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EDUCATION

- 1994 **Rhode Island School of Design** Providence, RI
Master of Fine Arts, Furniture Design
(Graduated with Honors)
- 1990 **Iowa State University** Ames, IA
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art & Design
- 1986 **University of Northern Iowa** Cedar Falls, IA
Pre-Architecture

EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2010 **Peace Corps Volunteer**, Ghana, West Africa, FPDA & Leave from ISU
Teaching Graphics at Donkorkrom SHS & various secondary projects
- 2006-present **Associate Professor**, Iowa State University, College of Design
- 1999-2006 **Assistant Professor**, Iowa State University, College of Design
Teaching a curriculum in wood design to beginning and advanced students.
- 1995-present **Self Employed** *Chris Martin Furniture*
Design, build and create studio art furniture.
- 1994-95 **Project Manager** Aspen Cabinet & Millwork
Coordinated all aspects of design and production of millwork, furniture, and cabinetry.
- 1993 **Instructor** R.I.S.D.
Developed and implemented a curriculum for a beginning level wood design class. Focused on teaching basic hand tool and power tool techniques as applied toward a series of design exercises. Critiqued students' finished work.
- 1993 **Teaching Assistant** R.I.S.D.
Taught both technical and design aspects of an advanced level wood design class, researched class topics, and critiqued students' finished work.
- 1992-93 **Work Study** R.I.S.D.
Monitored the industrial design wood shop and helped students trouble-shoot on their various projects. Also designed and produced furniture used at R.I.S.D.
- 1992 **Teaching Assistant** R.I.S.D.
Taught both technical and design aspects of a beginning level wood design class, researched class topics, and critiqued students' finished work.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- 2007 **Speed Furniture, Model Making**
 Arrowmont School for Art and Crafts, Gatlinburg, TN
Juror: Minnesota Woodworker's Guild Annual Exhibition
 Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 **Arts in Central Iowa;** Presentation to Midwest Travel Writers Association
 Hotel Pattee, Perry, IA
- 2005 **Alternative Materials - Rubber**
 Furniture Society Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2004 **Juror:** Iowa Sculpture Festival
 Newton, IA
- Furniture Design**
 Hotel Pattee, Perry, IA
- 2002 **Artist Presentation**
 Furniture Society Conference, Madison, WI
- The Design Process**
 Des Moines Woodworking Guild, Des Moines, IA

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2007 **Best in Metal/Wood**
 Iowa Crafts 38, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- 2006 **Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards**
 Honorable Mention, Residential Furniture
- Niche Awards Finalist**
 Furniture
- Artist to Artist Award and Best in Metal/Wood Award**
 Iowa Crafts 37, Todd Shanafelt, Juror
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- 2005 **Juror's Award**
 Material's Hard & Soft. Michael Monroe, Juror.
 Center for Visual Arts, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX
- Special Mention Award**
 Iowa Crafts 36, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- 2004 **Best in Show**
 36th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards**
 Honorable Mention, Residential Furniture
- Niche Awards Finalist**
 Lighting-Lamps
- 2003 **Niche Awards Finalist**
 Furniture
- Niche Awards Finalist**

Clocks

Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards

Top winner, Institutional Furniture

Conference table & credenza for Home Town Perry Museum

2003

First Place Recognition

35th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition

Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA

Special Mention Award

Iowa Crafts 36

Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA

1998

NICHE Awards Finalist

Lighting

1992-94

Fellowships & Assistantships R.I.S.D.

1990

Janice Peterson Anderson Award I.S.U.

Awarded to graduating design student

exhibiting the greatest potential.

1988

Focus Grant I.S.U.

To design and produce a tea service.

SELECTED COLLECTIONS & COMMISSIONS

Brunnier Art Museum Ames, IA

Home Town Perry Perry, IA

Hotel Pattee Perry, IA

Lakes Art's Center Okoboji, IA

Marcus Family Aspen, CO

Armstrong Family Aspen & Boulder, CO

Judith Lippman Palm Beach, FL

Barbara Coval Aspen & Scottsdale, AZ

Joe Caprarra Philadelphia, PA

Joan Demetriad Philadelphia, PA

SELECTED SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

2007

Iowa Crafts 38 (juried state)

Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA

The Artful Home Show (invitational)

SoHo, New York City (sponsored by The Guild)

S.O.F.A. Chicago (juried international)

Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art

Chris Martin & Hank Hall (invitational)

Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, IA

Fine Art Furniture, A Survey (invitational)

Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Wayzata, MN

39th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition

Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)

2006

S.O.F.A. Chicago (juried international)

Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art

- Fine Furnishings Show-Milwaukee** (invitational)
Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, WI
- Arts Scottsdale** (invitational)
Scottsdale, AZ, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
- Materials Hard & Soft** (juried international)
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Philadelphia, PA
- 38th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)
- 2005 **Iowa Crafts 37** (juried state)
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- Work by Gallery Committee Members** (local curated)
Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
- "Lincoln Highway Artists Studio Tour"**
Story County, IA
- Articulation Project, a new breed of furniture by Chris Martin**
Function +Art, Chicago, IL (solo exhibition)
- Materials Hard & Soft** (juried international)
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
Juror's Award
- Art of Woodworking Invitational**
Polk County Heritage Gallery, Des Moines, IA
- 37th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Philadelphia, PA
- 2004 **"SCC Fine Craft Show 2004"** (juried national)
Sedgwick Cultural Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Materials: Hard & Soft** (juried national)
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- Craft Forms 2004** (juried international)
Wayne Arts Center, Wayne, PA
- Form and Surface, Furniture II** (national invitational)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- The Box and Container Invitational**
Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA
- "Community of Artists Exhibit"** (local juried)
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- "Lincoln Highway Artists Studio Tour"**
Story County, IA
- "Diversity" Studio Furniture Part One** (national invitational)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- "Wood-o-Rama"** (juried national)
Yeiser Art Center Paducah, KY
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)

- Philadelphia, PA
- Please Be Seated** (national invitational)
Meredith Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- Work by ISU Faculty & Their Students** (local curated)
Gallery in the Round
- ISU Faculty Exhibition**
Gallery 181, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- 36th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Best in Show Award
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)
- S.O.F.A. Chicago** (juried international)
Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
- Work by Gallery Committee Members** (local curated)
Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
- 2003 **Iowa Crafts 36** (juried state)(Special Mention Award)
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- Eclectic Electric** (national invitational)
Gallery Function & Art, Chicago, IL
- 10th Annual Woodworking Competition "Around the Looking Glass"**
Wharton Esherick Museum, Paoli, PA (juried national)
- Natural & Manmade** (solo exhibition)
Arts on Grand, Spencer, IA
- American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft** (juried national)
St. Paul, MN
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Philadelphia, PA
- Elements** (two person exhibition)
Center Gallery, St. Mary's University, Winona, MN
- Topeka Competition** (juried regional)
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Topeka, KS
- Forged & Finessed** (2 person exhibition)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- Ashes to Art Exhibition** (juried international)
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA
- 35th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national) (1st Place)
- Materials Hard & Soft** (juried international)
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- 2002 **Craft Forms 2002** (juried international)
Wayne Arts Center, Wayne, PA
- Asian Origins** (juried national)
Vermont State Craft Center, Manchester, VT
- Functional Works of Art** (two person exhibition)
Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
- Art Etiquette Behind the Blue Door** (Group Show)
Lilligren Studio, Ames IA

- The Box and Container Invitational**
Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA
- Artistry in Wood** (juried international)
Domont Studio Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- Crafts National 36** (juried national)
Zoller Gallery, State College, PA
- The Right Stuff** (juried international)
The Furniture Society, traveling exhibition
- American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft** (juried national)
St. Paul, MN
- Culture & Agriculture** (juried national)
New Visions Gallery, Marshfield, WI
- 34th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)
- Topeka Competition** (juried regional)
Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Topeka, KS
- 2001 **Providence Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI
- Iowa Crafts: 34** (award winner) (juried regional)
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (Honorable Mention)
- Chair Show 4** (juried international)
Southern Highland Craft Guild, Asheville, NC, traveling exhibition
- 3-D 4 Views** (invitational)
Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, IA
- New Works by Chris Martin** (solo exhibition)
The Heather Gallery, Aspen, CO
- The Art Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA
- American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft** (juried national)
St. Paul, MN
- Container Show** (juried national)
Gallery Function & Art, Pontiac, MI
- 2000 **The Art of Vision**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- The Box and Container Invitational**
Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA
- Beyond Contemporary** (solo exhibition)
The Heather Gallery, Aspen, CO
- Katherine Hart Exhibit** (juried regional)
Keokuk Arts Center, Keokuk, IA
- Iowa Crafts: 33** (juried regional)
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- Iowa Designer Craft Association Exhibition** (invitational)
Lakes Art Center, Lake Okoboji, IA
- 1999 **The Box and Container Invitational** (Award Winner)
Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA

Students in Metal Alumni Exhibition

Gallery 181, Iowa State University, Ames, IA

Circle Unbroken, The Furniture Society (juried international)

National Traveling Exhibition

"Lights-On" Invitational

John Elder Gallery, New York, NY

Art Furnishings Show (juried international)

Santa Monica, CA

American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft (juried national)

Bellevue, WA

1998

The Box and Container Invitational

Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA

The Eclectic Electric National Juried Show

Gallery: Function & Art, Pontiac, MI

1997

American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft (juried national)

Bellevue, WA

Roaring Fork Open (juried regional)

Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO

Twenty Years, Twenty Artists

Meredith Gallery, Baltimore, MD

Furniture

David Floria Gallery, Aspen, CO

PUBLICATIONS

2010

500 Cabinets

Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.

2009

500 Tables

Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.

2008

500 Chairs

Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.

2006

Furniture Studio; Focus on Materials

The Furniture Society

2005

Materials Hard and Soft 2005

Catalog from exhibition

2004

Inside the Hotel Pattee

Author; Lela Gilbert, Pinatubo Press

Design

Author; Steven Aimone, Lark Books

Wood-O-Rama

Catalog from exhibition

2003

Wood Art Today

Author; Dona Melach, Schiffer Publishing

SOFA Chicago Catalog

From exhibition

The Right Stuff

Catalog from exhibition

- The Chair Show 4**
Catalog from exhibition
- 2002 **The Custom Furniture Source Book**
Taunton Press
- 1996 **Catalogue of Design Award Winners, ASOFA**
For "Furniture of the 90's" traveling exhibition
- 1994 **Catalogue of Designers in Contemporary Furniture**
For Contemporary Furniture Fair
- 1993 **Product Design VI**
Edited by Tucker Viemeister

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- The Crafts Report**
Hotel Pattee, January 2007
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Forbes Collector, November 2006, Vol. 4, No. 10
- 2005 **The Future of Furniture**
Chicago Reader, June 17
- Review of "Heavy Metal"**
Metalsmith Magazine, Fall
By Polly Ullrich
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A Paper Presented to the Furniture Society
By Dr. Oscar P. Fitzgerald
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Ames Tribune February 5
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Design Portfolio Awards, December
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Design News Spring 2003
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Chicago Tribune October 12
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Ames Tribune April 9, 2003

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Inside Iowa State March 14
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ISU Daily April 10
- Midwest Hot Spots**
Des Moines Register April 7
- Express**
St Paul Pioneer Press April 10
- Woodwork Magazine**
June 2002 issue
- 2001 **Crafts Deluxe**
California Homes February 2001 issue
- Martin Makes His Metal & Wood Furniture with Flair of Art**
Ames Tribune
- 2000 **The Art of Vision**
Ames Tribune July 8
- Iowa Design Craft Exhibition**
Dickinson County News Sept 13
- 1999 **Interiors Magazine**
April '99 issue
- 1998 **Niche Magazine**
Winter '98 issue