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Assistant Professor of Art
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Degrees Earned

M.F.A., Visual Arts (Sculpture), Mason Gross School of the Arts,
Rutgers University, 2003

B.A., Studio Art (Ceramics/Sculpture), Humboldt State University, 2000

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles:

Maiju Altpere-Woodhead, "Dance Around the Esthoggama", *Ceramics Technical*, No. 22, 2006, 96.

Artistic Exhibitions:

2008 *Ceramic Objects/Conceptual Material*, Anne Kittrell Gallery,
Fayetteville, AR

2007 *Ceramics in Architecture*, SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia
Mesa College (Installation), San Diego, CA
Falling to Earth, CSAW Gallery, Houston, TX

2006 *Eastern Philosophy*, Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Huntsville, TX

2005 *Five Years of the Anagama*, Rotermann Art Center, Tallinn,
Estonia

International Ceramic Exhibition, Tohisoo Mansion, Kohila,
Estonia

Earth & Fire, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

2003 *RojaRaku*, The Roja Hotel, Roja, Latvia

Off The Top, Bill Maynes Gallery, New York, NY

Generations: Impending Lineage, Art & Industry Gallery, San
Diego, CA

2002 *International Invitational Exhibition*, Period Gallery,
Omaha, NE

2001 *International Group Exhibition*, Roja Museum, Roja, Latvia

Juried Exhibition, Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State
University, Arcata, CA

2000 *Holiday Invitational Exhibition*, First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA

Tilts 2000 Exhibition, Latvijas Makslinieku Savienibas Galerija, Riga, Latvia

International Art Exhibition, Zvartava Castle, Gaujiena, Latvia

International Ceramic Exhibition, The Roja Hotel, Roja, Latvia

Regional Invitational Exhibition, First Street Gallery, Eureka, CA

Juried Exhibition, Reese Bullen Gallery, Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA

1999 *Holiday Invitational Exhibition, First Street Gallery, Eureka, C*

Work or Professional Experiences

Teaching:

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick, NJ
Part-Time Lecturer (Acting Head of Ceramics), 2004-2005
Part-Time Lecturer, Sculpture, 2003-2004
Instructor, Ceramics, Summer 2002, 2003
Part-Time Lecturer, Ceramics, 2002-2003
Teaching Assistant, Seminar in Contemporary Art, 2002-2003
(instructor of record)

OCCC School of Art, Demarest, NJ
Instructor, Ceramic Sculpture, 2003-2005

Caldwell College, Caldwell, NJ
Adjunct Professor, Ceramics, Fall 2004

Hunterdon Museum of Art, Clinton, NJ
Instructor, Ceramics, Spring 2003

Middlesex County College, Middlesex, NJ
Adjunct Professor, Ceramics, Spring 2002

Raritan Valley Community College, Bridgewater, NJ
Adjunct Professor, Ceramics, Spring 2002

Professional:

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, *Ceramic Technician*, 2001-2004
Maintain and supervise all materials/equipment in studio.

Sculpture Foundation, Hamilton, NJ, *Exhibition Assistant*, Spring 2004
Assist with work involving traveling museum exhibition.

Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick, NJ, *Ceramics Consultant*, 2002-2003
Assist in preservation of ceramic collection.

Peter Callas Studio, Belvidere, NJ, *Studio Assistant*, 2001-2003
Assist in loading, firing, unloading of anagama kiln.

Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, *Visiting Artist
Coordinator*, Spring 2002
Schedule artists on weekly basis for lecture/studio critiques.

Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA, *Technical Assistant*, 1998-2000
Maintaining facilities and firing of students work.

Visiting Artist Lectures:

2008 Ohio University, Athens, OH

2007 SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia
Mesa College, San Diego, CA

2006 Penn State University, Stroudsburg, PA
Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New
Brunswick, NJ

2005 The Estonian Ceramists Association, Kohila, Estonia
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

2004 Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Elkins Park, PA

2003 Art Academy of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
RojaRaku Symposium, Roja, Latvia

2002 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

2000 Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia
Tilts Symposium, Gaujiena, Latvia

Curated Exhibitions:

On Strangers: The Latent Narrative, New Work by Brian Gillis, SOFA
Gallery, Huntsville, TX

Nathan Betschart- Ceramic Sculpture, SOFA Gallery, Huntsville, TX
Sedimentation, Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Huntsville, TX

Kent Decardenas- Kinetic Sculpture, SOFA Gallery, Huntsville, TX

Collections:

SERDE Art Center, Aizpute, Latvia

Artists Union of Latvia, Riga, Latvia

The Estonian Ceramists Association, Tallinn, Estonia

Honors and Awards:

2003 Graduate Scholars Award, Rutgers University

2002 Full Fellow, Vermont Studio Center

Anonymous Donor Award, Rutgers University

2001 Reese Bullen Award for Excellence in Art, Humboldt State University

1999 Marchi Award for Excellence in Sculpture, Humboldt State University