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EDUCATION

- Shepherd University, Sculpture, 2017-2021
- Master of Arts in Public Communication, American University, 1998
- Leadership Frederick County, 1998
- Teaching Diploma, Royal Academy of Dance, 1991
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, The George Washington University, 1976, Alpha Epsilon Delta – pre-medical honor society, GWU Dance Company
- Associate in Arts in Humanities and Social Science, Montgomery College, 1975

WORK EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

- Sculptor—Independent Artist, 2017 to present
- Operations Manager— Shepherd University School of Music, 2007-2024. Management of operations, communications, marketing, recruitment, personnel, and finance.
- Executive Director—Loudoun Symphony Association, 2000-2006. Management of daily operations, programs and production, fund development, grant writing, advocacy and public relations for a Northern Virginia symphony orchestra, its affiliated youth orchestra, and its educational and community outreach programs
- Communications Coordinator—Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, 1998-1999. Editing, design and layout of newsletter, annual directory, handbooks, programs, annual report and print communication pieces for a Washington DC-based nonprofit organization.
- Crosson Communication Design—Free-lance work in photography, copy-editing, design and desktop publishing
- Over forty years of experience as a professional dancer, dance teacher and award-winning independent choreographer
- Artistic director of Compagnia Danza Esperanza, contemporary dance company based in Turin, Italy
- Founder and program director of Danza Vacanza, a summer residency program bringing Italian students to Washington, D.C. to study dance, English language and American culture

AFFILIATIONS / COMMUNITY

- Washington Sculptors Group
- International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art
- American Women Artists, Associate Member with Distinction
- Maryland Federation of Art
- Frederick County Art Association
- Frederick Arts Council
- Maryland State Arts Council, Dance Panel, 1993-1996; 2014-2015, 2024-2025
- U.S. Fencing Association, Capitol Division, competitive member
- Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Frederick Committee, Board of Directors, 1999-2002

- Weinberg Center for the Arts, Board of Directors, Secretary, 1997-2001
- Frederick Arts Council, Director of Performing Arts, 1995-1998; Grants Review Panel, 1999-2000
- U.S. Mid-Atlantic Regional Advisory Panel of the Royal Academy of Dance, Charter member, 1991-2009; Secretary, 1998-2001
- Registered teacher and member of the Royal Academy of Dance

AWARDS

- Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award 2025
- Juror's Award and Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work, Maryland Federation of Art Winter 2025 Show
- Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work, Maryland Federation of Art Fall 2024 Show
- National Endowment for the Arts/Frederick Arts Council Create and Activate Now (C.A.N.) Recover grant 2023
- Third place, Being Seen, TAG / The Artists Gallery juried exhibition 2023
- Honorable mention, Persistence IV: Annual National All Women's Exhibition 2022
- Honorable mention, Touch — 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibit 2021

EXHIBITIONS

- AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS 2025 Annual Online Juried Show. Jurors: Anne-Marie Russell, Katherine Wagner, Amy Galpin, and Barbara Tiffany. Online April 1 – March 31, 2026.
- Maryland Federation of Art Spring Member Show 2025. Juror: Clayton Merrell Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. April 30 – May 24, 2025.
- National Juried Exhibition, Juror: Jacob Muldowney. Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. May 3 to July 13, 2025.
- Human Expressions, juried exhibition. Maryland Federation of Art online gallery. April 15 - May 31, 2025.
- Mix It Up! 2025 Frederick County Art Association group show. Blanche Ames Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 2 - April 27, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art's Lowe House Exhibition 2025. Lowe House of Delegates Building, Annapolis, MD. January 7 – April 8, 2025.
- Being Seen 2025, juried exhibition. TAG / The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. February 28 - March 30, 2025.
- The District 51 Art Show, juried exhibition. Touchstone Gallery, Washington, DC. January 9 - February 9, 2025.
- PORTRAYED IV, fourth annual open medium national juried exhibition of portraiture. d'Art Center, 740 Boush St, Norfolk, VA 23510. January 11 – February 8, 2025.
- Maryland Federation of Art Winter Member Show 2025. Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work and Juror's Award. View the Virtual Awards Ceremony. Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. January 3 – January 25, 2025.
- Frederick County Art Association group exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. January 4 – January 28, 2025.
- Frederick County Art Association 2024 at Crestwood Gallery. Crestwood Gallery, Frederick, MD. September 6, 2024 – January 3, 2025.

- Small Wonders, juried exhibition. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. November 27 – December 21, 2024.
- Democracy Under Siege—Hera Gallery, Wakefield, RI. October 12 - November 16, 2024.
- Expanding Horizons—American Women Artists' 2024 museum exhibition. Loveland Museum, Loveland, Colorado, September 14 – November 10, 2024.
- Artina 2024: A Point of View, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 18 – November 10, 2024. Juror/Artist Talk on November 10, 2024.
- Maryland Federation of Art Fall Member Show 2024, Rob and Susi Conley Award for 3D work. Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD. September 25 – October 12, 2024.
- Be Square 2024—Maryland Federation of Art group exhibition. Martino Gallery at Maryland Hall, Annapolis, MD. August 22 – September 25, 2024.
- Tactile Expressions—juried group exhibition. Frederick Arts Council Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. May 30 – August 14, 2024.
- AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS 2024 Annual Online Juried Show. Online April 30 – July 30, 2024.
- Art After Duchamp—juried exhibition presented by the Washington Sculptors Group and The Corcoran School of Arts and Design. Gallery 102, Washington, DC 20052. March 21, 2024 – May 16, 2024.
- Building a Caring Community Through Art—juried exhibition. Universities at Shady Grove Shannon and Michael Priddy Library, Rockville, MD 20850. April 11 – May 11, 2024.
- Reflections on the Human Condition—solo exhibition, mixed media sculpture Lamentation, and other works. Al and Helen Hurwitz Gallery, Frederick, MD. November 4, 2023 – March 23, 2024. This work was made possible through the generous support of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Frederick Arts Council.
- Figure, juried exhibition. Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC. January 12 – February 19, 2024.
- Frederick County Art Association group exhibition. Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD. January 6 – January 28, 2024.
- Artina 2023: Queering Nature, juried outdoor sculpture exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 27 – November 12, 2023.
- PORTRAYED III, juried exhibition. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. July 1, 2023 – July 29, 2023.
- HUMANNESS, lobby activation sculpture installation. Curated by Pan Underground. Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company Washington, DC. May 29 – June 30, 2023.
- Maryland State Arts Council Maryland Arts Directory Triennial Juried Exhibition. Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD. May 18 – June 24, 2023.
- Frederick County Art Association exhibition, Mary Condon Hodgson Art Gallery, Frederick Community College, Frederick, MD. April 8 – May 3, 2023.
- IS IT ME? International juried exhibition, The Art Effect Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY. March 10 – April 14, 2023.
- PERSISTENCE V: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 18 – April 11, 2023.
- IS IT ME? International juried exhibition. The Art Effect at the Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie, NY. March 10 – April 14, 2023.
- BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. Third place. TAG / The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 3 – 26, 2023.

- COMMUNITY THREADS: Connectivity through Creativity, juried exhibition. District Arts, Frederick, MD. February 1 – February 26, 2023.
- ARTINA 2022: A Space in Place, juried outdoor exhibition. Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, MD. September 21 – November 5, 2022.
- STRANGE PARADISE: A Window into Surrealism! National juried exhibition. Kay Daugherty Gallery, Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. May 27 – Sept 18, 2022.
- I'LL BE THERE: An Exhibition about Love! National juried exhibition. Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. June 10 – August 28, 2022.
- HUMANKIND, Amy Kaslow Gallery, Washington, DC. May 17 – July 10, 2022.
- SCULPTURE NOW 2022, Washington Sculptors Group, juried exhibition. Harmony Hall Arts Center, Fort Washington, MD. April 22 – June 4, 2022.
- FEMINIST INSIGHT: Telling Her Story, nationally juried exhibition. Ellington-White Contemporary Gallery, Fayetteville, NC. March 16 – April 30, 2022.
- PERSISTENCE IV: Annual National All Women's Exhibition. Honorable mention. d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA. March 19 – April 16 2022.
- BEING SEEN, juried exhibition. The Artists Gallery, Frederick, MD. March 4 – 27, 2022.
- TOUCH — 30th Annual Strathmore Juried Exhibit. Honorable mention. The Mansion at Strathmore, North Bethesda, MD. September 7 – October 30, 2021.
- BEING HUMAN, solo exhibition. Frank Arts Center Gallery, Shepherdstown, WV. June 6 – July 30, 2021.
- IDENTITY – Maryland State Arts Council Juried Winter/Spring Exhibition online. February 5 – April 5, 2021.
- Mind, Body, Spirit – International Online Juried Art Exhibition, J. Mane Gallery, Voorhees, NJ. February 2 – March 2, 2021.
- Sculpture NOW 2020, Washington Sculptors Group juried exhibition. Mclean Project for the Arts, McLean, VA. September 17 – November 14, 2020.
- Nationally Juried Exhibition. Delaplaine Visual Arts Center, Frederick, MD. May 2 – June 28, 2020.
- SHE: An Expression of Womanhood, nationally juried exhibition. Kay Daugherty Gallery, Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center, Solomons, MD. February 14 – September 27, 2020.
- Sculpture NOW 2019, Washington Sculpture Group, juried exhibition. Brentwood Art Exchange, Brentwood, MD. January 14 – March 9, 2019.

