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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Art History, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, May 2015 Areas of specialization: Art of the American West and Native American Art

Dissertation: "It's Not About Cowboys: The Cowboy as Subject in Contemporary Art"

M.A. Art History, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, August 2006 Areas of specialization: Art since 1945, emphasis on Photography and Film

Thesis: "Texas Cowboy as Myth: Visual Representations from the Late-Twentieth Century"

B.A. Art, West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas, 1999

Areas of specialization: Art History and Photography

TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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9/18 - 8/19	Curator of Photography History Colorado, Denver, Colorado
6/14 – 7/18	Director and Curator Great Plains Art Museum, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
8/15 – 5/16	Professor of Practice, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Courses: History of Photography, Art Since 1945, Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Advisor
6/11 – 5/14	Lecturer, University of Oklahoma Courses: Art History Survey I & II
5/09 – 5/14	Instructor, Art Institute of Pittsburgh Online Division, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania Courses: Art History: Prehistory to the Early Modern Era, Art History: From the Early Modern to the Contemporary, History of American Art, History of American Architecture, History of Popular Culture, Strategies for Online Learning
9/07 – 6/10	Instructor & Curator Pegasus Gallery, Art Institute of Dallas, Dallas, Texas Courses: History of Art Survey I & II, History of Architecture I & II, History of Furniture I & II, History of Architecture, Interiors & Furniture I & II, Survey of Decorative Arts, Digital Imaging for Interior Design

PUBLICATIONS

Books

"Reimagining End of the Trail," chapter in Rethinking Regionalism: 20th-Century Art and Visual Culture in the American West, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center at Colorado College, 2021

"Pure Country - Pure Strait - Pure Myth: The Myth of the Texas Cowboy," chapter in *Contemporary Westerns: Film and Television Since 1990*, ed. Andrew Patrick Nelson, Scarecrow Press, 2013

Exhibition Catalogs

"Artist interview," in *Distinguished Visiting Artist: Robert Taylor*, exhibition catalog October 2017, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma

"Contemporary Indigeneity: Spiritual Borderlands," all text copy for exhibition catalog 2016, Great Plains Art Museum, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. http://www.unl.edu/plains/ci-catalog-dec-2016.pdf

"Chronology" in A World Unconquered: The Art of Oscar Brousse Jacobson, exhibition catalog 2015, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma

"The Business of Frankoma Pottery: A Merging of Beauty and Utility" in *Oklahoma Clay: Frankoma Pottery*, exhibition catalog 2012, Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art, University of Oklahoma

Journal Articles

An Interview with Black Ash Basket Makers Kelly Church and Renée Wasson Dillard," *Panorama: Journal of the Association of Historians of American Art* 7, no. 2 (Fall 2021), https://doi.org/10.24926/24716839.12619.

"Supernatural Cowboy Heroes," Popular Culture Review, Western Special Issue, 32, no. 2 (Summer 2021): 3–32.

"Native American Art on the Great Plains Today: An Overview of the Exhibition Contemporary Indigeneity: Spiritual Borderlands," invited essay *Great Plains Quarterly*, Winter 2016.

Book and Exhibition Reviews

Rounded Up in Glory: Frank Reaugh, Texas Renaissance Man, Michael R. Grauer. University of North Texas Press, 2016 in Panhandle-Plains Historical Review, Fall 2017

"The Plains Indians: Artists of Earth and Sky, September 19, 2014 - January 11, 2015 at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art." for caa.reviews, the online review journal published by the College Art Association, October 15, 2015. http://www.caareviews.org/reviews/2618

Montana's Charlie Russell: Art in the Collection of the Montana Historical Society. By Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney and Kirby Lambert. Helena: Montana Historical Society Press, 2014 in *Great Plains Quarterly*, Fall 2015

Painters and the American West, Volume II, Joan Carpenter Troccoli, University of Oklahoma Press, 2013 in *The Chronicles of Oklahoma*, the scholarly quarterly of the Oklahoma Historical Society, spring 2015

Blogs

"Stories of Colorado Dude and Guest Ranches." History Colorado, 28 June 2019, www.historycolorado.org/story/stuff-history/2019/06/28/stories-colorado-dude-and-guest-ranches

"Collecting the History of Marijuana Legalization in Colorado" History Colorado, 19 April 2019, www.historycolorado.org/story/stuff-history/2019/04/19/collecting-history-marijuana-legalization-colorado

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Open Educational Resources (OER) Course Development & Implementation Grant Program from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 2020 Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Research Grant, Texas A&M University-Commerce
- 2017 Nebraska Arts Council Grant to support exhibitions Cowboys from the Collection and Robert Taylor
 Humanities Nebraska Grant to support exhibitions Cowboys from the Collection and Robert Taylor
- 2016 Lincoln Community Foundation Grant for purchase of gallery stools
 Woods Charitable Fund Grant for catalog production and artwork purchase for exhibition
 Contemporary Indigeneity 2016
 Nebraska Arts Council Grant to support exhibition Contemporary Indigeneity 2016
 Humanities Nebraska Grant to support exhibition Contemporary Indigeneity 2016
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln Convocation Grant to support education programming related to
 exhibition Contemporary Indigeneity 2016
- Nebraska Arts Council Grant to support exhibitions From This Grass Earth and We, The Heartland
 Nebraska Arts Council Grant to support exhibition Looking Back, Looking Forward: Native American Art from the Permanent Collection
- 2010 Robert & Grayce Kerr Fellowship in Art of the American West
- Mark Allen Everett Scholarship for Art of the American West/Native American Art
 Madeline Colbert Steed Scholarship, Madeline Colbert Steed Art Sooner Heritage Scholarship,
 Laura C. Stauffer Scholarship, Alumni Reunion Sooner Heritage Scholarship, Robberson Travel
 Grant
- 2008 Faculty Member of the Quarter, Art Institute of Dallas