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Education

Master of Fine Arts, Metal Program, anticipated graduation May 2015

State University of New York at New Paltz

Bachelor of Arts, Biology and Community Health, graduated Cum Laude May 2008

Tufts University, Somerville, MA

Teaching Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant SUNY New Paltz

Spring 2014

- Instructor of record, Introduction to Metal to undergraduate students
- Planed curriculum and projects that encourage students to think and express themselves creatively through metal fabrication

Instructor Lillstreet Art Center and Evanston Art Center, Chicago IL

2013-present

 Introduce techniques for incorporating steel in jewelry to metal artists with a variety of skill experiences

Related Experience

Intern for Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center SUNY New Paltz

Fall 2014- present

- Assist with 3D design, scanning, printing, post processing and assembly
- Work with local businesses to design models for 3D printing and production

Assistant Studio Technician SUNY New Paltz

2013-present

- Ensure studio equipment is clean, organized, and available for use
- Make minor repairs and test functioning of studio tools

Co-founder of Revolution Craft Show Chicago IL

2013-present

- Co-founded recurring craft show with over 40 artists
- Manage all aspects of the show including event details, soliciting artists and attendees, publicity, and brand recognition
- Work in a team with third party vendors to create logos and promotional material

Studio Jeweler and Owner Maia Leppo Jewelry Chicago, IL

2011-present

- Design and create jewelry to sell in boutiques and galleries around the country
- Spread brand awareness through logo design, marketing and soliciting new locations to sell work

Additional Experience

Clinical Research Coordinator Tufts Medical Center Boston, MA

August 2008-May 2010

- Researched effect of AIDS medications on kidney function
- Research published in peer-reviewed journals

Juried Shows and Exhibitions

Brookline Arts Center Brookline, MA IMPACTMay 2015Winthrop University Rock Hill, SC EmergenceMarch 2015The Greenpoint Gallery Brooklyn, NY Improper ArticlesFebruary 2015Queens Museum Queens, NY Open EngagementMay 2014

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Pinokotek Der Modern Museum Munich, Germany Staring: in Hindsight Pelham Art Center Pelham, NY Craft-tastic

Montana State University Bozeman, MT World Belt Champion Buckle

Maria V. Howard Imperial Art Center Rocky Mount, NC Handcrafted

Florida Craftsmen Gallery St Petersburg, FL From the Ridiculous to the Sublime

March 2014
December 2013
2012 and 2013
January 2012
January 2012