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Objective:

To create, teach, and facilitate art making and creative discovery at the intersection of art, ecology, sustainability and community building. To inspire, teach and encourage others to explore both the inner and outer landscapes of social/environmental/political issues. To promote self discovery and growth as well as connection to spirit and nature through viewing and making art. To create awareness of whole systems and arts and science integration through art making and education.

Education:

- **M.A. in *Social Innovation and Sustainability***, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT (2007-09)
Thesis titled “Harvesting a Sustainable Cultural Consciousness: Tools, Frameworks and Processes for Creative, Community Based Energy Descent”
- **Graduate certificate in ‘*Participatory Practices for Sustainable Development*’**, Colorado State University (2007)
- Completed six months of **Graduate Work** on an ***Environment and Community*** degree from Antioch University, Seattle, WA. (2006)
- ***Permaculture Design Certificate*** from Permaculture Visions International (2010)
- Ten Month ***Herbalist Training Program*** The Elderberry School of Botanical Medicine (2011)
- **B.A. *Interdisciplinary Studies***, Concentrations in *Environmental Studies, Spirituality and the Social Sciences*, Marylhurst University, Marylhurst OR (2000-4)
- Watercolor, Acrylic Painting, Drawing, etc, Portland Community College (2007- 10)
- Spanish, Environmental Regulations, Clackamas Community College, Oregon City, OR (2003-04)
- Cultural Anthropology, Fine Art, Art History, Psychology, Eastern Philosophy, University of Wisconsin, Menasha, WI (1997-99)

Professional Experience:

Self Employed Artist/Teacher/Contractor---2013 to present

Lotussoul Studios, 5732 SE 65th Ave., Portland, O.R., 97206, (503) 975-4181,
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- Make, show, sell and teach art.

Community Education Instructor/Teacher---April 2011 to present

Portland Community College, PO Box 19000, Portland, O.R., 97280 *Miriam Budner/Language and Culture Program Coordinator* (971) 722-6643

- Design and teach curriculum for various art courses including: Creative Exploration With Mixed Media Mandalas, Beyond 2D: Mixed Media Painting and Assemblage, Mixed Media Mania...and more

Arts and Science Integration Teacher/Facilitator---December 2012 to present

Artscool <https://artscoolpdx.wordpress.com> Revolving Locations in Portland Metro area
Dianna Fontes (503) 919-0953

- Teach and facilitate arts and science integration to children of various ages.
- Develop curriculum for various arts and sciences integration courses.

Private Teacher/Life Coach---May 2007 to February 2013

Bradley-Fleck Properties, 9226 SE Fuller Rd., Happy Valley, O.R., 97086 (503) 788-7370 Mary Bradley/supervisor (503) 720-1488

- Tutor an individual client with developmental disabilities in various areas
- One to one focused art training in various mediums and styles (pictures upon request)
- Social/organizational/financial skills training
- Physical fitness one to one training at the gym
- Organic/Permaculture gardening training and design (pictures upon request)

Membership Assistant---February 2007 to December 2007

Gifford Pinchot Task Force, 917 SW Oak St., Portland, O.R., 97215 www.gptaskforce.org (503) 221-2101

- Coordinate membership outreach
- Coordinate event and membership mailings, phone banking
- Assist in the coordination of special appeals and events
- Maintain membership database and records

Environmental Educator---September 2006 to November 2006

Wolftree Inc. 516 SE Morrison St., Portland, OR, 97214 www.beoutside.org (503) 239-1820

- Teach methods of science and field inquiry to sixth graders both in the classroom and in the field
- Teach ecological principles, wildlife biology, plant identification, water and soil chemistry
- Properly use and maintain field equipment
- Create, organize and teach program curriculum for both student's field days as well as in class days

Environmental Youth Corps Crew Leader---June 2006 to August 2006

Human Solutions, Clackamas County, 19600 S. Mollala Ave., Oregon City, OR, 97045

<http://www.co.clackamas.or.us/csc/cceyc/> (503) 657-6958 x5492

- Supervise and coordinate restoration work, invasive plant removal and tree planting with a group of ten youth (12-17yrs.) at an orchard and a seed bank
- Develop and teach environmental education activities, curriculum and outings
- Encourage and facilitate the development of career, teamwork and leadership skills amongst the youth

Volunteer Coordinator---September 2004 to July 2005

The Arc of Multnomah County, 619 SW 11th Ave., Portland, OR, 97205 www.thearcmult.org
(503) 223-7279

- Developed and implemented a volunteer program from the bottom up
- Matched community volunteers with clients with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities based on specific goals/interests of both parties
- Coordinated and managed a young adult recreational club (YARC) for youth 18-35 with developmental disabilities and/or mental retardation
- Recruited, interviewed, trained and supervised volunteers
- Fundraising and other events coordination and planning
- Built an Access 2003 Database for the volunteer program as well as the development of all program materials and resources

Care Taker---October 2004 to July 2006

Community Vision Inc., 1750 SW Skyline Blvd., Portland, OR, 97223 (503) 292-4964

- Assisted a client with a developmental disability with day to day living tasks as well as medication administration and procedures

Alternatives to Employment Program Counselor---September 2001 to April 2004

Dungarvin Inc., 7320 SW Hunziker Rd., suite 101, Portland, OR, 97223 www.dungarvin.com
(503) 624-0205

- Maintained and coordinated an alternatives to employment program for individuals with mental retardation and/or developmental disabilities.
- Learned medication administration skills and documentation.
- Took OSI Level I, CPR/1st Aid
- Researched and coordinated recreational and social opportunities and events for individuals with disabilities.

Community/Volunteer/Board Experience:

***P:ear*---September 2013 to December 2013**

- Develop workshops in art journaling and mixed media art techniques to work with the young adult homeless population at P:ear.

***Cascadia Center For Social Ecology*---September 2010 to July 2012**

- Along with a small collective of nine activists, therapists, artists and community organizers helped to conceive of and form the Cascadia Center.
- Currently in the planning process the Center will offer workshops, retreats, trainings, community conversation facilitation, consulting and more with the goal of helping
- Created and presented “Activism As Art” workshop at Lewis and Clark college, October 2011

***Transition PDX (TPDX)* www.transitionpdx.org ---August 2008 to November 2011**

- Hub (steering comm.) member until January 2011
- Work with the outreach group on media materials, networking, partnering and collaborating with other community groups
- Coordinate, facilitate and manage the Heart and Soul TPDX working group January 2010 to October 2011
- Conduct outreach, public speaking, education and facilitation about TPDX and related environmental and social issues
- Helped coordinate and run TPDX’s monthly general meetings
- Featured panel speaker at the 2010 NW regional Transition Convergence

***Community Non-Profit Resources Group (CNRG)* www.cnrg-portland.org ---July 2007 to January 2011**

- Elected to the board of directors in July 2007
- Secretary from September 2007 to January 2011

Tryon Creek Farm Arts Action Group Organizer/Coordinator

<http://tryonfarm.org/share/arts> ---September 2009 to May 2010

Helping with the inception and coordination of a new arts project of Tryon Life Creek Farm, a local nonprofit community and environmental education organization and working farm

***Spreading Roots, Spring Forth and The Dirt!* www.thedirt.org ---October 2004 to July 2011**

- As a “warbling songster writer” I wrote short environmentally and socially focused educational pieces monthly for the online publication titled “The Dirt!” from October 2004 to the present.
- Elected to the board of directors as the outreach chair for the parent organization

of The Dirt!, Spreading Roots, Spring Forth in April of 2005 and then the board chair in March 2007

- Assisted with grant writing, and fundraising events and coordination.
- Conducted various outreach such as board member recruitment, as well as networking/events with other nonprofits.

- Wrote other educational content for the website www.thedirt.org

Portland Peak Oil Task Force www.portlandpeakoil.org ---2006 to 2010

- Attend Council and related meetings and help to organize and conduct public meetings, outreach and projects

Americorps year of service---September 2004 to July 2005

- Placed at The Arc of Multnomah County as the Volunteer Coordinator
- Went through a series of classes to become a certified Red Cross Disaster Responder, on call every 8 weeks
- Participated in many leadership and non-profit trainings
- Successfully designed and implemented a volunteer program
- Managed, expanded and maintained the YARC or Young Adult Recreational Club

Sunnyside Environmental School, Portland, O.R. Internship---February 2004 to June 2004

- Developed environmental and social curriculum
- Worked on press releases
- Worked in classrooms with students
- Coordinated fundraising drive for school's yearbook
- Coordinated "Recycled and International Fashion Show" highlighting the benefits of recycled clothes and environmental side effects of the clothing industry as well as multiculturalism and the traditions and environmental ethics of indigenous cultures

Other Volunteer Work/Community Organizing and Special Event and Project Design/Coordination

- Participated in Multiple Sclerosis Fund Raiser Walk, 1999
- Canvassed for decreases in pesticide use, and related children's health issues concerning pesticides with the Wisconsin Grassroots Alliance, 2001
- Canvassed for forest protection with the Forestry Project, 2002
- Ivy removal with the Three Rivers League, 2004
- Volunteered to serve Lunch to the houseless at Blanchet House, 2004-2005
- Earth Day Event coordination/booth for SRSF, 2007
- Community grassroots, participatory research projects such as City Repair's V.I.S.

(Village Information System), 2006-2008

- Attended the Eco-City World Summit in San Francisco, April 2008
- Involvement with the Cross Pollination Project, 2008
- Helped design and coordinate Transition PDX's Open Space Event, July 2009
- Featured speaker for Transition PDX at Portland Green Drinks, July 2009
<http://www.thedirt.org/node/4094>
- Presented MA thesis work to immersion students in one hour workshop through Mexico City University in Guadalajara, Mexico, July 2009
- Featured speaker on the 'Transition Town model' at the Green Renaissance Fair, August 2009
- Featured panelist speaker on energy descent at the Muddy Boots Organic Festival, September 2009
- Featured speaker on the 'Transition Town' model at the Richmond Neighborhood Sustainability Committee's special event on community organizing, February 2010
- Transformed a client's front yard into a working organic permaculture garden system (58'x60') February 2010 to ongoing (can see pictures on website www.Zeratha.com)
- Attended a weekend long workshop on Corporate Personhood and the People's Rights, March 2010
- Helped coordinate Transition PDX's Earth Day booth, April 2010
- Featured speaker for Portland Evolver on the Transition Model, May 2010
- Organized an evening lecture for Transition PDX and the general public by Paul Cienfuegos on Corporate Personhood, May 2010
<http://www.thedirt.org/node/4886>
- Designed and coordinated a presentation with Transition PDX hub members titled 'Nurturing the Connective Tissue of Community Resilience' at Portland City Repair's annual Village Building Convergence, June 2010 <http://www.thedirt.org/node/4887>
- Designed and Coordinated a Hybrid Community Fishbowl Conversation with Paul Cienfuegos, Barbara Ford and Todd Sloan on 'Climate Crisis and Despair in an Age of Corporate Control', June 2010 <http://www.thedirt.org/node/4888>
- KBOO radio interview on Transition PDX and Community Energy <http://kboo.fm/node/22335> June 2010
- Featured speaker on the Heart and Soul Panel at the first Pacific Northwest Regional Transition Convergence September 2010 <http://transitionseattle.com/events/summit2010.php>
- Panel speaker at the May 2011 Springboard Social Innovation Forum: Social Ecology For (R)evolution
http://www.springboardinnovation.org/social_innovation_forum/may2011/social_ecology.html
- Featured workshop speaker at the October 2011 regional NW Permaculture

Conference, created and presented workshop titled “Zone 0: Applying Permaculture Wisdom to the Self” <http://nwpermaculture.com/convergence-conference-speaker-zeratha-young/>

- Created and presented a workshop for Lewis and Clark College titled “Activism As Art” in October 2011

Solo Exhibitions

2014 *Arch-Ark-achinas*, Space Monkey Cafe, Portland, OR

Selected Group Exhibitions

2014 *Recycled Rainwater Project Show Year 2*, Olympic Mills Commerce Center Gallery, Portland, OR

2014 *Printmaking and Photography Show*, Splendorporium Gallery, Portland, OR

2014 *Icon-o-Clast*, Splendorporium Gallery, Portland, OR

2013 *Siren Nation's Then and Now Group Show*, Albina Press, Portland, OR

2013 *RAW Artist's Showcase: Translations*, The Bossanova Ballroom, Portland, OR

2013 *Siren Nation's Paint Your Art Out*, The White Owl Social Club, Portland, OR

2013 *Art and The Art of Healing*, Sunnyside Holistic Health Group, Portland, OR

2013 *Sideshow*, Splendorporium Gallery, Portland, OR

2013 *Recycled Rainwater Project Show*, Olympic Mills Commerce Center Gallery, Portland, OR

2013 *Muros Abajo*, Casa De Revolucion, Portland, OR

2012 *The Portland Tarot Show*, Splendorporium Gallery, Portland, OR

2011 *Siren Nation's Paint Your Art Out*, Secret Society Ballroom, Portland, OR

2011 *Zeitgeist Media Festival*, Backspace, Portland, OR

2011 *The Portland Love Show*, Homeland Gallery, Portland, OR

2010 *The Portland Tarot Show*, Splendorporium Gallery, Portland, OR

2010 *Ripple Show*, Keen Great Room, Portland, OR

2010 *The Portland Love Show*, Olympic Mills Commerce Center Gallery, Portland, OR

Publications

- Art Studio Visit Journal, Spring 2014, Volume 25

Artists Honors/Awards

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Professional References

- Jeremy O’Leary, *Senior Oracle Programmer, Metro, Portland, O.R.* jeremyol@gmail.com (503) 610-2393
- Tod Sloan, *Ph.D., Professor of Counseling Psychology, Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling* sloan@lclark.edu (503) 928-2779
- Laura Nobel, *Founder and Chair of Spreading Roots, Spring Forth* laura@nobel.org (975) 645-9510
- David Johnson, *Ecopsychologist and Life Coach* ecodave@mac.com (808) 430-3778
- **others available upon request...*

