

**Profile**

Rigorous technical training in jewelry making, design and material studies. Artist-in-residence at Arts Incubator, Kansas City MO. Interested in working in an active academic discourse in contemporary and conceptual jewelry while continuing my studio practice. Exposure in the professional art market from gallery work, industry and teaching.

**Education**

- **Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)**, Providence, RI  
Masters in Fine Art, Metals & Jewelry / **2009**
- **New Mexico State University (NMSU)**, Las Cruces, NM  
Bachelors in Fine Arts, Metals & Jewelry / **2007**
- **National Exchange Program to NMSU**, Las Cruces, NM / **2003-2004**
- **University of Puerto Rico (UPR)** Mayagüez, PR / **1999-2003**

**Design Experience**

- **Freelance Jewelry Designer** for Colibri / **2007**  
Designed and developed concepts for four jewelry collections targeting the Latin community: Female religious line, quinceneanera for teenagers, heart motif for kids and fine jewelry for women.

**Teaching Experience**

**RISD / Jewelry & Light Metals Department, Providence, RI**

- **Jewelry Instructor**, Winter **2009**; Spring **2008**

Taught introductory level of jewelry fabrication, techniques and designs ensuring students mastered the basic processes of jewelry making. Planned course outline using precious, non precious metals and alternative materials to encouraged students to express their ideas, concepts and aesthetic. Class lectures, readings, research, handouts and critiques helped students situate their work from traditional designs and concepts to more contemporary practices. Trained, advised and directed a colleague during the duration of the class to teach and take lead.

- **Teaching Assistant**, Winter **2008**

Helped design course outline for basic jewelry course. Organized studio, coordinated activities for non-major students, and provided them guidance to use the tools.

- **RISD Metals and Jewelry Lab Monitor / 2007-2009**

Organized, managed and supervised departments studio facilities and maintenance. Conducted need assessment on any missing tools or broken machinery. Offered assistances to students; trained and guided them with dangerous equipment. Ensured students safety and comfort.

- **RISD Jewelry Technical Assistant / 2008-2009**

Organized and assisted department facilities. Conducted need assessment, records and reports of the tools and machinery, updated safety policies and guidelines. Helped coordinate guest lecture and activities for graduate and undergraduate students. Served as a liaison between the jewelry department and the students.

**Belvoir Terrace, Lenox, MA**

- **Jewelry Teaching Residency**, Summer / **2008, 2009**

Assigned and directed departmental projects. Taught students from age 12 to 17 basic jewelry techniques (sawing, forming, filing, soldering, and enameling) and processes to develop their own artistic voice within a specific time frame. Adapted instructions to meet varying skill levels. Ensured students safety and comfort. Updated policies, needs assessment, inventories, placed orders, stocked materials, and safety regulations.

**NMSU, Las Cruces, NM**

- **Gallery Assistant / 2005-2007**

Assisted the director with show installation. Created layouts including wall color selection, placement of artwork and installation procedures. Monitored delivery of artwork, de-installation and re-packing of the artist's work. Supervised students employees in their submission of time worked. Assisted secretary with receiving cash, checks and inter-department payments and allocated to appropriate accounts.

- **Lab Jewelry and Metals Monitor and Assistant / 2003-2007**

Managed and supervised studio facilities and offered assistances to students. Responsible for maintenance and studio upkeep. Ensured students safety and comfort.

- **NMSU Teacher's Assistant / 2005**

Spanish to English interpreter for visiting artist. Conducted workshops, lectures, and gallery events.

## Skills

- **Languages:** Fluent in French, Spanish, English. Experienced interpreter (Spanish/English)
- **3D work:** Thorough understanding of manufacturing processes: waxes, casting, finishing. Skilled bench work in metal fabrication, alloying metal, forming, enameling, electroplating, laser cutting, welding, alternative mold making (Rubber, Resin, Wax, Plaster), electronics, book making.
- **2D work:** skilled in design concepts, jewelry rendering and fabrication of fine jewelry in ink, pencil and watercolor techniques.
- **Computer:** Jewelry CAD/CAM designs, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Word, Excel, Power Point, Book Publishing software.
- **Personal:** Highly organized, self-disciplined and resourceful. Good communicating and interpersonal skills. Ability as manager and team player.

## Lectures & Selected Exhibitions

- **Preziosa Young**, Florence, Italy / 2010
- **Collective Threads**, UCM Gallery of Art & Design; Warrensburg, MO / 2010
- **18<sup>th</sup> St Fashion Show: Decadent Summer**; Kansas City MO / 2010
- **Cheongju International Craft Biennale: Out side the box**; Soul, Korea / 2009
- **What We do: Growing Metal and Fusing it to Fabric**; RISD / 2009
- **RISD Thesis Exhibition: Hidden in Nature**; RI Convention Center / 2009
- **Fibers Expanded**; Luke and Elloy Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA / 2009
- **Decorative Resurgences**; Rowan University, Glassboror, NJ / 2009
- **Laughingstock: Humor in Arts and Craft**; Luke and Elloy Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA / 2008
- **Wear We Are**; Sol Koffler Gallery, Providence, RI, 2008
- **The Ring Shows: Then & Now, Putting the Band Back Together**; Georgia Museum / 2008
- **Putting the Ring Together**; Athens, Georgia / 2008
- **2007 BFA Show**; White Ravens Studio, Las Cruces, NM / 2007
- **Student's Art Show**; New Mexico State University Art Gallery, NM / 2007
- **Adornment: The Artful Body**; Zane Bennett Gallery, Santa Fe, NM / 2007
- **Repetitive Gestures: Seeking the Solace in the Process of Making**; Depot Art Center, Steamboat Spring, CO / 2007
- **The International Expositions of Sculpture and Functional Art (SOFA)**; Sponsored by Zane Bennett Gallery, Chicago, IL / 2006
- **Surfaces**; White Raven Studios, Las Cruces, NM / 2006
- **Hard and Soft Show**; Greater Denton Arts Council, Texas / 2006
- **Necklaces!** Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, El Paso TX / 2005
- **West Gallery**; Mayagüez, PR / 2003

## Publications

- **"Gallery"** Art Jewelry Magazine, May 2010: 45-47
- **Hidden in Nature**, Cheryl Eve Acosta / 2009
- **Stitched Jewels**, Marthe Le Van / 2009
- **Decorative Resurgence**, Rowan University / 2009
- **The Ring Show**, Georgia Museum of Art / 2008
- **500 Earrings**, Lark Book / 2007
- **Sun Life** article: "NMSU students offer unique jewelry at bargain prices" / Oct. 2005
- **Sun Life** article: "Students get creative with original wearable art" / Oct. 2004

## Awards

- Artist-in-residence **Arts Incubator**, Kansas City, MO / **2010**
- RISD Presidential Scholarship / **2007-2009**
- Michael Marcogliese & The George R. Francovich Scholarship from Rhode Island Foundation; by MJSA / **2008-2009**
- Andrew & Frances Salvadore Scholarship Fund, Rhode Island Foundation; by MJSA, / **2007-2008**
- **Fellowship and Assistantship** from Rhode Island School of Design / **2007-2009**
- **Excellency in Metals** sponsored by Camille Rendal and juried by Cathy Wright; NMSU Student Art Exhibition / **2006 & 2007**
- **Women's Jewelry Association Scholarship**, WJA / **2006**
- **Elena Prentice Rulon-Miller Scholarship Fund**, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, ME / **2006**.
- **Dr. Jerrold Belitz Scholarship**, Penland School of Crafts, NC / **2006**
- Finalist for the **Jean H. Dodier Scholarship**; NMSU Student Art Exhibition / **2005**
- Two first prizes **Annual Student Exhibition**, University of PR in painting and stain glass / **2003**

## Affiliations

- **RISD Alumni Association**, Providence, RI
- **Member of CAA**, College Art Association
- **Member of SNAG**, Society of North American Goldsmith
- **Likned In**
- **Kansas City Artist Coalition**, Kansas City, MO
- **Hello Art**, Kansas City, MO

## Leadership

- **RISD Graduate Student Liaison Representative**, RISD / **2008-2009**
- **RISD International Exchange Committee Member**: Diversity Awards Nomination / **2008**
- **NMSU President** of the Art History Club / **2005-07**

## Community Service & Workshops

- **Graduate Student Liaison, RISD** -strived to unite the graduate population, both academically and socially, through a series of events. Providence, RI / **2008-2009**
- **Office of Multicultural Affairs Committee Member**; Diversity Awards, RISD - selected students who expressed extraordinary efforts in the campus community. Providence, RI / **2008**
- **Zine & Silkscreen Workshop** - non-profit workshop, open to public to teach art to the community. Las Cruces, NM / **2007**
- **Have a Heart** - organized an art auction to raise funds for La Casa Shelter for women and children. Las Cruces, NM / **2007**
- **NMSU's La Sociedad para las Artes** - donated work for the Casa Peregrinos Hunger Benefit. Lac Cruces, NM / **2007**
- **Dorms Recycling Facilities** - started recycling facilities (paper, plastic, and aluminum) for students residing on campus. Lac Cruces, NM / **2005**
- **Cancer Research Fundraising** - performed in a play with the Friendship Club to raise funding for cancer research. Mayagüez, Puerto Rico / **2003**

## Gallery Representation

- **The Witt Gallery**, Lenox, MA
- **August**, Westwood, KS
- **Artist Incubator**, Kansas City, MO