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Education

MFA To Be Conferred (2013) Photography Northern Illinois University
BFA 2010 Photography Columbia College Chicago (magna cum laude)

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

2012 NIU School of Art, University Fellowship Nominee
2012 NIU School of Art, Jeffrey Lunsford Fellowship Nominee
2011 Frances Gates Memorial Scholarship Northern Illinois University
2011 Facade, La Grange Art League Regional Juried Art Show, First Place
2011 Lens 2011 National Juried Show, 1st Runner-Up
2010 Northern Illinois University MFA Show, 2nd Place
2010 Columbia College Chicago Purchase Award
2010 Columbia College Chicago CCC Retention Award
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2009 Student Photographic Society Student of the Month - February

Group Exhibitions

2012 Dystopia, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL
Rockford Midwestern Biennial, juried by Lisa Stone, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
Photography Now 2012, juried by Natasha Egan, The Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY
Lens 2012, juried by Catherine Edelman, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
Photography in Color, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL
Midwest Center for Photography Juried Exhibition, Center Gallery, Wichita, KS
2011 MFA Show, juried by Jeff Crisman, Jack Olson Gallery Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
NIU Graduate Arts Association, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Filter Photo Festival Exhibition, juried by Barbara DeGenevieve and Christy Karpinski, Black Cloud Gallery, Chicago, IL
ArtPrize, Grand Rapids Community College Collins Art Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI
29th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition, juried by Ariel Shanberg, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX
Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition, juried by Michael Dinges, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL
Necessary Fictions, Columbia College Chicago, Alumni on 5, Chicago, IL
Lens 2011, juried by Natasha Egan, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
Façades, juried by John Fraser, La Grange Art League, LaGrange, IL
2010 In Transit, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA
MFA Show, juried by Carol Jackson, Jack Olson Gallery Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
20 Hors D'oeuvres Northern Illinois University First Year Graduate Show, Dekalb, IL
Fantastic Landscape 310onTEMPORARY Gallery, Chicago, IL
Manifest Columbia College Senior B.A. / B.F.A. Exhibition Chicago, IL
2009 Columbia College Photo II Exhibition, Chicago, IL
2008 West Michigan Center for Arts & Technology Faculty Exhibition, Grand Rapids, MI
2005 Lowell Area Arts Council Regional Arts Competition, Lowell, MI
2003 Grand Rapids Community College Maine Event Workshop, Grand Rapids, MI
2002 Midwest Student Photographic Exhibition at UICA, Grand Rapids, MI

Publications

"Further Investigations: Interview with Juan Fernandez." Make Space Art Blog, Chicago. March 16, 2012
Lens 2012 Exhibition Catalogue, Juror Catherine Edelman, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
Lens 2011 Exhibition Catalogue, Juror Natasha Egan, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
Make Space, Online (Jan 2011)

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Permanent Collections

Spectrum Health Private Collection
Columbia College Chicago
Private Collectors Michigan, Illinois, Ohio

Professional Experience

2012 Instructor of Record, Beginning Photography, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
2012 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Advanced Photographic Topics, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Beginning Photography, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
2010-2011 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Intro to Art History for Non-Majors, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
2008 Instructor, Intro to Black and White Photography, West Michigan Center for Arts and Tech, Grand Rapids, MI