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EDUCATION:

Sheffield City Polytechnic, B.A. (Honors) in Fine Art, Sheffield, England 1989
Laban Centre for Movement and Dance. Diploma in Dance Studies, London, England 1990
Simon Fraser University. Dance studies, Vancouver, Canada. 1991
Image West, Design: Surface pattern and textile design, California 1998
IBEU Language School, Portuguese intensive, Rio, Brazil 2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2009
- San Francisco Day School. San Francisco, CA. Teaching position, art department.
 - Esalen Institute, Ceramics workshop, Big Sur, CA.
 - De Young Museum. Printmaking workshop. San Francisco, CA.
 - Teaching ceramic throwing and hand-building classes at Ruby's Clay Studio. San Francisco, CA.
- 2008
- IN MOVEMENT, a non-profit organization bringing art education to disadvantaged communities, Kampala, Uganda. As Artist in Residence, completed sister mural for the "Cultural Collaborations" Project at the Kayda orphanage in Kampala, Uganda.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission Individual Artist Award for "Cultural Collaborations" Project with the Boys & Girls Club of San Francisco, producing six mosaic murals on the walls outside the clubhouse.
 - Esalen Institute, taught painting workshop, Big Sur, CA
- 2007
- The Mud Bus. Project manager/teacher for free outreach ceramic classes from Ruby's Clay Studio.
 - Trust for Public Land, Potrero Hill Park, created tiles for game pathway and assisted design of mosaic bench.
 - IN MOVEMENT, Artist in Residence, organizational development, project manager for building of performance space. Kampala, Uganda.
 - San Francisco Day School, Artist in Residence, taught ceramics during African Art and Culture week.
 - Esalen Institute, taught ceramic workshop, Big Sur, CA
- 2006
- De Young Museum, Artist in Residence. Constructed "The Cunnicle," an earth/sculpture installation.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission Individual Artist program; granted award to construct the Spirit Garden Mosaic Bench for the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, San Francisco, CA.
 - Esalen Institute, taught painting workshop, Big Sur, CA
- 2005
- Art/Social Development Project in Africa, continuation of project begun in 2002 working with a group of youths to build classrooms at an art center in Quelimne, Mozambique.
 - Esalen Institute, taught ceramic workshop, Big Sur, CA.
- 2004
- Esalen Institute, taught ceramic workshop, Big Sur, CA.
 - Taught ceramics in Rio, Brazil, to youths enrolled in art programs at the following institutions: Escola Fabrica de Espetaculos; Oficina de Outeiro; and the British School.
- 2003 to 2007
- Ruby's Clay Studio, manager, outreach coordinator, San Francisco, CA.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission Award for "The Wide House Project," a twelve-week ceramic outreach project.
 - San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners, summer volunteer project to construct an earth-built tool shed; designed in conjunction with the San Francisco Institute of Architecture.
 - Boys and Girls Clubs of America, taught ceramics in summer camp, San Francisco, CA.
- 2002
- Santa Clara Mission in Africa, worked with local orphans to develop a project called "Olaria Africa," and to teach ceramics, Quelimane Mozambique.
- 2001
- Star Pierce Interior Design, Assistant to owner, San Francisco, CA.
 - Aurobora Press, Assistant Technician for printmaking workshop, San Francisco, CA..
 - Alvarado School, Assistant Artist for tile mural project funded by the Ruth Asawa Foundation, San Francisco, CA.
- 1998
- Worked with Image West on Surface Pattern Design to create designs for Hallmark Cards and DFS, Inc.
- 1997-present
- Began teaching ceramic throwing and hand-building classes at Ruby's Clay Studio.
- 1991
- PMI Productions, Assistant Art Director, London, England.

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EXHIBITIONS, AWARDS, AND ARTICLES:

- 2009
 - NCECA International Residency Award. Ghana, Africa.
 - Berkeley Art Center Group show. Berkeley, CA.
 - The Fuller Craft Museum, Brockton, MA. Traveling exhibition. The Perfect Fit: Shoes Tell Stories.
 - Davis Art Center, Davis, CA. Group ceramic show. "8 from ACGA".
 - Baulines Master Crafts. Artworks Downtown. San Rafael, California.
 - Ruby's Clay Studio Gallery, San Francisco, CA. Solo sculpture and painting show 'Glitter +ART +I'.

- 2008
 - Marin Society of Artist group sculpture show. Marin, CA.
 - Frank Bette Art Center. 'Schisms' group art show. Alameda, CA. Best of show for "Guardian".

- 2007
 - Walter and Elise Haas Fund grant awarded for the outreach project "Mud Bus" mobile clay studio.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission. Individual artist: funding for the "Cultural Collaborations" community mosaic project.
 - Clay and Glass Arts Foundation grant awarded for "Cultural Collaborations" community mosaic project.
 - Pence Gallery, "Following the Line," group show of ceramic sculpture, Davis, CA.
 - Clay Times magazine, Featured Artist in July/August issue.

- 2006
 - Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation, Individual Artist Grant Award, Los Angeles, CA.
 - De Young Museum, Artist-in-Residence. "Ancestry in Progress," solo show, San Francisco, CA.
 - Clay and Glass Arts Foundation. Individual artist grant award for the Spirit Garden project.
 - KQED, featured artist in residence on the television series entitled "Spark" for the New Beginnings episode in March 2006.

- 2005
 - Ruby's Clay Studio, "Ancestors Are Calling," solo show of figurative sculpture, fundraising event for African projects. San Francisco, CA.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission, individual artist grant awarded for "The Spirit Garden" mosaic bench. San Francisco, CA.
 - California Clay Competition. Davis, CA.
 - BBC World service website, appeared in feature article about project conducted in Mozambique

- 2004
 - Association of Clay and Glass Artists, group show, San Francisco, CA.

- 2003
 - Ruby's Clay Studio, "N'Capapele: One Made of Clay," solo show of sculpture, fundraising event for African projects.
 - San Francisco Arts Commission, Organizational project award for "The Wide House Project."
 - City College of San Francisco, "Illuminations," group-show of paintings, San Francisco, CA

- 2002
 - Virginia Breier Gallery, "Teapots," group show, San Francisco, CA.
 - Soma Gallery, San Francisco, CA, Art for Aids, group show of ceramic artists to benefit the Bay-Area Aids organizations.

- 2001
 - Ruby's Clay Studio, "Quinta Essentia," solo ceramics show, San Francisco, CA.

- 2000
 - Good Monkey's Gallery, "New Millennium," group show of ceramics, Portland, Oregon.

- 1999
 - 17 Reasons Gallery, "Scrum-diddley-umptious," solo show of ceramics and printmaking, San Francisco, CA.

- 1997/
 - "California Clay Competition," Artery Gallery, Davis, CA..
- 1998
 - "Illuminations into the Light," Cambridge, MA.
 - "Teapots," Laramie, Wyoming.