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Education

- 2006 Master of Arts in Textile and Fibre Art with Distinction (Honours)
Winchester School of Art, University of Southampton
Winchester, United Kingdom
- 2004 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Major in Textiles
NSCAD University
Halifax, Nova Scotia

Solo Exhibitions

- 2009 Ross Creek Centre for the Arts, Canning, Nova Scotia
- 2007 Earth, Wind and Fibre Gallery, London - Wul Farm, Lakeburn, New Brunswick
- 2006 *Vital*, Masters Degree Exhibition, Winchester School of Art, Winchester, United Kingdom
- 2006 City of Moncton Gallery / Galerie Moncton, Lakeburn, New Brunswick
- 2004 Earth, Wind and Fibre Gallery, London - Wul Farm, Lakeburn, New Brunswick
- 2004 *woven landscapes, beets, carrots and cabbage oh my...* Anna Leonowens Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2010 *Traditional Waves*, Corridor Gallery, VANS, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2010 Eyelevel Gallery Members' Exhibition, Halifax Nova Scotia
- 2010 *Laborious*, Harbour Front Center, Toronto, Ontario
- 2009 *Elemental Connections*, (Travelling Exhibition) Saskatchewan Crafts Council Gallery, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- 2008 Dawson City Arts Society Fundraising Auction, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2008 Confluence Gallery, Members Show, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2008 *Elemental Connections*, (Travelling Exhibition) Alberta Crafts Council Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta
- 2008 *Elemental Connections*, (Travelling Exhibition) First Canadian Place, Toronto, Ontario
- 2008-2010 *The Sweetest Little Thing*, Valentine's Day Fundraiser at Struts Gallery, Sackville, New Brunswick
- 2007-2008 *Secret*, Ross Creek Center for the Arts Auction at Argyle Fine Art, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2007 Cape Jourimain *Eco Arts Festival* exhibitor, Cape Jourimain, New Brunswick
- 2007 Talisman Fibre Arts Inc. Presents, *and now for something completely different part II* at
Not a Deli Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2007 Dawson City Arts Society Members Show, Dawson City, Yukon Territory
- 2007 *Elemental Connections*, (Travelling Exhibition) Ontario Craft Council, Toronto, Ontario
- 2006 *Lausanne to Beijing 4th International Fiber Art Biennale*, Suzhou Art and Technology
Institute Art Gallery, Suzhou, China
- 2006 *Art in Progress*, Winchester School of Art, Winchester, United Kingdom
- 2004 *NSCAD Emerging Artists*, Argyle Fine Art Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Curated Exhibitions

2009 *Contemporary Fibres, the art of J Penney Burton, Joanna Close, Margaret Forsey and Rilla Marshall*,
Mary E Black Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Artist Residencies

2007 Artist in residence, Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

Teaching Experience

Credit Courses

2009 - Present

- Part Time Instructor, Textiles Department, NSCAD University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Workshops

2011

-Instructor at the Nova Scotia Center for Craft and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia

-Instructed Natural dyeing workshop as a part of 'A Handmade Assembly', Sackville, New Brunswick

2010

-Instructed dyeing and stitching workshop to Grade 12 students at Charles P Allen High School, Bedford, Nova Scotia

-Instructed Natural Dye and Acid workshops for Deanne Fitzpatrick at By the Door Hooked Rugs, Amherst, Nova Scotia

2009

- Extended Studies Instructor, NSCAD University, Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Instructor at the Nova Scotia Center for Craft and Design, Halifax, Nova Scotia

- Instructed Fibre Art workshop, London – Wul Farm, Econo Museum, Lakeburn, New Brunswick

2008

- Instructed Dye workshop, London – Wul Farm, Econo Museum, Lakeburn, New Brunswick

- Instructed 'Working with wool' workshop (dyeing felting and spinning) at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

- Instructed Silkscreen printing workshop at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

2007

- Instructed Bookbinding workshop at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

- Instructor for the Youth Art Enrichment Program, teaching textiles to high school art students from throughout Yukon Territory at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

- Instructed Natural Dye workshop at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

- Instructed felting workshop at the Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon

- Instructed Dye workshop at London – Wul Farm, Econo Museum, Lakeburn, New Brunswick

- Private weaving instructor, Moncton, New Brunswick

2005

- Instructed Dye workshop at London – Wul Farm, Econo Museum, Lakeburn, New Brunswick

Professional Experience

2011 - Present Active seller on Etsy.com

2010 - Present Exhibitor at Love, me Boutique of handmade goods, Halifax Nova, Scotia

2009 - Present Exhibitor at Seeds Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia

2008 - Present Vendor and Organizer of Halifax Crafters, Halifax, Nova Scotia

2007 - Present Exhibitor at Handworks Gallery, Saint John, New Brunswick

2004 - Present Proprietor of Joanna Close, art in fibre, Ammon, New Brunswick / Halifax, Nova Scotia

2007 - 2008 Production and Advertising Manager, Klondike Sun Newspaper, Dawson City, Yukon

2006 - 2007 Vendor at the Dieppe Farmers Market, Dieppe, New Brunswick

2005 Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition, Toronto, Ontario

2004 One of a Kind Show, Toronto, Ontario

2002 - 2007 Dyer for Artist Deanne Fitzpatrick at By the Door Rug Hooking Studio, Amherst, Nova Scotia

Community

- 2010-2011 Member of Visual Arts Nova Scotia (VANS), Halifax Nova Scotia
- 2010-2011 Member of Mayflower Curling Club, Halifax Nova Scotia
- 2010-2011 Member of North Pocket Studio (Textile Art Studio), Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2009-2011 Member of Eye Level Gallery, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2009-2011 Member of Halifax Crafters
- 2007-2011 Member of the Dawson City Arts Society, Klondike Institute of Art and Culture, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2006-2011 Member of CARFAC (Canadian Artists' Representation le Front des Artistes Canadiens)
- 2008 Confluence Gallery Volunteer, Dawson City Arts Society Members' Gallery, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2008 Member of Dawson City Curling Club
- 2008 Dawson City International Short Film Festival selections committee member, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2007 Volunteer for the Riverside Arts Fest, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2007-2008 Member of WWOOF Canada(World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms)
- 2006 Coordinator of *Vital*, Masters Degree Exhibition, Winchester School of Art, United Kingdom
- 2005-2011 Member of Struts Gallery, Artist Run Center, Sackville, New Brunswick.
- 2005-2011 Juried Member of the Nova Scotia Designer Craft Council.

Public Talks

- 2010 Charles P Allen High School, Bedford, Nova Scotia
- 2010 NSCAD Textile department noon hour talk, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2009 NSCAD Textile department noon hour talk, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2008 KIAC- SOVA (Klondike Institute of Art and Culture – School of Visual Arts) public talk, Dawson City, Yukon
- 2007 KIAC (Klondike Institute of Art and Culture) Artist talk, Dawson City, Yukon

Bibliography

- 2011 Featured artist in *The Telegraph Journal* Salon Section, Saint John, New Brunswick
- 2009 Featured in *Things of Desire*, online weekly art magazine thingsofdesire.ca
- 2008 Feature Artist in ATC Quarterly (Artist Trading Card Journal), Published in Dunvegan, Ontario

Awards

- 2010 Creation Grant from the Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture
- 2008 Arts NB Creation Grant
- 2007 Travel Grant from the Canada Council for the Arts
- 2005 International Study Grant from the University of Southampton.
- 2004 New artisan scholarship for the One of a Kind Show.

Illustration Contracts

- 2011 Business card design for Diane Savoie, Moncton, New Brunswick
- 2011 Logo design for United Way, Community Food Mentor Project, Moncton, New Brunswick
- 2011 Illustrations for the *Telegraph Journal*, Saint John, New Brunswick
- 2011 Thank You card design and creation for Stus Sour Pickles, Chicago, Illinois
- 2007 Wedding invitation design and creation for Bronwyn Pavey, Moncton, New Brunswick