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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Policy Studies and Evaluation, University of Kentucky, 2012.

M.A., Art Education, Teachers College Columbia, 2002.

B.A., Art Education, University of Kentucky, 1998.

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**University of the Cumberland-** Online guest professor 2019-2021

**Assistant Professor of Art Education**, Art and Design, Eastern Kentucky University , 2009-present

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Department of Education Policy and Evaluation, College of Education, University of Kentucky, 2006-2009

**OTHER POSITIONS**

Executive Director and founder of National Association of Play and Art (2018-Present)

Art Teacher, Fayette County Public Schools, Lexington, KY 2005-2006

Art Teacher, Arlington Public Schools, Arlington, VA, 2002-2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Teachers College Columbia, 2000-2002

Art Teacher, The School for Ethical Culture (part time) , New York, NY 2001-2002

Art Teacher, Boone County Schools, Hebron, KY, 1996-1999

# TEACHING

Art Education Materials Intro AED 360 -10 semesters

Art Education Methods AED 540/740 – 9 semesters

Art Education Materials AED 561/761 -9 semesters

Art Education Methods AED 361-6 semester

Art Appreciation ART 200 – 18 semesters

Art Appreciation Art 200 E-Campus -2 semesters

2D design ART 152 – 9 semesters

Student Teaching -11 semesters

**Teaching Abroad**

CCSA New Zealand- Winter 2018

Accademia Europa Di Firenze, (AEF) One month Florence, Italy with EKU students- June, 2018

Accademia Europa Di Firenze, (AEF) One month Florence, Italy, EKU students- June, 2017

Two weeks, Spain with EKU students- May 2015

Two weeks guest professor, Kankaapa school in Finland- April 2013

**PERFORMANCES, EXHIBITS, PRODUCTIONS**:

**Juried Performances/Exhibits/Productions**:

The InArt Gallery

Traveling The World' Exhibition

Juror Jason Brown

Award of Excellence

December 2021

Curator of “Art Teachers as Artists”

EKU Alumni Show at EKU Center for the Arts

October 2021

Solo Exhibit, Giles Gallery

January, 2020

Art Class Curator Podcast #28

November, 19th 2018

Bluegrass Biennial:

A Juried Exhibition of Kentucky Artists at the Claypool-Young Art Gallery at Morehead State University

Juror: Daniel Pfalzgraf

May-Aug 2-18

Nasty Woman Kentucky

Parachute Factory

Lexington, KY

Feb, 2017

SA/VS Alumni Art Exhibit

University of Kentucky

August/September 2015

Small Works Juried Show

440 Gallery

Brooklyn, NY

Juror:**Angel Bellaran**

December/January 2014

Generation Show

A.I.R. Gallery

Brooklyn, NY

December 2013

**Non-Juried:**

Museum of Craft and Design

Let’s Face It

San Francisco/On Line

June, 2020

<https://sfmcd.org/lfi_communitygallery/>

Eastern Kentucky University

Faculty Exhibit

September, 2019

Eastern Kentucky University

Faculty Exhibit

September, 2017

Gallery on Main

Members Exhibit

Richmond, KY

September, 2015

Eastern Kentucky University

Faculty Exhibit

September, 2015

Gallery on Main

Mentor/Mentee Exhibit

Richmond, KY

September, 2013

Eastern Kentucky University

Faculty Exhibit

September, 2013

Mary Rezny Gallery

Curated and participated in exhibition

Lexington, KY

November, 2012

Gallery on Main

Richmond, KY

October, 2012

Eastern Kentucky University

Faculty Exhibit

September, 2011

Base Gallery

Organizer/Participant

Kentucky Art Education Association, Higher Education Exhibit

Cincinnati, Ohio

April 2008

Base Gallery

Solo Exhibit

Cincinnati, Ohio

September 2007

Morehead State University

Group Exhibit

Morehead, Kentucky

November 2005

George Mason University

Group Exhibit

Fairfax, Virginia

January 2003

Macy Gallery, Columbia University

Group Exhibit

New York, New York

April 2001

Art Department Gallery

Group Exhibit

Northern Kentucky University

February 2000

Base Gallery

Solo Exhibit

Cincinnati, Ohio

April 2000

The Center for Contemporary Art

Solo Exhibit

Lexington, Kentucky

October 1999

Rasdall Gallery

Group Exhibit

Lexington, Kentucky

March 1998

The Carnegie Center

Solo Exhibit

Lexington, Kentucky

December 1997

Art Education Gallery

University of Kentucky

Solo Exhibit

May 1996, April 1997, December 1998

Barnhart Gallery

Lexington, Kentucky

Group Exhibit

April 1997

PNC Gallery

Lexington, Kentucky

Group Exhibit

April 1997

John Tuska Gallery

Lexington, Kentucky

Group Exhibit

March 1997

Singletary Center for the Arts

Lexington, Kentucky

Solo Exhibit

March-April 1996

**PUBLISHED WORKS**

**Scholarly Books**:

Szekely, I (2021) The Secondary Art Teachers Guide to Examining Art and Design in The Community. Bloomsbury Press.

Szekely I. (2004) *Children's Video Art*. The National Art Education Association: Reston: NAEA

**Refereed Journal Articles:**

Szekely, I (Spring 2020) Instillations: School Buildings as Canvas,: Constructivist Teaching Journal. P.4

Szekely, I. (Jan, 2015). Playground Inventions and Art Teaching: Journal of Art Education. 68(1)P.37.

Szekely, I.( July, 2014). Creating Meaningful Museum Experiences For Elementary Children: Discussions with future art teachers. Journal of Art Education, 67(4)p.34-49.

Szekely, I. (September, 2013). Multiple Perspectives on Teen-Centric Art Museum Programs: A recent Emergence International Journal of Inclusive Museum, 5(4) p. 2-15.

Szekely. I. (July, 2012) Art in the American Airport, The Journal of Art Education, NAEA, 65(9) P. 33-39.

Szekely, I. (2008, March) Art at the mall: A look at the aesthetics of popular mall art culture. *International Journal of Art and Design Education*.27(2) p. 192-201.

Szekely I. (2007, Feb) From Barbie to the Swan: Addressing issues of body image in the art room. *Australian Journal of Art Education*. 30(2) p. 3-12.

**Non-Refereed Journal Articles**:

Szekely, I. School Arts Magazine (March 17th 2021) Davis Publication Vol 120 (Issue 8) P. 8.

Szekely, I. School Arts Magazine (Summer, 2019) Davis Publication. Vol 118 (Issue 10) P.12-13.

Szekely, I. Splatter Magazine (Spring, 2015) WAEA Publication Vol 1(Issue 3) P.14-16.

Szekely I. (2008) Talking about art with children in museums; NAEA Advisory.

Szekely Tackett I. (2001, January) Gender Equality in the Art Room: From Heroes to Heroines, *KAEA Journal*.

Szekely Tackett I. (2000,March) KAEA Newsletterp.3 Art Teaching Resources: Kentucky's Art Museums.

Szekely Tackett I. (2000, September). *KAEA Newsletter*, p.5. KAEA Annual Convention Report.

Szekely, Tackett I. (1999, March). *KAEA Newsletter*, p.4. Art Teaching Resources: Illustrated Children's Books.

Szekely, Tackett I. (1999). *KAEA Newsletter, p.4* Designing an art education conference as a work of art.

Szekely, Tackett I. (1999). *KAEA Newsletter, p.5* Art Teaching Resources: Using videos in the art Classroom.

**Refereed Chapters in Books**:

Szekely I. (2012) The Last Art Teacher; Art teaching in Middle School. Anthology, Columbia University, Teachers College Press

Szekely I. (2002) Artworld of Spiegelman. In M. Erickson & B.Young *Multicultural Artworlds: Enduring, Evolving, and Overlapping Traditions*. (pp. 77-80). Reston: NAEA

**Reviewed Books:**

*Art Education: Thriving in Teaching and Learning*, by Debrah Sickler-Voigt. For Routledge Press.

**ORAL PAPERS PRESENTED/ INVITED LECTURES**

KyAEA State Conference

Conference Presenter; Online

October, 2021

Art of Education Conference

Designing Instruction to Facilitate Student Response

Online-July 2020

Hardin County Schools

Invited Keynote for Professional Development Day

July 19, 20, 21

NAEA Pre-Conference Teaching for Artistic Behaviors Day

Title: Instillation in School and Community Settings

Boston, MA.

Invited Guest Speaker

March 2019

Association for Constructivist Teaching

Title: The Art Room as a Center for Activism:

Instillation-based art in school hallways and community settings

Invited Guest Speaker

October, 2018

Maryland Art Institute

Title: Design instillation-based art

Invited Guest Speaker

October, 2016

Denver Teaching for Artistic Behaviors Conference

Title: Looking at Artistic Behaviors utilized to model ways for students to find their own art interests and aesthetic voices including games, plays, and performances.

Invited, Guest presenter

January 2016

Arkansas State Conference

Invited, guest presenter

November, 2015

Self-Directed Learning in the Art Room, Teaching for Artistic Behaviors,

Massachusetts Institute College of Art. Featured Presenter.

July 2015

Today and Tomorrow, Creativity in Learning.

Sponsored by Harvard Project Zero and LACMA

Invited guest presenter

November, 2014

The Art in Society

Conference Presenter;

Rome, Italy

July 2014

Society of Educating Women

Conference Presenter;

Saint Louis, MO

July, 2013

International Inclusive Museum Conference

Conference Presenter;

Copenhagen, Denmark

April 2013

Invited Speaker

Southern Illinois University

Carbondale, Illinois

April, 2013

International Inclusive Museum Conference

Presenter;

Cave Hill, Barbados

August 2012

International Early Childhood Conference

Invited Speaker;

“Play and Art Making With Children in a Museum”

Toledo, OH

June 2011

KyAEA State Conference

Conference Presenter;

“Art Teaching as Art”

Morehead, KY

October 2011

National Art Education Association

Seattle WA

Conference Presenter;

“Video Art In the Classroom”

April 2011

International Conference of Museums

Conference Presenter;

“Teenagers in the Art Museum”

Istanbul, Turkey

June 2010

Chicago Private Schools Convention

Invited Speaker;

“A Teachers Guide to Taking Young Children to the Art Museum”

Chicago, IL

November 2009

National Art Education Association

Minneapolis, MN

Conference Presenter;

“Art at the Airport”

April 2009

NYU Arts Education Summit

Invited Speaker;

Lost in Transit: A Look at Arts

“Art Education Assessment Under the Kentucky Educational Reform Act (KERA)”

New York, NY

March 2008

Kentucky Art Education Association

Conference Presenter;

“Becoming Educated in the Art Museum”

Northern Kentucky

November 2007

National Art Education Association

Chicago, Illinois

Conference Presenter;

“Issues in Middle School Art Education”

April 2006

National Art Education Association

Boston, Massachusetts

Conference Presenter;

“Video Art in the Classroom”

March 2005

George Mason University

Invited Speaker;

“Discussing Contemporary Art with Students”

Fairfax, Virginia

November 2005

National Art Education Association

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Conference Presenter;

“Art at the Mall”

April 2003

Toledo Art Museum

Invited Speaker

Early Childhood Programs in Art Museums

May 2011

Columbus Art Museum

Opening of the New Education Wing,

Invited Speaker

Columbus, OH

October 2010

Knoxville Museum of Art

Invited Speaker: Evenings for Educators

Knoxville, TN

2009

Los Angeles County Museum of Art

Invited Speaker: Evenings for Educators

Los Angeles, California

November 2008

Living Arts and Science Center

Invited Speaker

Art Discovery Night,

Lexington, KY

April 2007

Violence Against Women V-day

Presenter,

Lexington, KY

September 2007

**PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS/WORKSHOPS**

National Art Education Association

Delegates Assembly

Meeting of state leaders to work on policy

2017,18, 19

National Leadership Conference

National Art Education Association

Arlington, VA

July, 2016

National Forum on Arts and Special Education

Kennedy Center for the Arts

Washington, D.C.

July, 2012

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Visual Teaching Strategies

Boston, MA

July 2007

**GRANTS & CONTRACTS**

Eastern University Funded Grant

2021

Presidential CARES Community Challenge Grant

Center for Appalachian Regional Engagement and Stewardship at EKU

2015

Faculty Research Grant

Eastern Kentucky University

2012

Kentucky Foundation of Women in the Arts

Artist in Education Grant

Art that addresses women artists and social issues brought to Kentucky schools and communities.

2007

**STUDENT SUPERVISION (Scholarly/Creative Activities)**

Vince Whalen- Graduate Thesis- 2020

Jeffrey Hale, Graduate Thesis- 2019

Sydney Cox Graduate Thesis- 2018

Diana Pickett –Gifted and Talented –2018

Tara Luster –Graduate Thesis 2016

Stephanie Wilson- 2016

Elizabeth Ellis- Graduate Thesis 2015

**INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

ICCA Promotion and Tenure Committee 2020-present

Promotion and Tenure Committee 2017-2019

College Curriculum Committee 2017-18

Scholarship and Recruitment Committee 2015-present

General Education Committee 2014-2020

Faculty Development Committee 2013-2015

Technology Committee 2012-2016

Bluegrass Regional High School Art Show

Curator, and Facilitator

Giles Gallery - Eastern Kentucky University

2009-Present

Art Open Studio Day at EKU

Coordinator of yearly event

February 2016-Present

Art Education Student Association Sponsor

20010-present

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Kentucky Art Education Conference Coordinator

(KyAEA)

Thomas More College, 2017

President/elect Kentucky Art Education Association

(KyAEA)

2015-present

Kentucky State Conference

Host and organizer

Richmond, KY 2012, 2016

State Conference Organizer

Kentucky State Conference

Lexington, KY 2015

Kentucky Art Education Association

Higher Education Division Chair

2009-15

Director of NAEA Student Chapters

The State of Kentucky

2009-2015

Kentucky Art Education Association

State Conference Organizer

Lexington, KY 2009

*Art Education:* The Journal of the National Art Education Association.

Editorial Review Board

National Art Education Association

2004-2008

Kentucky Art Education Association

Higher Education - Division Chair

2008

Kentucky Art Education Association

State Conference Organizer,

Louisville, KY 2008

Columbia University

President, Student Chapter of the National Art

Education Association

Organized visiting artists program. Developed programs and lectures by prominent New York artists and performers. Organized all national art education convention events for Columbia University students.

2001-2002

Kentucky Art Education Association (KAEA)

Northern Region Director and Executive Board Member

Organized state and regional art teacher workshops and conferences. Columnist for the KAEA Newsletter and Journal; Instructional Resources and New Media reviews

1998-2000

University of Kentucky Art Department

President, Student Art League

Obtained funding and space to establish a student run art gallery. Developed community arts projects to assist inner city schools. Directed children’s summer art

programs

1996-1998

**PROFESSIONALY RELATED COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Juror Kentucky Reflections Contest, 2014, 15, 16

Juror Elementary and Middle KyAEA show Spring 2016, 17

Juror Madison County Art show 2015, 16

Juror, KyAEA Art Show Fall, 2015

New York Children’s Gallery 2001-2002

Education Outreach Coordinator

Exhibition development and design

Created spaces and themes for art workshops

Hosted special events and conducted gallery tours

# Base Gallery 1998-2000

# Community Outreach Coordinator

Cincinnati, OH

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

National Art Education Higher Education Award 2018

Art Education Higher Educator of the Year for Kentucky 2013

College of Education, Alumni Graduate Fellowship (scholarly) 2008

University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

Robert Raushenberg Foundation Award (scholarly) 2000

National Award Recipient

Washington, DC

Cheryl Kelly Heffler Memorial Scholarship (scholarly) 1997

University of Kentucky Art Education Department's Highest Honor

Lexington, KY

**OTHER ACTIVITIES/ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

New Museum of Contemporary Art

Education Department Internship

New York, NY

2002

Children’s Learning Lab

Education Department Director

New York, NY

2001

The Art Education Gallery

University of Kentucky

Gallery Director

1996-1998

The *Kentucky Kernel*

University of Kentucky Student Newspaper

Community Arts Columnist and Photographer,

Lexington, KY

1994-1995