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DIVERSE EDUCATION

M.F.A. 1997 Illustration, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

M.S. 1992 Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences*, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, IL

A.B. 1989 Philosophy, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, IL

OPENINGS AND EXHIBITIONS:

Solo Exhibitions:

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| 2008-9 | <i>New York City: looking up</i> | Altios, Chelsea, New York, NY |
| 2002 | <i>Lamed Vav Tzaddikim & 36 New Yorkers</i> | Temple Emeth in Teaneck, NJ |
| 2001 | <i>Alef Bet: the 22 Hebrew Letters</i> | Suffolk YMHA, Long Island, Commack, NY |
| 1998 | <i>Flower Series</i> | SAI Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY |
| | <i>Rice and the Greenhouse Effect</i> | Cafe Amadeus, Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY |
| 1997 | <i>Seron Tarot Deck</i> | SYMs Park Ave., Midtown, New York, NY |

Group Exhibitions:

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| 2007 | <i>Fashion District Open Studio Weekend</i> | Hell's Kitchen Studio, New York, NY |
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| | <i>EAI (Emerging Artist's International) NYC Open Studio</i> | Hell's Kitchen Studio, New York, NY |
| | <i>Square Foot Show</i> | Art Gotham, Chelsea, New York, NY |
| 2004 | <i>Open Studio Event</i> | Hell's Kitchen Studio, New York, NY |
| 2002 | <i>1,000 Journals Project, Journal #921</i> | http://1000journals.com for info on location |
| 2000 | <i>Lamed Vav Tzaddikim & 36 New Yorkers</i> | Westchester Jewish Center, Mamaronek, NY |
| 1999 | <i>"A Healing Sack" Exhibition</i> | Paul Robeson Art Gallery, Penn State, State College Park, PA |
| | <i>Kavehaz</i> | Kavehaz, Soho, New York, NY |
| 1998 | <i>SAI Artists</i> | SAI Gallery, Chelsea, New York, NY |
| | <i>World War 3 #25 Opening</i> | ABC No Rio, Lower East Side, New York, NY |
| 1997 | <i>Underground Cartoonists Show</i> | Max Fish, Lower East Side, New York, NY |
| | <i>MFA Thesis Exhibit</i> | Art Directors Club, Gramercy, New York, NY |
| 1996 | <i>World War 3 #24 Exhibition</i> | A-Space, Philadelphia, PA |
| | <i>World War 3 #24 Opening</i> | ABC No Rio, Lower East Side, New York, NY |
| | <i>The Turning Page</i> | Art Directors Club, Gramercy, New York, NY |

ART-TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1999-2000 Designed Curriculum and taught **Drawing On-Location** at Parsons School of Design
Continuing Education, New York, NY
Pratt Manhattan offered my course, **Nature and Art**

* This is the name today of the department which, when I graduated in 1989, was called Horticulture.

VISITING ARTIST LECTURES & OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2008 **AGATE 2008 Conference**, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY *Full Circle Science for Advanced Learners*
 2008 **244 Madison, NY, NY** Halloween performance art/readings with Seron Tarot Deck
 2007 **River Run Playground, NY, NY** Halloween performance art
 2001 **Suffolk YMHA, Long Island in Commack, NY** "Artist Talk" *Hebrew Alef Bet: 22 Hebrew Letters*
 2000 **Westchester Jewish Center, Mamaroneck, NY** *Lamed Vav "Artist's Talk" & History of Kabbalah*
 2000 **LMCTV, Westchester Cable Station 14, Mamaroneck, NY** *Lamed Vav Tzaddikim* interview
 1998 **SAI Gallery, Chelsea, NY, NY** "Artist Talk" on *Flower Series* to a class of students from Long Island
 1997 **Art Director's Club, NY, NY** Performance art/readings with *Seron Tarot Deck*

SELECTED COLLECTIONS

Tatiana Mamaeva, M.D., New York, NY. Marie Jose Okeefe, New York, NY. Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY. Alan and Deirdre Osofsky, New City, NY. Guy Salvatore, New York, NY. Linda Abarbanell, Cambridge, MA. David Turry, New York, NY. Sandi Nimoy, Los Angeles, CA. Paul Tipler, Wales, UK. Stephanie and Andrew Horne, Louisville, KY.

ILLUSTRATION AND ART IN PRINT, AND ONLINE MEDIA

- 2005 **Encyclopedia of Tarot, Vol. IV**, Ed. Stuart Kaplan & Jean Huets, "Seron Tarot Deck" on pages 166-167
 2004 **Advocacy Handbook**, Legal Services for Prisoners w/Children, B/W-prints throughout, San Fran., CA
 2004 **Zeitgeist Gallery Afternoon Concert**, CD cover for Yoko Schwarz, Pianist, Cambridge, MA
 2003 **Legal Services for Prisoners with Children**, 25th Anniversary invitation, T-shirt and booklet
Frederick Piano Collection, CD cover/book, "Recordings of Historic Pianos" by Ed Ting, Ashburnham, NH
1,000 Journals Project, January '03, Art and illustrations in one of the 1,000 journals!
 1999 **Tikkun Magazine** (Mar.-April 1999), "Healing: a Jewish Word", article by Rabbi Marcelo Bronstein
 1998 **Tikkun Magazine** (Nov.-Dec. 1998), "The Spiritual Practice of Blessing", article by Marcia Prager
Tikkun Magazine (Sept.-Oct. 1998), "The Hat", fiction by Dalia Rosenfeld
Tikkun Magazine (July-Aug. 1998), "Letters to a Young Feminist", book review by Meg Daly
World War 3 (#25, 1998), Religion Issue--wrote and illustrated a spread
 1997 **National Clearinghouse for Defense of Battered Women** (Vol.5,11/97) "Working for Hope and Justice since 1987" by Sue Osthoff
David Kerner, CD and cassette covers for "Jonathan" by David Kerner
World War 3 (#24, 1997), Prison Issue--wrote and illustrated "Prison Town"
 1997 **Fortune News** (XXIX, #4,11/95), "No Brownstones, Just Alleyways and Coroner Pockets Full", J.L. Wise, Jr.

OTHER WORK CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2006-Present **Science Mentor and Private Tutor**, Pre-K-High School, New York, NY
 2004-Present **Curriculum Development**, *Full Circle Science*, PreK-8th Grade, New York, NY
 2004-Present **Vanderbilt YMCA Early Childhood Center**, Curriculum Development for Pre-K classes & teaching as Science Teacher Jen, New York, NY
Volunteer teaching as Science Teacher Jen, New York, NY 2004-2006
 2004-2006 **Learning Leaders**, Volunteer in the New York City Public Schools, New York, NY
 • One year facilitating, tutoring, and mentoring in a 3-5th grade science classroom
 • Two years in two different first-grade classrooms as literacy and general tutor
 2003-2005 **American Museum of Natural History**, Volunteer in Dept. of Invertebrate Paleontology, NY
 1993-1994 **Kaplan Educational Center**, Manager, East Lansing, MI
 • Supervisory responsibility for staff of 12 part-time employees and budget of \$250,000
 • Coordinated MI Area Kaplan's first Teacher Training Program and initiated a Mentor Network
 • Developed and designed novel sales training which saved time and money for Kaplan

- cont. 1993-1994 **Kaplan Educational Center**, Manager, East Lansing, MI
- Developed curriculum w/trained TOEFL instructors & offered first Kaplan live TOEFL course
 - Led Marketing which included seminars, booths, campus reps, and advertising
 - Fourth quarter East Lansing revenue was 29% greater than in 1992
- 1992-1993 **Teacher Trainer**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 1992-1993
- Facilitated as a Teacher Trainer at University of Michigan's campus-wide T.A. Training
 - Helped new and seasoned Graduate TA's via "Increasing Participation" and "Class Starts"
- 1992 **Green Peace**, Canvasser, Ann Arbor & Detroit area, MI
- Improved revenue for each territory an average of 56%
 - Generated total of 26% more revenue than an average Green Peace canvasser
- 1989-1992 **Research and Teaching Assistant**, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, IL
- Conducted research on: the Greenhouse Effect on Rice for the EPA, increased salinity on tomato, UV-B on Brassica sp., and developed a novel germination technique for rice and tomato seeds
 - Trained and supervised five work-study students to maintain two research experiments
 - Presented results of Master's Degree research at two National meetings of the ASHS
 - Taught discussion and lab sections in Plant Biology and Horticulture at the University of Illinois Including: Plants, Environment and People, Intro. to Plant Biology, Greenhouse Management, Indoor Plants, Introduction to Horticulture
 - Developed curriculum for Plant Biology 102, (Plants, Environment, & People) at University of Illinois
- Pre 1989 **Waterfront Director** of Rainbow Council Boy Scout Camp, 1989 near Morris, Illinois
- Swim instructor, lifeguard, & coach** 1978-2008: taught swim lessons for ages 3m.-82 yrs as a Private Swim Instructor, NY, NY (2008), at MacTay Aquatics in Urbana/Champaign (1986-91), Urbana Park District (1988-89), Joliet Park District (1983-5), and JCC (1978-85)
- Certified WSI** (Water Safety Instructor), CPR, First Aid from 1982-91

ORGANIZATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **AGATE**, Association of Talented and Gifted Educators, member 2008
- 2005--2008 **NYCHEA** member and community organizer
- 2003 **Learning Leaders** Training to be a volunteer in NYC public schools
- Member of **NY Artist's Circle** 2003-2008
- 1998 to 2002 Associate Member, **College Art Association**
- Received Northeast Region **Ben Franklin Award** for "Electricity in the Marketplace" from Kaplan in 1993
- Ranked "**Outstanding**" & "**Excellent**" teacher on 1991 & 1992 Univ. of Illinois campuswide surveys
- Elected **Horticulture Graduate Student President** in 1991 & member of ASHS (American Society of Horticultural Science)
- Inducted into the **Pi Alpha Xi** Horticultural Honor Society
- Started a **Philosophy Club** at the University of Illinois in 1987 in Urbana, IL
- **Arrested for protesting South African Apartheid** & member of Divest Now Coalition, 1986-7, Urbana, IL
- Inducted as a "Little Sister" into the **Sigma Phi Epsilon** (Sig Eps) fraternity in 1985 at University of Illinois
- Inducted into **National Honor Society** and **Spanish National Honor Society** at Joliet West High School
- Elected **Swim Team Captain** of the "Joliet Jets" swim team twice in the early 1980's