awards

- 2016 **Brooklyn Prize for Outstanding Artwork**, *Site:Brooklyn, Brooklyn, New York*
- 2013 – 2016 **Chancellor's Graduate Student Fellowship**, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*
- 2014 – 2015 **Distinguished Graduate Student Fellowship**, *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*
- 2014 **Touro Educational Grant**, *Touro Fraternal Association, Cranston, Rhode Island*
- 2013 **LOOP Arts Grant**, *Oakland, California*
- 2012 **Award for Artistic Excellence**, *Bankhead Theater, Livermore, California*
- 2007 **Shirley Zynda Award**, *Coastal Arts League Museum, Half Moon Bay, California*
- 2007, 2004
& 2002 **Rozsi and Jenő Zisovich Award to Teach the Holocaust**, *Jewish Family & Children's Services, San Francisco, California*
- 2006 **Osher Marin J.C.C. Taube Foundation Grant for Exhibition**, *San Rafael, California*
- 2004 & 2002 **Fromer Award for Jewish Arts**, *Jewish Community Foundation, Oakland, California*
- 2003 **Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Grant**, *Boston, Massachusetts*
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Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 **Whitewater Cultural Arts Center**, *'Joining Arts & Literature' Whitewater, Wisconsin*
- 2014 **Baron Museum**, *'Kindling the Light' Women of Congregation Emanu-El B'ne Jeshurun, Milwaukee, WI*
University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Special Collections Gallery, *'Art from the Ashes' Milwaukee, WI*
- 2013 **Urbano Cellars Gallery**, *'Doppelgänger' Berkeley, California*
- 2012 **Urbano Cellars Gallery**, *'Over the River' Berkeley, California*
- 2009 **Mill Valley City Hall**, *'Beyond Whiskeytown' Mill Valley, California*
San Mateo Main Public Library, *'Artist Residencies, here and beyond' San Mateo California*
San Mateo City Hall, *'Artist Residencies, here and beyond' San Mateo, California*
- 2008 **Periscope Cellars**, *'Material Witness' Emeryville, California*
- 2006 **Peninsula Jewish Community Center**, *'Art from the Ashes' Foster City, California*
Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, *'Art from the Ashes' San Rafael, California*
- 2004 **Auschwitz Jewish Center**, *'The Lost Shabbos' Oświęcim, Poland*
- 2003 **Middle European Colony of Contemporary Arts**, *'This is not a Prison Camp' Terezín, Czech Republic*
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Group Exhibitions

- 2016 **MFA Exhibition**, *'2016 Thesis Exhibition' University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
Site : Brooklyn, *'American Road Trip' Brooklyn, New York*
Darkroom Gallery, *'Shadow & Light' Essex Junction, Vermont*
- 2015 **Pfister Hotel, AIR Studio**: *'Night & Day Artists' Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
Union Art Gallery, *'Inspired: The Power of Art and Faith' Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
Jewish Artists Lab Annual Exhibit, *'Water' Jewish Community Center, Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin*
Bay View Arts Guild, Gallerie M, *'ARTiculate' Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
- 2014 **Robert T. Wright Community Gallery of Art**, *'Recent Works' College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL*
Black Box Gallery, *'Black & White: 2014' Portland, Oregon*
Urbano Cellars *'The Semiotics of Snail Migration' Berkeley, California [3-person show]*
Focus Photography Club Juried Exhibit, *Gallerie M Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
- 2013 **The Green Mill**, *'The Big Draw, Chicago: Uptown Poetry Slam' Chicago, Illinois*
- 2012 **Marin Community Foundation**, *'Beyond Landscape' Novato, California*
Bankhead Theater, *'Local Views' Livermore, California*

- 2010 **Periscope Cellars** *'Small Works'* Emeryville, California
Periscope Cellars *'Their Mind is Made Up'* Emeryville, California [3-person show]
- 2009 **Red Door Gallery**, *'Insights of Life from the Shadows of Death'* Oakland, California
Periscope Cellars *'There Goes the Neighborhood'* Emeryville, California
- 2008 **Bankhead Theater**, *'A Different View'* Livermore, CA
Olive Hyde Art Center *'Timescapes'* Fremont, California [3-person show]
Joyce Gordon Gallery, *'Glimpses in Time'* Oakland, California
Periscope Cellars, *'Corsets, Clocks and Chris'* Emeryville, California
Marin Museum of Contemporary Art, *'Photography III'* Novato, California
San Mateo City Hall Art Gallery, *'Red'* San Mateo, California
- 2007 **Mill Valley Art Commission**, *'Click-Off'* Mill Valley, California
Coastal Arts League Museum, *'23rd Annual National Juried Show'* Half Moon Bay, California
Artisans Art Gallery, *'All Mixed Up'* San Rafael, California
Merced County Arts Council, *'California Centered: The Environment'* Merced, California
Coastal Arts League Museum, *'Through A Lens: Life in Motion'* Half Moon Bay, California
University of San Francisco School of Law, *'Creative Justice Art Show'* San Francisco, California
- 2005 **Alameda Art Center**, *'California Landscapes'* Alameda, California
Danville Fine Arts Gallery, *'Tao House Artist Exhibit'* Danville, California
Cabrillo Gallery, *'California Black & White'* Aptos, California
Long Beach Arts, *'Imaginary Spaces/Real Places'* Long Beach, California
- 2004 **Facing History & Ourselves Benefit**, *'Visions of a Teacher'* Palo Alto, California
- 2003 **Jilek Glassworks**, *'Glass Performance'* Kamenicky Senov, Czech Republic
- 2002 **Period Gallery**, *'Spiritual Art V'* Omaha, Nebraska
ProArts Gallery, *'Visions of the Hopi Prophecy'* Oakland, California
Greater Chicago Jewish Folk Arts Festival, *St. Paul Woods*, Morton Grove, Illinois
Sight & Insight Art Center, *'Visions, Voices'* Mill Valley, California
- 2001 **Black Bird Gallery**, *'Dirt'* San Francisco, California
- 2000 **Southern Exposure**, *'Postcard Show'* San Francisco, California
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Curatorial/Jury/Advisory Board

- 2016 **Co-curator** with Marc Tasman, Harry & Rose Samson Jewish Community Center, *'Through the Lens: Milwaukee Jewish Photographers'* Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Advisory Board, Bay View High School, *Academy of Engineering (AOE)*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2013-2016
Juror, Glacier National Park, *Artist-in-Residence Program*, West Glacier, Montana
- 2014 **Juror**, Visioneer Design Challenge, *Wisconsin Art Education Association*, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Advisory Board, Jewish Museum of Milwaukee *"Stitching History after the Holocaust: The Life of Hedvika Strnad,"* Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Curator, Urbano Cellars, *'The Semiotics of Snail Migration'* Berkeley, California [3-person show]
- 2010 **Curator**, Periscope Cellars, *'Small Works'* Emeryville, California [Open call exhibition]
Curator, Periscope Cellars, *'Their Mind is Made Up'* Emeryville, California [3-person show]
- 2009 **Curator**, Periscope Cellars, *'There Goes the Neighborhood'* Emeryville, California [4-person show]
Curator, Olive Hyde Art Center, *'Timescapes'* Fremont, California [3-person show]
- 2008 **Curator**, Periscope Cellars, *'Corsets, Clocks and Chris'* Emeryville, California [3-person show]
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Artist Residencies

2012	Centrum at Fort Warden State Park	<i>Port Townsend, Washington</i>
2011	Glacier National Park	<i>West Glacier, Montana</i>
2010	Beaver Creek Valley State Park	<i>Caledonia, Minnesota</i>
2010 & 2008	Illinois River Winery	<i>Utica, Illinois</i>
2009 & 2008	Whiskeytown National Recreation Area	<i>Whiskeytown, California</i>
2007	Joshua Tree Highlands House	<i>Joshua Tree, California</i>
2005	Hot Springs National Park	<i>Hot Springs, Arkansas</i>
2005	Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site	<i>Danville, California</i>
2004	Auschwitz Jewish Center	<i>Oświęcim, Poland</i>
2003	Middle European Colony of Contemporary Arts	<i>Terezín, Czech Republic</i>

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