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### **PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMISSIONS**

*Flying Carpet*, Martin Luther King Older Adult Learning Center, City of Philadelphia 1% for the Arts 2018  
*Ridge Flats*, Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority 1% for Art Program Finalist ongoing 2016-now  
*15<sup>th</sup> St Station/City Hall* Septa Art in Transit finalist, Philadelphia, PA 2015  
*Apple*, NHS Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Scotland 2014  
*PINK*, Philadelphia International Airport, City of Philadelphia 1% for the Arts, Philadelphia, PA 2013  
*Moby Dick II*, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ 2004  
*Beauty & the Beast*, Appel Farm Arts and Music Center, Elmer, NJ 2002  
*Time to Plant Tears*, Whitemarsh Art Center, Plymouth Meeting, PA 2002  
*Our Town*, Wilmington Boys & Girls Club Collaboration, Fraim Branch, Wilmington, DE 2002  
*Moby Dick*, Franconia Sculpture Park, Shafer, MN 2000  
*Cornets & Wings and Archegonium*, Abington Art Center & Sculpture Garden, Jenkintown, PA 1999  
*Floating World*, University City Science Center & the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority 1% for Art 1998  
*Seeds of Memory Sculpture Garden*, International Artists-in-Residence Facility, Tokyo, Japan 1993

### **SOLO EXHIBITIONS & MAJOR INSTALLATIONS**

*Ghost Horses*, Lancaster Avenue Monarch Building, LOOK 2011, Philadelphia, PA 2011  
*In the Emperor's Cherry Blossom Garden*, The Philadelphia Cathedral, Philadelphia, PA 2009  
*Floating*, Installation on the River at the Philadelphia Canoe Club 2009  
*Archaic Smile*, Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA 2007  
*Forms of Existence*, Philadelphia International Airport 2005  
*Zoo*, Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, PA 2003  
*Primal*, Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE 2002  
*Pebble Island*, Brave/Smart, Philadelphia Selections 4, Levy Gallery for the Arts in Philadelphia 2001  
*Dig*, Bird Park, Gallery Joe, Philadelphia, PA 2001  
*Window on Broad*, Rosenwald Wolf Gallery, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA 1999  
*Inventory*, Philadelphia Fringe Festival, National Showroom, Philadelphia, PA 1999  
*Stone Flower*, Eight Contemporary Artists, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA 1998  
*Stone Flower*, Six, Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA 1998  
*Bird Baths*, Sculpture Garden Invitational, Provincetown Art Museum, Provincetown, MA 1995  
*Stepping Stones*, Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, Noyes Museum, Oceanville, NJ 1994  
*Time to Plant Tears*, Contemporary Sculpture '94, Quietude Garden Gallery, Cranbury, NJ 1994  
*Solo Exhibition*, Bryn Mawr College Centennial Gallery, Bryn Mawr, PA 1992  
*Solo Exhibition*, Haverford College Comfort Gallery, Haverford, PA 1987

### **HONORS AND AWARDS (selected)**

Mellon Foundation Fellow, Artist in Residence, Bryn Mawr College, 2014 <http://youtu.be/WX12IIICLWvA>  
Independence Foundation Fellowship 2008-09  
Leeway Foundation Art and Change Grant 2008, Window of Opportunity Award 2003, 1999  
Center for Emerging Visual Artists Fellow, Alumni Travel Grant, Study in Spain and France 2007  
Pennsylvania Council on the Arts Five County Arts Fund Grant 2006 and 2002  
Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Artists & Communities Grant, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art Residency 2002  
National Endowment for the Arts Challenge America Grant, Appel Farm Arts and Music Center Residency 2001  
Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Artist as Catalyst Grant, Appel Farm Arts and Music Center Residency 2001  
Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Community Arts Grant, Appel Farm Arts and Music Center Residency 2000-2001  
Jerome Fellowship, Franconia Sculpture Park Residency 2000  
Pennsylvania Council for the Arts Special Opportunity Stipend Award 2000  
Japan Foundation Fellowship, International Artist-in-Residence Program, Tokyo 1993  
Residency Fellow, Ford Foundation Grant, Cortona, Italy 1979

### **OTHER COLLECTIONS (selected)**

Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Bryn Mawr College Scott Collection, University of Georgia, Price Waterhouse, Alberta Art Foundation, 4Culture, Seattle and Harborview Medical Center Collection, Seattle

### **GROUP INVITATIONAL AND JURIED EXHIBITIONS (selected)**

*5<sup>th</sup> Annual Contemporary Photography Competition/ Exhibition*, Philadelphia Photo Arts, 2015 Whitney Richardson, Paige West Curators  
*Cast*, The Sculpture Gym, Philadelphia, PA 2015  
*Corporeal*, Borowsky Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2012  
*Lunar Derangement*, Dalet Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2012  
*Your Swimming Brain*, Fleisher/Ollman Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 2010  
*Wind*, Jenkins Arboretum, Devon, PA 2010-11

*Art in the Open*, Schuylkill River Banks and Rosenwald Wolf Gallery, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA 2010  
*Digital*, Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, NJ 2010  
*Between Heaven & Earth*, College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ 2008 (Eleanor Heartney, Juror)  
*Passion, Photography from Spain*, Center for Emerging Visual Artists, Philadelphia, PA 2008  
*Sculpture Walk*, Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA 2007  
*The Sculpture Garden* at Trenton Plaza, Trenton, NJ 2005-now  
*Embracing the Arts*, Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE 2004  
*Public Art, Concept, Process, Realization*, Nexus Foundation for Today's Art, Philadelphia, PA 2000  
*Archeology*, Sculpture in the Park, Allentown, PA 2000 & 96 (*Sharks' Teeth*)  
*Old World/New World-Common Ground*, Budapest, Hungary 1999  
*Three Rivers Arts Festival*: Sponsored by the Museum of Art, Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, PA 1999, 87, 85  
*Philadelphia Sculptors*, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ 1998  
*25th, 21st & 20th Juried Exhibition*, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA 1996 (Merit Award), 88, 86  
*Ninth Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition*, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 1995-96  
*Creative Artist Network Exhibitions*: Creative Artists Network Gallery, Philadelphia, PA 1992-94  
 479 Gallery, NYC 1994, Stuart Levy Fine Art Gallery, NYC 1993, City Hall Installation, Philadelphia 1992  
*Imaging/Aging*, Johnson and Johnson Corporation, New Brunswick, NJ & Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA 1993  
*Works by Women Artists*, William and Uytendale Scott Memorial Study Collection, Bryn Mawr College 1993  
*Watercolor USA*, Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, MO 1992  
*Valley of the Dolls*, Nexus Foundation for Today's Art, Philadelphia, PA 1991  
*Invitational Printmaking Exhibitions*: Sponsored by The Print Club, Philadelphia, PA 1990-94  
*Perspectives from Pennsylvania, Works on Paper Invitational*, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA 1989  
*Photo Imagery/Bryn Mawr, Three-Person Show, Women in Photography Conference*: Bryn Mawr College 1989  
*Cimarron National Works on Paper*, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 1987  
*Rutgers National Works on Paper*, Stedman Art Gallery, Rutgers University, Camden, NJ 1986  
*East/West Printmaking Exchange*, Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Chongqing, China and Tianjin Fine Arts College 1986  
*New Purchases Exhibition*, Alberta Art Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada 1983  
*48th S.E. Competition of Drawing/Printmaking*, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art, Winston-Salem, NC 1980  
*25th Irene Leache Exhibition*, Chrysler Museum, Norfolk, VA 1979

#### LECTURES/WORKSHOPS/JURIES

Panel- *From Encoding, through Decoding, to Transformation*, Conference of The Society for Literature, Science and the Arts, Atlanta 2009 (see <http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/exchange/SLSA>)  
 Panelist- *Community Arts Institute*, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Millville, NJ 2006 and 2001  
 Lecture-*Z00*, Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, PA 2003  
 Presenter-Annual Meeting of the Board, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, Baltimore, MD 2002  
 Interview-*Delaware Community Partnerships*, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, WHYY Public TV 2002  
 Presenter-*New Jersey Arts Education Collective Seminar*, Appel Farm Arts & Music Center, NJ 2002  
 Panelist-*Public Art*, American Institute of Architects, Philadelphia, PA 1999  
 Juror- Altman Award, Swarthmore College Fine Art Department, Swarthmore, PA 1996  
 Audio Text Writing, Special Audiences, Philadelphia Museum of Art 1998  
 Lecture- *Personal Work in Sculpture*, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 1995  
 Lecture- *An American Artist in Japan*, History of Art Colloquium, Bryn Mawr College 1995  
 Juror- Trustees Achievement Award Committee Panel, External Consultant, West Chester University, PA 1995  
 Panelist & Lecturer- International Sculpture Symposium,, Tokyo 1993  
 Guest Artist- Junshin College, Hachioji, Tokyo, Japan 1993  
 Lecture- *Environmental Artists and Personal Work in Sculpture*, Stuart Collection, University of California San Diego, 1993  
 Lecture- *A Return to Figurative Art, Personal Work and Contemporary Trends in America*, Fundacion Instituto International, Madrid, Spain 1989  
 Interview- WXPB, University of Pennsylvania non-profit radio 1984

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*Leeway Foundation Grants & Awards 08*, Philadelphia, PA 2008  
*Spring/Summer Exhibitions 2004*, New Additions Outdoors, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ 2004  
*Art & Community*, Visual Arts Residency Program, Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts, Wilmington, DE 2002  
*Philadelphia Selections 4, Brave/Smart*, Levy Gallery for the Arts in Philadelphia 2001  
*Philadelphia Sculptors 2000*, Woodmere Art Museum & Philadelphia Sculptors, Philadelphia, PA 2000  
*Old World/New World- Common Ground*, Hungarian Sculptors Association & Philadelphia Sculptors, Budapest 1999  
*Philadelphia Sculptors Exhibition Catalogue*, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ 1998  
*Eight Contemporary Artists*, Allentown Art Museum, Allentown, PA 1998  
*Six*, The Philadelphia Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA 1998  
*Ninth Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition 95-96*, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC 1995  
*In Three Dimensions: Women Sculptors of the 90's*, Newhouse Center for Contemporary Art, Snug Harbor Cultural Center, Staten Island, New York 1995  
*Artists-in-Residence Program*, Tama Art Studio-Hinode, The Japan Foundation and Tama 21, Tokyo, Japan 1993

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*Remaking the Landscape, The Art of Ava Blitz*; <http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/exhibitions/blitz/>  
<http://www.groundsfor sculpture.org/Artist/Ava-Blitz>  
<http://www.michenermuseum.org/exhibitions/past/outdoor-blitz.php>  
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<http://www.phl.org/arts/archivedexhibitions/Pages/blitz.aspx>  
<http://www.rosensculpture.org/exhibit.php4?entriesid=91&artistsid=82>  
*From Encoding, through Decoding, to Transformation*; <http://serendip.brynmawr.edu/exchange/SLSA>  
<http://www.theartblog.org/2012/02/new-media-art-white-hot-gold-at-murray-state/>  
<http://theartblog.org/2010/06/we-need-more-art-in-the-open/>

**PAPER Reviews/Articles/Images**

Victoria Donohue, 'Corporeal', *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 02/10/12  
 Sally Friedman, 'Outsider art', *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, H 1, 06/06/10  
 Victoria Donohue, 'Galleries & Museums, *MLUC Ava Blitz*', *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, L8, 04/13/08  
 Stephen Perloff, editor, *Photo Review*, 01-02/08  
 Monica Weymouth, Arts Agenda Last Chance, 'Ava Blitz, *Archaic Smile*', *Philadelphia City Paper*, 07/02/07  
 Lindsay Warner, 'Ava Blitz Shows Her Stuff', *The Bulletin* (Philadelphia), 06/08/07  
 Victoria Donohue, 'Exhibit on end of life', *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, L5, 03/27/05  
 M. English, 'Artist's Work full of beauty, mystery', *The Colonial, Lafayette Hill Journal*, p.1, 9/11/13, 10/15/03  
 Brian Bingaman, 'Stone Zoo on view', *Times Herald*, C1, 08/17/13  
 Christopher Willard, 'Materials and Methods', *American Artist*, p.13, 01/03  
 Roberta Fallon, 'See The Sights', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.59, 5/22/02  
*'Time to Plant Tears'*, *Times Herald, Plymouth Meeting Journal, Colonial, Montgomery County PA Newspapers* 05/02  
 Edward Sozanski, 'Hinting at nature', *Philadelphia Inquirer*, p.W32, 11/16/01  
 Victoria Donohue, 'Pieces Abstract but Accessible', *Philadelphia Inquirer*, p.MC3,11/4/01  
 Edward Sozanski, 'Philadelphia picks: Not unfamiliar, but fine', *Philadelphia Inquirer*, p.W32, 6/29/01  
 Roberta Fallon, 'Speaking in Tones', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.70, 6/6/01  
*'Newsbriefs'*, *Sculpture Magazine*, p.7, 6/2001  
 Roberta Fallon, 'Going Underground', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.61, 5/16/01  
 Anne Fabbri, 'Art and Artists', *Philadelphia Daily News*, 05/04/01  
 Dave McCoy, 'Philly aglow', *The Wilmington News Journal*, 04/20/01  
*'On Record'* and 'Commissions in Brief', *Sculpture Magazine*, 04//00, 03/00 and 10/98  
 Roberta Fallon, 'Public Art at Nexus', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.59, 5/17/00  
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 Gerard Brown, 'Open Window', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.68, 06/30/99  
 Robin Rice, 'City Paper Choice '98', *Philadelphia City Paper*, p.42, 10/30/98  
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 Purcell, Janet, 'Fifty from Philly exhibit at Grounds', *The Trenton Times*, 08/28/98  
 Marilyn J. Fox, 'The quirky art of introspection', *The Reading Eagle*, p.E2, 07/12/98  
 Geoff Gehman, 'Smaller is better', *The Morning Call*, Allentown, PA p.D10. 07/03/98  
 Kenneth Endick, 'Allentown museum continues tradition', *The Express-Times*, Bethlehem, PA, p.E7, 08/10/98  
 Edward Sozanski, 'Creativity', *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, 05/1/98  
 Gerard Brown, 'Strictly Sculptural', *Philadelphia Weekly*, p.22, 07/24/96  
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*'Artists-in-Residence'*, *Artists' Network*, page 11, Yokohama 8/20/93  
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 Victoria Donohue, 'Free Form', *Philadelphia Inquirer*, 08/13/89  
 Adrienne Redd, 'Amid Works that Shine', *Globe-Times*, Allentown, PA January 1988  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** (selected)

Adjunct Professor, Philadelphia University 2004-06  
 Fine Arts Program Director, Associate Lecturer: Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 1986-98

**EDUCATION**

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia Degree: Master of Fine Art  
 Ecole des Arts Decoratifs et des Beaux Arts de Strasbourg, France  
 University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada Degree: Bachelor of Arts  
 Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts