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Profile

Professional ceramist, watercolor artist and life-long educator seeking a joyful community for my innate ability to establish relationships with people through shared interests. Equipped with 13 years of connecting educators with community partners to engage children and adults in learning experiences.

Experience

Visual Arts Educator, Bihl Haus Arts, 2024-present

Supporting the active older adult population of the San Antonio Area by providing a fun and creative environment where participants stay engaged in the community through the arts. Designing a multi-media Hands-on Art History class through which students are building knowledge of and gaining an appreciating of Visual Arts from Cave Paintings through Modern Art. Building a Watercolor curriculum that inspires students to utilize a variety of techniques and tools to create original watercolor paintings.

Professional Artist — 2015-present

Pursuing my passions of nature and art in a small home studio. Utilizing the garden around my home and my husbands cactus collection as inspiration for my watercolor paintings. My process allows me to pursue my passion in mindfulness, using repetitive pen and ink drawing to complete paintings. Ceramic hand builder, leaning heavily on pinch, coil, and slab techniques to sculpt organic forms. Forms are intended for use as planters, trinket or collection boxes, or bud vases. All forms are meant to be held, and are a reflection of a meditative state embodied when sculpted.

Art Educator, SAISD – 2020-2022, Judson ISD 2009-2012

Sculpted a year-long curriculum for children in Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade rooted in the philosophy that if art is fun and relevant at a young age, children will continue to make and learn about art in the future. Engaged with children in online learning challenges through the COVID pandemic. Collaborated with grade level teachers to ensure integration of primary content areas through visual art curriculum. Instilled children with a passion for visual art through fun and engaging lessons.

School and Outreach Educator, The DoSeum, San Antonio, TX – 2016-2018

Partnered with Communities in Schools, the City of San Antonio, YMCA of San Antonio, and other community organizations to bring fun and engaging lessons to at-risk children. Led teams of aspiring educators bringing

educational activities rooted in The DoSeum's seven gallery spaces to the greater San Antonio community. Led professional development on best practices in educational interactions. Designed and implemented Pre and Post Field Trip curriculum to students and their teachers correlating with Field Trips at The DoSeum.

Discovery Leader, The DoSeum, San Antonio, TX – 2013-2016

Connected with children and their families, engaging them in learning through play in The DoSeum's seven gallery spaces. Facilitated play-based learning experiences for students and their teachers traveling to The DoSeum through Field Trip lessons. Developed curriculum for a six week long class for parents, caregivers, and children aged 6 months to 18 months.

Education

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX – M.Ed., Secondary Education and Visual Arts Education, 2008

Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA — B. A., Religion, 2005

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Professional Studio Ceramic and Watercolor Artist, Mindfulness Practitioner, Instinctive Educator, Life-long Learner, Trauma Informed Educator
Certified EC-12 Visual Arts Teacher, State of Texas, 2008-present
Certified EC-6 Generalist Teacher with Gifted and Talented Endorsement, State of Texas, 2008-present