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Education

Class of 2020 Bachelors of Fine Art, Sculpture and Expanded Media and Painting,
Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland OH

2017-2019 Cognitive Science, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH

2005 Bachelors of Science, English, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis MD

Teaching/professional experience

2020 Teaching Assistant, Systems Drawing, Cleveland Institute of Art (Instructor: Amber Kempthorn)

2019 Instructor, intro to woodshop, Cleveland Institute of Art, Continuing Education program

2018-2019 Design/Fabrication/Production Assistant, Moderncre8ve, Cleveland OH

2018 Studio Assistant of Guillaume LeBlon, in support of FRONT international, Cleveland OH

Teaching Assistant, Blacksmithing, Cleveland Institute of Art (Instructor: Stephen Smolinski)

2017 Teaching Assistant, 3D Design, Cleveland Institute of Art (Instructor: Zak Smoker)

2016 Physical remodel/menu redesign and illustrations, Porco Lounge and Tiki Room,
Cleveland OH

2007-2016 U.S. Navy Sea Air Land (SEAL) Officer, Iraq / Afghanistan / Lebanon / Arabian Gulf

2005-2007 Naval Surface Warfare Officer, USS Ashland (LSD-48), Arabian Gulf / East Africa

Workshops attended

2016 Steel - Traditional Bicycle Frame Building, Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

Awards/Scholarships

2020 Cleveland Institute of Art Board of Trustees Second Prize
Northern Ohio Art Dealers Association award
David and Ann Deming award

2019 The Julian Stanczak '54 Scholarship
Joseph McCullough '48 Scholarship for Excellence in Painting
The Painting Department Award, for excellence in studio practice
Eastman-Bolton (1912) Memorial Prize
John Jackson Memorial Scholarship

2016-2020 Dean's list

2018 Cleveland Institute of Art Board of Trustees Grand Purchase Prize

2017-2020 Clara Rust-Bingham Memorial scholarship

2017 Cleveland Institute of Art Board of Trustees Second Prize
Karen Skunta Design Award

Group/Solo Exhibitions

2020 *CIA Independently Juried Student Exhibition*, Cleveland Institute of Art
I am the River, Waterloo Arts, Cleveland OH

2019 *Exhibitionist*, Cleveland Institute of Art
Open/Closed, National Veterans Art Museum Triennial Exhibition, Chicago II
Bostwick Design Group sponsored exhibition, Cleveland OH

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CIA Independently Juried Student Exhibition, Cleveland Institute of Art

- 2018 *The 100 Show*, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland OH
Bazaarbeque, FORUM artspace, Cleveland OH
Piece of the artist, two-week independent installation, Cleveland Institute of Art
CIA Independently Juried Student Exhibition, Cleveland Institute of Art
- 2017 Permanent sculptural installation, *Banter* (restaurant), Cleveland OH
CIA Independently Juried Student Exhibition, Cleveland Institute of Art
- 2016 *Political Vacuum*, three-day storefront installation, Blazing Saddle Cycle, Cleveland OH

Bibliography

- 2020 The Plain Dealer:
<https://www.cleveland.com/arts/2020/03/cleveland-institute-of-arts-74th-annual-student-independent-exhibition-displays-talents-on-the-rise.html>
- 2019 Chicago Tribune:
<https://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/museums/ct-ent-nvam-war-art-review-waxman-ttd-0609-story>
- Transmissions Volume 2, Issue 2*, interview for National Veterans Art Museum Triennial:
<https://www.nvam.org/newsletters>
- 2018 Link Magazine:
<https://www.cia.edu/news/stories/in-command-of-his-art>
- NPR affiliate WCPN, *Ideastream* radio interview:
<http://wcpn.ideastream.org/news/brandon-secret-from-navy-seal-to-student-sculptor>
- 2017 Freshwater Cleveland:
<http://www.freshwatercleveland.com/features/PhotoEssay030917.aspx>

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