

## Education

2016	<b>Master of Fine Arts</b> , Art & Social Practices	University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
2001	<b>Master of Science</b> , Education	California State University, East Bay
1989	<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts</b> , Painting	Boston University

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## Teaching, Administration and Program Development

**2019** **Instructor**, Cedarburg Cultural Center, *Cedarburg, WI*

Classes taught:

- Decoupage & Collage Clock-Making Workshop
- 'Zine-making Workshop

**Workshop Leader**, Rockwell Automation, *Milwaukee, WI*

- Developed and led leadership/networking workshops for Early Career Program

**2018** **Adjunct Faculty, Studio Arts**, *Alverno College, School of Arts & Sciences, Milwaukee, WI*

- Taught Introduction to Painting / Advanced Painting to undergraduate students

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

- Taught twenty students under 20 years old to interpret the theme "Outsider" using movement, body-percussion, and poetry for a final public performance at the festival

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

- Taught collaborative drawing and writing workshop to students at alternative public high school

**2016** **Visiting Artist**, *Professor Judith Harway's class "Creativity, Change, and Chance," Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design (MIAD), Milwaukee, WI*

- Taught collaborative and improvisational drawing and writing to undergraduate class

**2015 – 2016**

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

- Innovated and delivered new curriculum for *Satellite Teen Program*:
  - Taught observational and expressive drawing
  - Taught color, line and emotions through self-portraiture
  - Taught narrative through digital photography and responsive writing
  - Taught docent unit: how to select work and deliver tours in the Modern collection
  - Taught teacher-training unit in partnership with local elementary school classes
  - Created and directed video-documentaries of *Satellite Programs*
  - Trained and supervised undergraduate Teaching Assistants
  - Created innovative showcases of student artwork with poetry performances for the public
- Selected and mentored students for *Teen Advisory Council (TAC)*
  - Published teen multimedia e-newsletter, *MAM's the Word*, with video and podcasts
  - Created mentorship for UW-Milwaukee Film Undergrad to assist video/podcasting
  - Taught gallery installation in the Teen Collaboratory Gallery 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 teaching artists and assistants
  - Led social justice unit with diverse students from throughout Greater Milwaukee
  - 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 contracts, marketing, social media, and all event administration

## 2015 – 2016

**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 photo-document work, including lighting, tripod and hand-held camera work, post-production, portfolio curation

**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 Digital Photography & Post-Production
- Advanced Photography & Post-Production

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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 Zunda Award**, *Coastal Arts League Museum, Half Moon Bay, California*

2007, 2004 & 2002	<b>Rozsi and Jenó Zisovich Award to Teach the Holocaust</b> , <i>Jewish Family &amp; Children's Services, San Francisco, California</i>
2006	<b>Osher Marin J.C.C. Taube Foundation Grant for Exhibition</b> , <i>San Rafael, California</i>
2004 & 2002	<b>Fromer Award for Jewish Arts</b> , <i>Jewish Community Foundation, Oakland, California</i>
2003	<b>Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Grant</b> , <i>Boston, Massachusetts</i>

## Artist Residencies

2019	<b>Wrangell Mountains Center</b>	<i>McCarthy, Alaska</i>
2019	<b>Cedarburg Cultural Arts Center</b>	<i>Cedarburg, Wisconsin</i>
2012	<b>Centrum at Fort Warden State Park</b>	<i>Port Townsend, Washington</i>
2011	<b>Glacier National Park</b>	<i>West Glacier, Montana</i>
2010	<b>Beaver Creek Valley State Park</b>	<i>Caledonia, Minnesota</i>
2010 & 2008	<b>Illinois River Winery</b>	<i>Utica, Illinois</i>
2009 & 2008	<b>Whiskeytown National Recreation Area</b>	<i>Whiskeytown, California</i>
2007	<b>Joshua Tree Highlands House</b>	<i>Joshua Tree, California</i>
2005	<b>Hot Springs National Park</b>	<i>Hot Springs, Arkansas</i>
2005	<b>Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site</b>	<i>Danville, California</i>
2004	<b>Auschwitz Jewish Center, Summer Scholar</b>	<i>Oświęcim, Poland</i>
2003	<b>Middle European Colony of Contemporary Arts</b>	<i>Terezín, Czech Republic</i>
2002	<b>Limmud Conference, University of Nottingham</b>	<i>Nottingham, England</i>

## Social Practice Art Projects

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

- **February 2019**, held collaboration at Milwaukee Public Library, creating 'zine for participation in Zine Fest 2019.
- **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.

**Artist/Director, DRAW INs** – Interventions @ Milwaukee Art Museum, disrupting the normal activities of the day and transforming the marble floor of Windover Hall into a public art studio:

- **February 3, 2016**: *David Bowie DRAW-IN*, public drawing to the music of David Bowie commemorating his death.
- **May 13, 2016**: *Prince DRAW-IN*, public drawing to the music of Prince commemorating his death.

## Curatorial/Jury/Advisory Board

**2018 Curator**, Alverno College Undergraduate Student Exhibit, *'Me, My Shelf & I'*, Milwaukee, WI

**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]

## Radio, Print & Publicity

**2018 In Tandem Theatre Blog**, *Featured Writer*, "Out Goes the Tide, In Comes 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://wuwm.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](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 **Harry & Rose Samson Jewish Community Center, 'The Place of the Artist'** Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**James May Gallery, 'Art of Water III'** Algoma, Wisconsin  
**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**, *'23<sup>rd</sup> 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

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## Private 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

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