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Education

- 2017 **Master of Fine Arts**
Emphasis in Furniture Design and Metalsmithing
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
- 2006 **Bachelor of Fine Arts**
Emphasis in Furniture Design, Photography and Metalsmithing
Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Teaching Experience

- 2018-Present **Iowa State University – College of Design- Industrial Design**
Ames, Iowa
- Lecturer- Instructor of record – INDD 201 & INDD 202*
- Studio based course
 - Visual communication
 - Shop training
 - Model making
 - Prototyping
- Lecturer- Instructor of record – INDD 387 History of Industrial Design*
- Lecture based course
 - History of Industrial Design 1800- 1960
- Lecturer- Instructor of record – INDD 490MO – Wooden Bike Build Studio*
- Studio based course (5 students)
 - Developed and built a one of a kind wooden bicycle
 - Shop training
 - Woodworking training
 - Bicycle engineering
- Lecturer – Instructor of record – INDD 490MO – 1-1000 Furniture Design for Limited Production*
- Studio based course
 - Instruct on designing furniture at a limited production scale
 - Design, drafting, and engineering
 - Shop training
 - Woodworking training
 - Furniture construction
- 2017-2018 **The Des Moines Art Center**
Des Moines, Iowa
- Instructor: Jewelry and Metalsmithing courses
Beginner to Advanced techniques*

2017

Iowa State University- College of Design- Art and Visual Culture

Ames, Iowa

Instructor of record – ArtIS 320-420- Advanced Furniture Design Woodworking

- Instructed 16 weeks for the semester
- Safety training
- Advanced technical training and design in woodworking and furniture Design
- Helped students design and build; 3-legged table, a unique table, cabinetry, chairs and various other objects

2016-2017

*Instructor of record- ArtIS 202- Introduction to Wood Design**Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- Instructed two- 8 week sections per semester (3 semesters)
- Demonstrated basic woodworking techniques
- Instructed proper and safe tool usages
- Students designed and built scale models of furniture designs, they also designed and constructed a small wooden box using traditional hand joinery

Professional Experience

2012-Present

Matt.Maker

Boone, IA

- Designer, Furniture Maker, Metalsmith
- Independent Design Studio focused in creating and production furniture and metalsmithing

2008-2011

Fine Line Woodworks Inc.

2012-2018

Bondurant, IA

- *Shop Foreman/Project Manager*
- Communicate effectively with clients and fellow designers to develop an end product that is customized to meet each individual's goals
- Develop woodworking techniques and guidelines to ensure a high-quality product

- Order materials and delegate responsibilities to co-workers in order to complete projects efficiently with high quality craftsmanship
- *Designer, Design Engineer and Woodworker*
- Develop and carry ideas through each stage of the building process from drawing table to installation
- Work proficiently on numerous woodworking tools including the table saw, chop saw, jointer, planer, CNC router, edge-bander, and band saw along with a vast knowledge of wood finishing techniques
- *Auto CAD Technician*
- Design and engineer working drawings of high-end, custom cabinetry and furniture

2012

Huston Millwork

Grimes, IA

- *Cabinet Maker*
- *Constructed commercial cabinetry as well as perform installation of products*
- *Proficient in edge bander, cabinet saw and laminate work*

2011-2012

Sunray Custom Cabinetry & Furniture

Savage, MN

- *Cabinetry and Furniture Designer*
- Designed cabinetry and furniture using Auto CAD for client presentation and shop construction
- *Cabinet Maker*
- Constructed custom cabinetry as well as perform installation of products
- Proficient in edge bander, cabinet saw and frameless construction as well as laminate work

2007-2008

Pederson Construction Inc.

Des Moines, IA

- *Furniture Maker, Woodworker, Carpenter*
- Utilized construction skills such as remodeling, dry walling and painting to create custom interiors
- Developed architectural detail by adding custom moldings and trim work to existing spaces
- Re-modeled living rooms, bathrooms and kitchens

- 2006-2007 **Schropp's Cabinetry**
Ames, Iowa
- *Furniture and Cabinet Maker*
 - Created one-of-a-kind hand-made furniture and cabinetry
 - Specialized in high-end kitchen and bath cabinets along with heirloom furniture
 - Trained extensively to work with various woodworking tools including both hand and power tools
- 2006 **Sticks Inc.**
Des Moines, Iowa
- *Sculptor/Furniture Maker*
 - Created unique driftwood sculpture
 - Built limited production furniture

Shows, Exhibitions & Publications

- 2019 **Woodworker West Magazine**
Yorba Linda, CA
- "One Million Rocks"
- 2019 **Octagonal: The All Media Exhibit**
Octagon, Ames, Iowa
- "One Million Rocks"
 - "Don't Bite Your Thumbnails"
 - "Six Whistles"
- 2018 **Clay, Paper, Fiber, Wood, Metal, Glass Show**
Octagon, Ames, Iowa
- "Self Portrait Apparatus"
- 2017 **Clay, Paper, Fiber, Wood, Metal, Glass Show**
Octagon, Ames, Iowa
- "The Mind of the Maker"
- 2017 **Forge, Form, Fabricate**
Southern Illinois Metalsmith Society, Carbondale, Illinois
- "Emergency Use Only"

- 2016 **Multiplicity of Minds**
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames Iowa
- *“Sit & Play a Tune”*
 - *“Signal Horn for an Industrialist”*
- 2016 **Apex Juried Exhibit**
 Memorial Union ISU, Ames, Iowa
- *3 Pieces Selected- “Potassium Protector”, “Spear”, “Geometric Windsor”*
 - *Merit Award: “Potassium Protector”*
 - *Jurors: Mike and Sandy Gustafson of Nest Craft Studio, Des Moines, Iowa*
- 2016 **Art Inspired Exhibit**
 Memorial Union ISU, Ames, Iowa
- *2 Pieces selected- “Fidget Case”, “Conversations with Irvin”*
 - *Best of Show: “Fidget Case”*
 - *Juror: Amy Putney Koenig, Des Moines, Iowa*
- 2016 **48th Clay, Paper, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal Wood**
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames Iowa
- *“Emergency Use Only”*
 - *National All-Media Exhibit*
 - *Juror: Tomas Loeser, Chair of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Art Department and professor of wood and furniture design*
- 2015 **Studies in Creativity**
 Memorial Union ISU, Ames, Iowa
- *2 Pieces Selected- Industrialist’s Signal Horn”, “Carrot Top Stools”*
 - *Merit Award: “Industrialist’s Signal Horn”*
 - *Juror: Wayne Allison, North Iowa Area Community College*
- 2015 **Hero/Heroine Exhibit**
 College of Design, ISU, Ames Iowa
- *“Spear”*
 - *Juror: Letitia Kenemer, Memorial Union, ISU, Fine Arts Coordinator*

Honors & Awards

- 2019 **Best in Wood: Octagonal: The All Media Exhibit**
 Octagon, Ames, Iowa
- *“One Million Rocks”*

- 2017 **First Place: Clay, Paper, Fiber, Wood, Metal, Glass Show**
 Octagon, Ames, Iowa
- “The Mind of the Maker”
- 2017 **Best in Show: Forge, Form, Fabricate**
 Southern Illinois Metalsmith Society, Carbondale, Illinois
- “Emergency Use Only”
- 2016 **Merit Award: Apex Juried Exhibit**
 Memorial Union, ISU, Ames, Iowa
- “Potassium Protector”
 - *Juror: Jurors: Mike and Sandy Gustafson of Nest Craft Studio, Des Moines, Iowa*
- 2016 **Best of Show: Art Inspired Exhibit**
 Memorial Union, ISU, Ames Iowa
- “Fidget Case”
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- 2016 **Society for Midwest Metalsmiths -2016 Merit Scholarship**
 St. Louis, Missouri
- *\$1500 scholarship given to help encourage the continuing of development of Metalsmithing skills*
 - *Applications sent to 50 Colleges and Universities throughout the Midwest*
 - *3 students were selected from 10 schools, across six states*
- 2016 **Merit Award: Studies in Creativity**
 Memorial Union, ISU, Ames, Iowa
- “Industrialist’s Signal Horn”
 - *Juror: Wayne Allison, North Iowa Area Community College*
- 2006 **Emerging Iowa Artist participant**
 Des Moines Art Show, Des Moines, IA
- *Recognized as an emerging student artist in the state of Iowa*
 - *Awarded an opportunity to showcase my student work at one of the most prestigious art festivals in the nation*
- 2006 **Merit Award: FOCUS Design Show**
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Memorial Union, ISU, Ames, IA

- *“Ritualistic Vessel”*
- *Iowa State University design student show juried by professional artists*

2005

First Place: Iowa State University Design Annual Show

Iowa State University Design Annual Show, Ames, IA

- *“Can U Catch”*
- *Iowa State University design student show juried by a national artist*

2004

Design Emphasis National Student Furniture Design Competition

International Woodworking Fair, Atlanta, GA

- *National student design competition juried by International Woodworking Fair*
- *Received in honor of my one-of-a-kind wood coffee table entitled “Comic Book Coffee Table”*