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Seasoned project veteran who brings expertise in contemporary art with an emphasis on program direction and sound fiscal management. Background includes experience working with institutions, nonprofit boards and collectors curating, collaborating, selling and creating work on commission. My passion for art has led me to create an outreach psycho-social support program that I have facilitated around the world.

Work Experience:

- Developing and implementing innovative creative programs and services to allow for deeper connections and experiences.
- A track record of presenting and selling innovative work that engages a range of audiences
- Directing and curating multi-disciplinary exhibitions that are designed as learning environments populated by exhibits and powered by inquiry.
- Bridging educational partnerships by collaborating with creative leaders and educators to advance inquiry based learning and community-based engagement worldwide.
- Working with diverse groups including boards, committees, volunteers, schools and external audiences.

THE THREADS THAT BIND US, Creator and Facilitator 2016-Present

<https://vimeo.com/user17945889/theprojectroomartandeducationoutreach>

A program that provides psycho-social support and self-discovery through portrait photography and creative storytelling. This program has been implemented for the Oda Foundation, Kalikot, Nepal and Colorado Rocky Mountain School Hs2, Carbondale, Colorado

CURATE App, Co-Founder 2013-Present, Chicago

<https://www.curate-space.com>

- Designed and created an app that allows the user to virtually see any artwork, scaled correctly, on their own walls.
- Launched at Chicago Art Expo 2014.
- Worked with galleries and art collectors on how to best utilize the app as a sales tool.

THE PROJECT ROOM, Founder/Director/Curator, November 2012 – Present

<https://theprojectroompb.com>

The Project Room is a gallery and multi-disciplinary exhibition space that provides a global platform for critically warranted art to be exposed to the public eye and an opportunity to engage in open dialogue with inspirational leaders and educators.

THE PROJECT ROOM Programs:

- **CREATIVE ACTIVISM; storytelling for social change leadership program**, April, 2015
- **CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK; THE ARM CHAIR EXPLORER**, October 17, 2014
- **CHICAGO IDEAS WEEK; PHOTOGRAPHY & PHYSICS LAB**, October, 2013
- **OUT OF DARKNESS COMES LIGHT Exhibition & Benefit**, March 2013

Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, January 2006 - December 2007, Chicago
Curatorial Research Assistant - volunteer

a-GREEN-house; Founder, January 2006 - December 2011, Chicago
Individual Yoga and outdoor wellness program

Schneider Photography Gallery, January 1987 - December 1993, Chicago
Gallery Associate

Education

- **Columbia College, Bachelors Art, Photography**
- **Studio Arts Collage International, Florence, Italy, Photography, Art History**
- **University of Colorado at Boulder, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Photography**

Skills

Visual Artist
Fine Art Photographer
Photojournalist
Curator
Contemporary Art
Modern Art
Art Educator
Art Direction
Studio Art

Collage Artist
Mixed Media
Portrait Photographer
Visionary
Collaborator
Lightroom
Premiere Pro
Photoshop
Creative Director

Mindful
Coordinator
Art Consultant
Artist Liaison
Image Editing
Connector
Idea generator
Philosopher

EXHIBITIONS/RESIDENCIES/ASSOCIATIONS

2018

The Billboard Creative, Los Angeles, CA
Public Art

Taylor Daine Goulet gallery +, Aspen Colorado
Group exhibition

2017

Gallery 1949, Aspen, Colorado
Group exhibition

2016

Gallery 1949, Aspen Colorado
Group exhibition

2015

Jennifer Norback Fine Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
Group Exhibition
THE PROJECT ROOM, Chicago, IL
Group Exhibition

2014

Ragdale Artist Residency, Lake Forest, IL
Jonathan Martin Fine Art, Aspen, Colorado

2013

THE PROJECT ROOM Gallery, Chicago, IL
Out of Darkness Comes Light, International Group exhibition

2012

Joy Horwich Gallery + 2, Chicago, IL
The Art Center, Highland Park, IL
Voices and Visions
Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
International exhibition
Buckingham Gallery, Chicago, IL
Group Exhibition

2011

Art World Chicago, online art gallery

2009

The Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO
Group show

2008

Chicago Art Open, Chicago, IL

Received Honorable Mention Award

Chrome Gallery, Chicago, IL

Enduring. Omissions. Awakenings.

Red Brick Gallery, Aspen, CO

Wild Wonder Woman

Suburban Fine Art Gallery, Highland Park, IL

In View

2007

Gallery 57, Highwood, IL

Suburban Fine Art Gallery, Highland Park, IL

In View - received 'Award of Excellence'

Suburban Fine Art Gallery, Highland Park, IL

Equality Show

2006

Columbia College Alumni show, Chicago, IL

COLLECTIONS

CORPORATE

Grosvenor Contemporary Photography Collection, Chicago, IL

PRIVATE

Atlanta

Glencoe

Aspen

Los Angeles

Chicago

Michigan

Highland Park

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Museum of Contemporary Photography, Advisory Committee

Woman In Photography International, professional member

Chicago Ideas Week, member & developer for THE PROJECT ROOM live Lab

Oda Foundation, student sponsorship program

References available upon request