

Education

2016	Master of Fine Arts , Intermedia	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
2001	Master of Science , Education	California State University, East Bay
1989	Bachelor of Fine Arts , Painting	Boston University

Teaching, Administration and Program Development

2018 - Present

Adjunct Faculty in Studio Arts, *Alverno College, School of Arts & Sciences, Milwaukee, WI*

Courses Taught:

- Introduction to Painting / Advanced Painting / Painting for Non-Majors
- Art Fundamentals

2017 Artistic Director, 20-for-20 under 20 Project, 'Tessellate '17: A festival celebrating Movement, Theatre and Making,' *University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*

Visiting Artist, *Community High School, Artworks for Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI*

2015 – 2016

Teacher of Record / Graduate Student Teaching Assistant, *Peck School of the Arts, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*

Courses/Roles:

- **Professional Practices ART604**: Taught development of portfolios, resumes, statements, bios, developing community networks and public speaking
- **Photo-Documentation Lab**: Managed all functions of Photo Documentation Lab & Studio Lighting Lab, taught undergraduate students how to photodocument work, including lighting, camera work, post-production, portfolio curation

2015 – 2016

Grad Student/Educator, Teen Leadership Programs, *Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI*

- Innovated and delivered new curriculum for *Satellite Teen Program*:
 - Taught students to create and deliver personal thematic tours in the Modern collection
 - Delivered teacher-training unit and partnered with local elementary schools for mentorship
 - Partnered with local artists & musicians for interdisciplinary visitors including drawing, writing/poetry, photography, music and movement
 - Created and directed teen-narrated video-documentaries of *Satellite Programs*
 - Trained and supervised 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
- Selected and mentored students for *Teen Advisory Council (TAC)*
 - Developed teen multimedia newsletter, *MAM's the Word*, including journalism, art, poetry, video and podcasts
 - Trained and supervised role of 'In-classroom Mentor' for a UW-Milwaukee Film Department undergraduate to assist in video and podcast production
 - Taught unit on gallery design & installation, in conjunction with Museum Preparator
 - 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 and undergraduate assistants in teaching printmaking techniques to teens
 - Facilitated social justice discussion with teens for developing thematic mural
 - 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, contracts, marketing, social media, and all administration for teen programs and associated events
- 2016 Visiting Artist, "Creativity, Change, and Chance," Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design**
Coordinator, Social Justice Winter Tapestry Film Series, Harry & Rose Samson J.C.C., Milwaukee, WI
- 2015 Workshop Leader, 'Assembly' Conference, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon**
Workshop Leader, 'Summer Visual Arts', Sharon Wilson Center for the Arts, Brookfield, WI
- 2014 Teacher, Digital Media Summer Academy, Stanford University, CA**
 Courses Taught:
- Introduction to Photography
 - Advanced Photography
- 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
 - Partnered with *Facing History & Ourselves* to innovate progressive Holocaust Education program
 - Doubled high school attendance and increased Board membership by 100%
 - Managed budget, marketing and all associated administration
- 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

Grants & Awards

- 2018 The Puffin Foundation Grant, Funding for Draw Write Here!, Teaneck, NJ**
- 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 Zisovitch Award to Teach the Holocaust , <i>Jewish Family & Children's Services, San Francisco, California</i>
2006	Osher Marin J.C.C. Taube Foundation Grant for Exhibition , <i>San Rafael, California</i>
2004 & 2002	Fromer Award for Jewish Arts , <i>Jewish Community Foundation, Oakland, California</i>
2003	Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Grant , <i>Boston, Massachusetts</i>

Artist Residencies

2019	Cedarburg Cultural Arts Center	<i>Cedarburg, Wisconsin</i>
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, Summer Scholar	<i>Oświęcim, Poland</i>
2003	Middle European Colony of Contemporary Arts	<i>Terezín, Czech Republic</i>

Curatorial/Jury/Advisory Board

2018	Curator , Alverno College Undergraduate Student Exhibit, <i>'Me, My Shelf & I,' Milwaukee, WI</i>
2016	Co-curator with Marc Tasman, Harry & Rose Samson Jewish Community Center, <i>'Through the Lens: Milwaukee Jewish Photographers'</i> Milwaukee, Wisconsin Advisory Board , Bay View High School, <i>Academy of Engineering (AOE)</i> , Milwaukee, Wisconsin
2013-2016	Juror , Glacier National Park, <i>Artist-in-Residence Program</i> , West Glacier, Montana
2014	Juror , Visioneer Design Challenge, <i>Wisconsin Art Education Association</i> , Milwaukee, Wisconsin Advisory Board , Jewish Museum of Milwaukee <i>"Stitching History after the Holocaust: The Life of Hedvika Strnad,"</i> Milwaukee, Wisconsin Curator , Urbano Cellars, <i>'The Semiotics of Snail Migration'</i> Berkeley, California [3-person show]
2010	Curator , Periscope Cellars, <i>'Small Works'</i> Emeryville, California [Open call exhibition] Curator , Periscope Cellars, <i>'Their Mind is Made Up'</i> Emeryville, California [3-person show]
2009	Curator , Periscope Cellars, <i>'There Goes the Neighborhood'</i> Emeryville, California [4-person show] Curator , Olive Hyde Art Center, <i>'Timescapes'</i> Fremont, California [3-person show]
2008	Curator , Periscope Cellars, <i>'Corsets, Clocks and Chris'</i> Emeryville, California [3-person show]

Social Practice Art Projects

Creator/Director, DRAW WRITE HERE! Interdisciplinary collaborative projects for the public with diverse community partners in Greater Milwaukee, Wisconsin:

- **Feb/March 2018**, partnered with *In Tandem Theater's* performance of "The Outgoing Tide" by Bruce Graham, investigating memory loss. Partnered with *DIY Chamber Music*, final performance at *In Tandem Theater*. Funding made possible by *The Puffin Foundation*.
- **August 2017**, partnered with *Goodwill Industries* to explore the legacy of stories within objects. Partnered with *DIY Chamber Music*, final performance at *In Tandem Theater*.

- **May 2017**, partnered with Voyageur Bookshop to explore book as object, percussion made possible by Reno Chrisoph, final performance at Bookshop.
- **August 2016**, partnered with UW-Extension Food Systems Coordinator, Seed Initiative and Veterans' Healing Garden, music by Grasping at Straws, final performance outside at Kohl Farm.
- **March 2016**, partnered with In Tandem Theater for viewing and response to the production of "Lamps for My Family." Music by New Boyz Club, final performance at In Tandem.
- **November 2015**, partnered with Racine Correctional Institute and men's writing group "Prose & Cons" exploring creative freedom, final performance at Racine Correctional Institute Library.
- **October 2015**, partnered with Jewish Artists Laboratory Network of the Midwest to house Draw Write Here! at annual conference at Hilton Milwaukee City Center.
- **October 2015**, partnered with Art Bar Riverwest, took a group field trip to WalMart to discuss Marx's "commodity fetishism," final performance at Art Bar.
- **April 2015**, partnered with Milwaukee Art Museum for viewing and response to exhibition "Inspiring Beauty: 50 years of Ebony Fashion Fair," celebrating black women and fashion.
- **March 2015**, partnered with Jewish Museum Milwaukee (JMM) for viewing and response to exhibition "Founders and Visionaries," discussing the roots of Milwaukee's art schools, final performance at JMM.
- **February 2015**, partnered with Pfister Hotel Narrator-in-Residence for viewing and response of art and architecture with Chief Concierge, with final performance in Pfister Ballroom.
- **October – December 2014**, partnered with Art Bar for performance space for viewing and Proustian response to various olfactories.

Radio, Print & Publicity

- 2018** **In Tandem Theatre Blog**, Featured Writer, "Out Goes the Tide, In Come the Youth: A commentary on 'The Outgoing Tide', In Tandem Theatre, February 21, 2018." <http://www.intandemtheatre.org/out-goes-the-tide-in-comes-the-youth/>
- 2017** **Permeable to the Year**, Featured Poet, "Sclerotic Ossification" and "Tension & Acrimony." In An Anthology of Subtle Forces in 2017. Edited by McKee, F. & Sieger, A., pp 11-12.
- WXRW, 104.1FM Writers Resist**, Media appearance as MC for public broadcast event of local writers, <https://soundcloud.com/user-409984402/writers-resist-final-w-station-ids>
- 2016** **Association of Art Museum Directors**, Program Spotlight: Milwaukee Art Museum Teens, under the direction of Helene Fischman, April 18, 2016, <https://www.aamd.org/our-members/from-the-field/program-spotlight-milwaukee-art-museum>
- 2015** **WUWM, Lake Effect**, Media appearance, interviewed by Bonnie North, 'Exploring Jewish Identity Through Art: Jody Hirsh, Marc Tasman and Helene Fischman,' June 3, 2015, <http://wuwmm.com/post/exploring-jewish-identity-through-art#stream/0>
- Local Trolley, Volume 15**, Media Appearance, Featured in 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/>
- Local Trolley, Volume 12**, Guest Writer, Exhibition Review 'In the Realm of Innocents: An Exhibition of Mysticism and Lore, Walker's Point Center for the Arts,' <http://wp.me/p1hPwN-1Xhs>

- Draw Write Here! A Journal of Collective Collaboration.** Editor, Fischman, H. Volume I, Number 1. Orlando, Florida: Ka-Blam Publishing.
- 2014** **Cross Connection, Issue One Volume One, "Place"** Media Appearance, Featured in Article by Anja Notanja Sieger, 'Two MindExpanding 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**, Media Appearance, 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**, Featured Lede Photo, Travel Section, Sunday, December 4, 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**, Cover Artist, Weeks of 3/22/02, 9/06/02, 11/29/02
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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

- 2019** **Alverno College, Arts & Cultures Gallery** 'Collective,' Faculty Exhibit, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2016** **Harry & Rose Samson Jewish Community Center**, 'Through the Lens: Milwaukee Jewish Photographers' Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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

- 2014 **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
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
Auschwitz Jewish Center, *'The Lost Shabbos'* Oświęcim, Poland
- 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

Collections

Special Collections Library, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Centrum at Fort Warden State Park, Port Townsend, Washington
Beaver Creek Valley State Park, Caledonia Minnesota
Illinois River Winery, Utica, Illinois
Whiskeytown National Recreation Area, Whiskeytown, California
Joshua Tree Highlands House, Joshua Tree, California
Hot Springs National Park, Hot Springs, Arkansas
Auschwitz Jewish Center, Oświęcim, Poland
