Ashley Cassens

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EDUCATION

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

MFA in Drawing and Painting 2017

Thesis: Lifeline: Expressions of Intimacy through Paint

Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL

BFA in Painting

Thesis: Pop Pop Pop: The Figure and Space

Minor: Art History

Honors: Cum Laude 2006

Areas of Concentration: Figurative Realism

AWARDS

2014-2017
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton FL

Instructor of Record, 2D Design, Drawing I 2015-2017

[Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Art History, 2D Design, Painting I 2014-2017

Assisted Professors in organization of course materials, daily interaction with students both in brick and mortar setting and online, assessment/grading, as well as lecturing and leading individual lessons.

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John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art

Museum Education Intern 2016

Assisted and worked closely with Museum Education Director on youth and family programming, guiding K-12 tours, engaged creative education based on museum's permanent and special exhibitions

Florida Southern College, Lakeland, FL

Teaching Assistant to William Otremsky in Painting

2005-2006

Assisted Professor Otremsky in instruction, guiding critiques, and grading projects.

ArtQuest School of Art & Design, Ormond Beach, FL

Instructor 2002-2006

Led small classroom and art camps for ages 6-9 in mastering representational drawing through observation. Taught Color and Creative Design to ages 5 and up.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Painter's Forum

Officer 2014 – 2016

Liaison for the Artist Talk Series, bringing national and international artist lectures to Florida Atlantic University. Handled social media marketing, partnered with the Norton Museum of Art in educational programming for college students.

Melvin Art Gallery, Florida Southern College

Gallery Assistant 2003 – 2005

Guided gallery tours for visitors, assisted in hanging and removal of exhibitions and hosted gallery openings

EXHIBITIONS

Enigma, St. Petersburg (upcoming)

artLAB, Carrollwood Cultural Center, Tampa, FL (upcoming)

OPUS, Tampa Covenant Church, Tampa FL

Femme Fatale: A Collection of Female Artists Hidden Springs Ale Works, Tampa, FL 2018

BLOOM, Carrollwood Cultural Council, Tampa FL

TEN, The Art Gallery, Palm Beach State College, Palm Beach, FL

Landings, Cornell Museum, Delray Beach, FL

MFA Thesis Exhibition, Schmidt Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Projections, The Bunker, Ybor City, FL

PRIMED, The Red Door No. 5 Gallery, Tampa FL 2017

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It Figures, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL 5 X 5, Theatre Lab, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL Lucent, Cornell Museum, Delray Beach, FL Femme Florida, The Box Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL

2016

Juried Student Exhibtion, Schmidt, Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL Musings, Bamboozle Café, Tampa, FL

2015

Situational Awareness, Bamboozle Tea Lounge, Tampa, FL Faces and Figures, Old Hyde Park Art Center, Tampa, FL Handmade in America, Singing Stone Gallery, Tampa, FL Emergence, Station Three, St. Petersburg, FL One World, Arts Center Sarasota, Sarasota FL Figurative, Light, Space + Time Online Gallery

2014

2nd Celebration of the Arts, Tampa Bay Times Forum, Tampa, FL Wine Bank, Port Orange, FL The Alphabet Show, The Bricks, Ybor City, FL Man on the Moon, The Ritz, Ybor City, FL

Femme Fatale, The Bricks Ybor City, FL

Time Warp, The Bricks, Ybor City, FL

BFA Thesis Exhibition, Melvin Art Gallery, Lakeland FL

Black and Brew, Lakeland, FL

AP Studio Art Show, The Museum of Contemporary Art, North Miami, FL

2002-2013

PUBLICATIONS

Peripheral ARTeries
Artsy Shark Featured Artist

2017

MEMBERSHIPS

CAA – College Art Association Big Brothers and Big Sisters (2010-2011) Warehouse Arts District (2014-2015) Tampa Regional Artists (2014-2015)