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Education

2013 Concordia University, Bachelor of Fine Arts with distinction, major in Fibres and Material Practices.
Montreal Quebec Canada

2010 Capilano University, Diploma in Textile Art, North Vancouver, British Columbia Canada

Grants, Scholarships & Awards

2016 Painter/Brown Scholarship, American Tapestry Alliance

2015 Small Events Grant for the *Access Art Project*, Surface Design Association

2015 EMERGE Grant, American Tapestry Alliance

2013 The Betty Goodwin Prize in Studio Arts, Concordia University

2012 Surface Design Association Outstanding Student Award, Concordia University

2011 FASA Special Projects Grant for Anchor/Cradle, Concordia University

2011 Régine Mainberger Award, Concordia University

2011 FASA Special Projects Grant for Family Lines, Concordia University

2010 Emiko Masuhara Carley Scholarship, Capilano University

2010 Capilano University Bursary Fund

2009 BC Arts Council Junior Scholarship

2008 Capilano University Entrance Scholarship

Residencies

2017 June-August, *Fibreworks Studio & Gallery*, Madeira Park BC

Exhibitions

2015 - *Bronx Tale*, Co-op for Better Life, New York NY USA

- *Cathedral Arts Festival*, Jersey City NJ USA

2012 - *By Hook or By Crook*, Eastern Bloc, Montreal QC Canada

- *Don't Call it a Comeback*, Galerie Diagonale, Montreal QC Canada

- *WEIGHS*, Studio Beluga, Montreal QC Canada

2011 - *Tomorrow Tomorrow Tomorrow*, Galerie Diagonale, Montreal QC Canada

- *Nuit Blanche at Corridor Culturel*, New City Gas, Montreal QC Canada

- *DISPLACED: Art and Objects*, CTRLLAB, Montreal QC Canada

2010 - *GRIS*, Galerie Diagonale, Montreal QC Canada

- *Hung Up*, VAV Gallery, Montreal QC Canada

Selected Installation, Performance & Social Practice

2014 - Present

- Everlea Textiles* - Ongoing collaboration with Katherine Earle
- *Access Art Project* - Ongoing social practice project providing low-income people with free textile art instruction with the support of granting bodies and donors.
- *Skillshare Project* - Ongoing educational social interventions.

2013 -*La boîte à médiation variable* with Péristyle Nomade. Five day installation/social intervention with Jenna Dawn Maclellan, Montreal QC Canada

2012 -*Egoskeleton* at Synchronicity, Gibsons BC Canada. Three-day installation.
-*WDYT, Pacific?*, Gibsons, BC Canada, one-day performance/intervention.
-*Wanderings*, Montreal QC Canada. September 2011 - April 2012. Performance/personal intervention.

2011 - *Marks* at Journées des Bons Voisins, Montreal QC Canada. One-day installation.
- *Traces* at New City Gas for Nuit Blanche, Montréal QC Canada. One-day installation.
- *Fragments of Education*, Concordia University, Montreal QC Canada. Two-week installation.

Selected Teaching Experience

Textile art Instruction in various public arenas teaching structural and surface design techniques

- Oct 2016 Knit City, full day tapestry weaving workshop
- June 2016 Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts, five-day natural dyeing workshop
- Sept 2012 - Feb 2013 Lower Canada College, twelve-week program, Montreal Quebec Canada
- April 7 - May 20 2011 Aurora College, six-week program, Ulukhaktok, Northwest Territories

Professional Practice

Artist talks

- September 2017 at Fibre Camp, Sunshine Coast BC
- November 2016 for the Sunshine Coast Spinners and Weavers Guild, BC
- October 2016 at Knit City, Vancouver BC
- July 2016 at Metchosin International Summer School of the Arts, Victoria BC
- July 2013 at Peristyle Nomad, Montreal QC

Exhibition Chair

- October 2015 - October 2016, volunteer exhibition chair for American Tapestry Alliance's 11th international unjuried small format exhibition. During my time as volunteer chair I managed 230 artists and 11 volunteers, as well as was the sole contact for the Milwaukee Public Library Wisconsin, where the exhibition took place. We produced a catalog as well as an instructional blog tour in correspondence with the exhibition.

Think Tank Participant

- Participated in American Tapestry Alliance's 2015 Think Tank regarding how to attract younger members to the organization

Vancouver Yarn (2008-present) - founder of Vancouver Yarn (.com) - an online textile resource