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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025	Anticipated solo retrospective, Open Book and Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN
2020	Double Shift, MCAD Gallery, Minneapolis MN
2018	Geo Stories solo exhibition, Boliou Gallery, Carleton College, Northfield MN
2017	What I Think About: Fossil Record, Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis MN
2016	Metropolis & Invisible Cities: Interpretations on Urbanity, Constellation Gallery, Lincoln NE
2014	Contained Narrative, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN
2014	Bound and Beyond: Structure in Book Art, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee WI
2014	Found Objects, Form+Content Gallery, Minneapolis MN
2014	Print, Produce, Publish, J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, Salt Lake City UT
2014	Cornered: Folded Form, University of Utah Rare Book Collection
2013	The Illustrated Accordion, Kalamazoo Book Arts Center, Kalamazoo MI
2012	Intersections, Nothing Staid, collaborative work with MCAD Alum Isa Gagarin, MCAD Gallery
2012	Infinite Possibilities: Math, Science, Book Arts, Sandy Gallery, Seattle WA
2010	Sculptural Books: Memory and Desire, U of Arizona Museum of Art, Tucson AZ
2009	Art of the Fold, Lawton Gallery, UW Green Bay WI
2009	Framework, Kohler Art Library, Madison WI
2008	WorkBooks, Katherine Nash Gallery, Minneapolis MN
2006	Grainyard, Art/Architecture Gallery, MS&R Architects, Minneapolis MN
2006	Type, Paper, Scissors: The Book as Art Environment, Inova/Institute of Visual Arts, Milwaukee WI
2004	No Reading Required, Walker Without Walls, Walker Art Center at MCBA, Minneapolis MN
2004	The Book Unbound, Durango Art Center, Durango CO
2003	Love and/or Terror, University of Arizona Art Museum, Tucson AZ
2002	McKnight Interdisciplinary Fellowship Exhibition, Installation with sound, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis MN
2000	In My Library, Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee WI
1999	IF not THIS, Walker Art Center, Art Lab, Architectural/video/book installation, Minneapolis MN
1998	Bookatecture: Books and Architecture, Astra Design Gallery, Richmond VA
1997	Material/Immaterial, slide projection/installation, Soap Factory, Minneapolis MN
1997	Building Books, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson WI
1996	Building by the Book, Architectural/book installation, Katherine Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
1996	From Cover to Cover: Transformation of the Book, Iowa State University, Ames Iowa
1996	The Reading Room, ARC, Chicago IL. Curated by Buzz Spector
1995	Science and Artists' Books, Smithsonian Institution, Museum of American History, Washington D.C.
1995	A User's Guide to Genetic Gardening, Video installation, C.A.G.E., Cincinnati OH
1994	The Book Unbound, Ormand Memorial Art Museum, Ormand Beach FL
1993	Tending to Code, video Installation, Pyramid Atlantic, Washington, D.C.
1993	Building the Contemporary Book: Architecture and the Book, M.C.B.A., Minneapolis MN
1993	Book Ends and Odd Books, The Banff Centre for the Arts, Banff, Alberta, Canada
1992	Under Cover: The Book Becomes Art, Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale AZ
1991	Boundless Vision, San Antonio Art Institute, San Antonio TX
1991	Un Libro Mas exhibition, Museo de Arte Carrillo Gil, Mexico City MX
1990	Book Arts in the U.S.A., Center for Book Arts New York, traveling exhibition to Africa, South America
1990	A Handful of Eternal Verities, Architecture/book installation, Katherine Nash Gallery, Minneapolis MN
1989	Volumes, Minneapolis Institute of Art, M.A.E.P. Gallery, Minneapolis MN
1988	Context Clues, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menominee WI
1987	Homage to Fluxus, Luc Fierens, Hombeek, Belgium
4000	All California 10C Lagrana Art Maranas CA

All-California '86, Laguna Art Museum, CA

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PUBLIC ART AND ARCHITECTURE PROJECTS

201	7	Open Book book store marquee, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
200	8	Situations, Architectural Intervention #1, Minnesota Center for Book Arts
200	6	Summerhouse Library, for MN Landscape Arboretum Secret Gardens, with Chad Rutter and Laura Fulk
200	5	Siteworks: Skyway, Project manager for Skyway mural project for Carmichael Lynch/MCAD
2004	4	Minnehaha Park/50th Street Station Canopy artwork, photo glasswork, Minneapolis MN
200	1- 03	Hiawatha Light Rail Public Art Program, Artist Liaison to Design/Build Contractor TDKA Associates
200	1	Hiawatha Project, Light Rail Station Concept Design Warehouse District with ESG Architects, Minneapolis MN
200	0	Hiawatha Project, Light Rail Station Concept Design 38th St., 46th St., Minnehaha Park with MSR Architects, Minneapolis MN
200	0- 01	Open Book Center Gail See Staircase design, fabrication and installation, with architect Garth Rockcastle, Minneapolis MN
200	0	The Memory Project, Orpheum Theater, St. Paul, MN. Photo, sculpture installation
198	7	Projections in Public: Los Angeles, Los Angeles Institute of Contemporary Art
198	7	Projections in Public: San Diego, Installation Gallery/Projected Light Collective
198	7	Stuart Foundation, Terry Allen's Trees, site-specific sound sculpture, La Jolla CA
198	6-87	Newton Harrison and Helen Mayer Harrison, The Lagoon Cycle, La Jolla CA

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

2023	projected date for Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway and Arctic Ocean, 3-week residency for artists and scientists
2017	Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, County Clare Ireland, 1-month residency
2005	Eastern Frontier Foundation Norton Island, Maine, 1-month residency
2002	American Academy in Rome, Visiting Artist 1-month residency
1991	Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY 2-month residency

PUBLISHED EDITIONED ARTIST'S BOOKS

2017	Paper Architecture, offset printed, large scale edition, published by JAB Journal of Artists' Books, Chicago IL
2006	Artists' Field Guides to Art in Nature, inkjet edition 100, with MCAD students Laura Fulk and Chad Rutter
2003	Questions on Empty Space, pigment ink jet edition 7
1995	Viewpoints, photo silkscreen edition 20, funding through MN State Arts Board Career Opportunity Grant
1991	Spatial Geometries, offset edition 800, funded by NY State Council for the Arts and Visual Studies Workshop Press
1991	Continental Drifting, offset edition of 650; funding through Jerome Foundation and M.C.B.A.
1990	Nude Youths, photocopier book, first printing of 585; second printing 500
1989	How to Make an Antique, offset edition of 500; funding through Jerome Foundation and M.C.B.A.

CURATING

2017	CVA Action: RISE, Concordia University H. Williams Gallery, St. Paul MN
2011	Intersections: Women, Power, and the Art of Collaboration, MCAD Main Gallery
2008	Idea Factory/Work Book, Katherine Nash Gallery, Minneapolis MN, co-curator
2007	Clints, Grikes, Turloughs: Work from the Burren, MCAD Concourse Gallery
2004	Five College Exhibition, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks ND, sole juror
2000-03	Open Book Exhibitions, Minneapolis MN, curator for 6 lobby exhibitions per year
1998	Story: Telling National Exhibition, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN, co-curator
1997	Modular Body, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul MN, curator and catalog essay
1996	Art and Science: Creative Solutions, College of Visual Arts, St. Paul MN, curator and catalog essay
1990	Copier Books, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN, co-curator and catalog essay
1988	Picture Dictionary, University of Minnesota Studio Arts Gallery, curator and catalog
1986	Artists' Books and Book Constructions, U.C.S.D. Central Library, La Jolla, CA, curator,

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2010-11	American Council on Education Leadership Fellowship, placement at The New School/Parsons, New York
2010-11	Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship
2008	Faculty Opportunity Grant, Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2002	American Academy in Rome, Visiting Artist Residency
2002	Minnesota State Arts Board Visual Arts Fellowship
2001	Jerome Visual Arts Travel and Study Grant
2001	McKnight / Intermedia Arts Interdisciplinary Fellowship
1995	Career Opportunity Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
1992	Jerome Visual Arts Travel and Study Grant
1992	N.E.A. Regional Visual Arts Fellowship
1991	Bush Foundation Visual Arts Fellowship
1991	New York State Council on the Arts Artist-in-Residency Grant
1990	Career Opportunity Grant, Minnesota State Arts Board
1990, 1988	Jerome Foundation/M.C.B.A. Book Arts Fellowship

COLLECTIONS

Arizona State University, Hayden Special Collections

Bruce Peel Special Collections Library, University of Alberta, Canada

El Arcivero Artists' Books Archives, Mexico City MX

Getty Center for the History of Arts and Humanities, Los Angeles

Museum of Modern Art PS1 Archive

Phoenix Public Library, Percent for Arts Project, AZ

RISD Special Collections

Sackner Archive of Concrete and Visual Poetry, Florida

School of the Art Institute Chicago, John M. Flaxman Library

SUNY College at Brockport, Drake Memorial Library

University of Oregon Libraries

University of Utah Sat Lake City Rarer Book Collection

University of Washington Library, Seattle, WA

University of Wisconsin Madison, Kohler Art Library

University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Golda Meir Library Special Collections

Walker Art Center

Wellesley Special Collections

Yale University, Arts of the Book Collection, New Haven CT

SELECTED CITATIONS

2018	Star Tribune, April 10, 2018, For Transit Stations, Public Art Brings Both Beauty and Budgetary Concerns, Janet Moore
2012	Star Tribune, January 20, 2012, "Learning Curve", Mary Abbe
2009	Conveying Meaning in a Non-Traditional Format, October 2009, Shirley Greer, Watkins Institute of Technology, Ireland
2008	New York Times, April 30, 2008, "With Book as a Catalyst," Lisa Chamberlain
2006	World Architecture Fall 2006, "Adaptive Reuse of Old Buildings," published in English and Chinese
2005	No Longer Innocent: Book Arts in America 1960-1980, Betty Bright, Granary Books
2005	Architecture Minnesota Magazine, January/February 2005, interview
2005	Scape Magazine, Summer 2005, "Light Rail Design Process," by Regina Flanagan
2004	Planning: Special Issue on Transportation, May 2004, Sam Newberg
2003, 1984	The Structure of the Visual Book, Keith Smith. Visual Studies Workshop Press, Rochester NY
2002	Public Art Review, Vol. 13, #2, Issue 26, "The Transit Landscape, Rebecca Banyas,
2002	The Inspired Workspace: Designs for Creativity, Marilyn Zelinsky. Rockport Publishers, ME
2002	Digital Book Design, Douglas Hollely, Clarellen Press

2002	Twin Cities Business Journal, Feb. 22, 2002. "Stations Connect City to Rail, Mark Reilly						
2001	City Pages, May 2, 2001. "Best Renovation," Best of the Twin Cities Issue						
2000	Architecture Minnesota Magazine, September 2000. "Literary Art/Interior Revisions, "C. LeFevre						
2000	Architectural Record, March 2000. "Read All About It," Bette Hammel						
1998	Artists' Books: A Critical Survey of the Literature, Stefan Klima. Granary Books, NY						
1995	The Century of Artists' Books, Johanna Drucker. Granary Books, NY						
1990	The Print Collector's Newsletter, Vol. XXI, #5, Nov 1990. "Artist's Book Beat," Nancy Princenthal						
SELEC	TED PUBLISHED WRITING						
2018	Editor. The Artists' Book as Third Mind. by Marianne Dages. For JAB #43. Spring 2018						

2018	Editor, <i>The Artists' Book as Third Mind</i> , by Marianne Dages, For JAB #43, Spring 2018
2015	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, essay for biannual Winter Book
2012	Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Catalog essay "Intersections: Women, Leadership, Collaboration
2011	JAB Journal of Artists Books, JAB 30, Fall 2011, "Nothing in Its Place: The Blank Page"
2011	CAA Online Reviews, Spring 2011 Artist book review "Sanctus Sonorensis," by Philip Zimmerman"
2009	The Bonefoleder, Volume 6, No.1, Fall 2009, Walker Art Center exhibition review "Text Messages"
2008	Bound and Lettered Magazine, Vol. 7, Number 2, 2008, essay "Work Book: Thinking and Making"
2008	Places Magazine, June 2008 issue, essay "Displace/Discover"
2008	Friends of the Library Magazine, UW Madison, Spring 2008 issue, essay "Show Your Work"
2000	JAB Journal of Artists Books- JAB 13, Spring. "Blurred Boundaries"
1999	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN, Exhibition essay, "Story:Telling,"
1996	College of Visual Arts, St. Paul, MN, catalog essay "Art and Science: Creative Solutions"
1995	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, publisher, "Talking the Boundless Book: Art, Language, & Book Arts"
1991-94	Columnist for the Binnewater Tides, publisher Women's Studio Workshop, Rosendale, NY
1990	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Copier Books Exhibition catalog essay "Singular Multiples"

SELECTED INVITATIONAL LECTURES / PANELS

2019	Succession Planning for Seasoned Art and Design Administrators, NASAD Conference, Pittsburgh PA
2018	University of the Arts, Philadelphia PA, panel moderator Collective Relevance: The Reciprocity of Art and Artifact
2017	Carleton College, Northfield MN, Field Guides: Close observation
2017	Nash Gallery, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, What I Think About: Fossil Record
2015	California College of Art, San Francisco CA, Art + Science: Working with the Collection
2014	Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore MD, New Paradigms: Teaching and Learning
2010	Alberta College of Art and Design, Canada, Making Space, lecture and workshop
2010	College Book Art Association, Portland OR, panelist on Pedagogical Practice in Book Arts Education
2009	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Book as Activist Symposium, for panelist Book as Object
2009	National Art Education Association, Annual Conference, Art Making, Art Educating
2006	American Society of Landscape Architects, Field Session at 50th Street Light Rail Station
2006	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, lecture Collecting Books/Collecting Ideas
2004	Pyramid Atlantic, Washington, DC, The Artist Book as an Intermedia Device symposium lecture, Context Clues
2002	Cornell Program in Rome, Italy, Visiting Artist lecture
2002	NEH/Carleton College at Open Book, lecture Why Book Arts?
2001	Camberwell College of Arts, London, England, Graduate Book Arts Program, Visiting Artist lecture
2000	American Institute of Architects, Minneapolis, presentation Light Rail for Urban Design
1999	Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN, gallery talk Ed Ruscha
1999	Mid America College Art Association Conference, Louisville KY, panelist Structural Books
1999	Book Arts 2000 Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL, panel Towards the Future of the Book
1994	Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN, panel Re-reading the Boundless Book: Theory and Criticism
1992	Walker Art Center, Minneapolis MN, lecture Discipline-Based Art Education
1990	University of Minnesota, School of Architecture and Landscape Design, lecture Books as Architectural Structure

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

2018	Central Academy of Fine Art, presenter Presidents' International Symposium on Higher Art Education, Beijing China					
2017	Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, County Clare Ireland, 1-month residency					
2011	Central Academy of Fine Art, presenter Presidents' International Symposium on Foundation Art Ed, Beijing China					
2011	American Council on Education Site Visit Team to South Africa: HESA (Higher Education South Africa),					
	UNISA (U South Africa), UCT (U Cape Town), UWC (U Western Cape), CPUT (Cape Peninsula Technology)					
2009	International Sculpture Symposium- exhibition and lecture, UMN Twin Cities, Invitational Korean, Chinese, American					
2007	Burren College of Art, lead faculty for MCAD Study Abroad, Spring semester					
2002	American Academy in Rome, Italy, Visiting Artist residency and lecture					
2002	Cornell Program in Rome, Italy, Visiting Artist lecturer					
2002	Three-week sabbatical research project on memorial sculpture, Berlin, Germany					
2001	Three-month sabbatical research project on history of books/artists' books, British Library, London, England					
2001	Camberwell College of Arts, London, England, Graduate Book Arts Program, Visiting Artist lecturer					
2000	Study Abroad, College of Visual Arts, designed and led study abroad program, Rome, Florence, Sienna Italy					
1999	Study Abroad, College of Visual Arts, designed and led the first study abroad program, London and Paris					

EDUCATION

1987-1990	Master	o f	Fine	Arts	Sculpture
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University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

1984-1985 Coursework in Art Education, PhD Program

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore MD

1971-1975 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art Education

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, magna cum laude, first in class

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020- present	Professor Emeritus	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2018-2019	Interim President	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2011- 2018, 2020	Vice President of Academic Affairs	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2003- 2011	Chair of Fine Arts	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
2003- present	Professor Fine Arts	Minneapolis College of Art and Design
1993-2003	Academic Dean, Chair of Fine Arts, Professor	College of Visual Arts, St. Paul
1990-1992	Adjunct Faculty	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities
1976-1990	K-8 Art Teacher	Washington, D.C. and San Diego, CA

BOARD SERVICE

2018- 2020	Advisory Board Member, Journal of Artists' Books, publisher Columbia College Center for the Book
2008	Founding Board Member, College Book Art Association
2002- 05	Board of Trustees, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN
2002	MACAA Conference Steering Committee
1997- 00	Artist Advisory Board, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis MN