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Education and Certification

- 2013 **Ph.D. in Art Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL**

Dissertation title: Creative Counter-Narratives by Arts Educators in Urban Schools: A Participatory, A/r/tographic Inquiry.
Major Professor: Anniina Suominen Guyas, Ph.D.
- 2006 **Florida Professional Educator Certificate, Art K-12, renewed June 2011, valid through June 30, 2016**
- 1997 **Master of Fine Arts in Painting, Hunter College of the City University of New York.**
- 1994 **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing, Art History Minor, with highest honors, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY.**
- 1993 **Study Abroad Summer Program, Pratt in Venice Program at the Universita Internazionale del'Arte, Venice, Italy.**

University Teaching Experience

- 2013-Present **University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Art, Assistant Professor of Art Education.**

Courses Taught: ARE 360 Foundations of Art Education; ARE 363 Curriculum and Teaching Methods in the Elementary School
- 2011-2012 **Florida State University, Department of Art Education, Graduate Teaching Assistant.**

Courses Taught: ARE 5930 Student Teaching, ARE 5950 Professional Practices and Portfolio Development, ARE 5935 Human Development in Art/Theory and Practice I
- 2011-2013 **Florida State University, Department of Art, Adjunct Instructor and Instructor of Record.**

Courses Taught: ART 2003C Survey of Studio Art Practices, (**online class**), ART 2204C Contemporary Art Foundations

- 1996 **Hunter College, City University of New York**, Graduate Teaching Intern.
Courses Co-Taught with Professor Robert Swain: ArtCr 235 Painting, ArtCr 236
Advanced Painting

K-12 and Community-Based Art Education Experience

- 2012 **Art Camp @ 621 Gallery**, Tallahassee, FL. Teacher and program developer.
*Developed and taught week-long, thematic, project-based art units for children ages
7 to 12 in community-based art summer camp.*
- 2003-2009 **Pineview Elementary School**, Art Teacher, Leon County Schools, Tallahassee,
FL. *Developed and taught a comprehensive art education program for Kindergarten
through Fifth Grade students, reflecting State and National Standards.*
- 2005-2007 **Lemoine Art Center**, Tallahassee, FL. Art Instructor in Teen Foundations Program.
Courses Taught: Figure Drawing, Painting
- 1996 **Arts Center/Old Forge**, Old Forge, NY. Art Education Intern. *Full time summer
position with a variety of duties that included: installing artwork, conducting gallery
talks, and documenting and cataloguing permanent collection of artworks.*

Fellowships and Awards

- 2011-2012 **Legacy Fellowship**, highly competitive, university-wide fellowship fully supporting
one year of Doctoral Study at Florida State University (15 fellowships awarded each
year to outstanding doctoral students across the university)
- 2010-2011 **University Fellowship**, highly competitive, university-wide fellowship fully
supporting one year of Doctoral Study at Florida State University (25 fellowships
awarded each year to outstanding doctoral students across the university)
- 2009-2010 **University Fellowship**, highly competitive, university-wide fellowship fully
supporting one year of Doctoral Study at Florida State University (25 fellowships
awarded each year to outstanding doctoral students across the university)
- Jessie Lovano-Kerr and Donald Kerr Graduate Art Education
Scholarship**, for Graduate Study in Art Education at Florida State University
- 1990-1994 **Charles Pratt Scholarship**, highly competitive, college-wide scholarship for
incoming freshmen, supporting four years of BFA study at Pratt Institute (8 multi-year
scholarships awarded each year to outstanding incoming freshmen across the
college)

Grants

- 2011-2012 **Conference Presentation Support Grant**, awarded by FSU Congress of Graduate Students to support graduate students travelling to give presentations at national and international conferences. Total award \$200.
- 2010-2011 **Graduate Dean's Fund for University Fellows**, grant to support professional networking seminar and reception for graduate students, held in Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts. Total award \$1,000.
- Conference Presentation Support Grant**, awarded by FSU Congress of Graduate Students to support graduate students travelling to give presentations at national and international conferences. Total award \$300.
- 2008 **Leon County Schools Mini-Grant**, supporting study of artist/naturalist John James Audubon, field trip to Bear Creek Educational Forest, and student exhibition at Leon County Public Library of classroom watercolor project. Total award \$1,985.74.
- 2007 **Leon County Schools Mini-Grant**, supporting artist visit, student exhibition at FSU Museum of Fine Arts and classroom project with installation artist Wennie Huang. Total award \$543.17.
- 2005 **Leon County Schools Mini-Grant**, supporting student exhibition at 621 Gallery in Tallahassee, FL, and classroom project studying the work of local artist Ron Yravedra. Total award \$500.00.
- 1997 **Poets and Writers Readings/Workshops Grant**, supporting reading/performance of original script *Be Silent, Be Still* at Arts Center/Old Forge, Old Forge, NY. Total award \$500.

Nominations

- 2011 **Marilyn Zurmuehlen Working Papers in Art Education**, nomination to participate in a panel presentation of cutting edge work by top doctoral students in Art Education who have been nominated by their dissertation advisers to present their research at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention.

Scholarly Presentations, Invited Lectures and Workshops

- 2013 Spillane, S. (2013, March). *Artistic Practice in Participatory and Community-Based Research*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention, Fort Worth, TX.
- Spillane, S. (2013, March). *Creative Counter-Narratives by Arts Educators in Urban Schools*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention, Fort Worth, TX.

- 2012 Spillane, S. (2012, March). *Art Teachers in Urban Schools: A Participatory, Arts-Based Inquiry Informed by Critical Race Theory*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Spillane, S. (2012, March). *Art and Ecology: Collaborating with University Scientists in the Elementary Art Classroom*, Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Anderson, T., Suominen Guyas, A., Moore, K., & Spillane, S. (2012, March). *Earth Education as Social Justice Practice*. Panel presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Convention, New York, NY.
- Spillane, S. (2012, January). *Creative Counter-Narratives by Arts Educators in Urban Schools: A Participatory, Arts-Based Inquiry*. Presentation at the Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2011 Suominen Guyas, A., Alders, A., & Spillane, S. (2011, March). *Art and Addiction Exhibition as a Pedagogy for Art Education*. Panel presentation at the National Art Education Association Convention, Seattle, WA.
- Alders, A., Suominen Guyas, A., & Spillane, S. (2011, January) *Art and Addiction Exhibition as a Community-Based Art Education Pedagogy*. Panel presentation at the Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2010 Spillane, S. (2010, January). *Teaching Art in High-Poverty Elementary Schools: A Search for Best Practices*. Poster presentation given at the Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.
- Invited lecture “Balancing an Active Artistic Practice with a Full-Time Art Teaching Career” in Professional Practices and Portfolio Development course for undergraduate and graduate Art Education students at Florida State University.
- 2009 Invited lecture “Teaching Art in a Title I School” in Professional Practices and Portfolio Development course for undergraduate and graduate Art Education Students at Florida State University.
- 2004 Visiting Artist Workshop, Kate Sullivan Elementary School, Tallahassee, FL
- Visiting Artist Workshop, Gilchrist Elementary School, Tallahassee, FL

Refereed Scholarly Writing

Spillane, S. (2012). Recovery: Stitches and scars. *Visual Arts Research*, 38(2), 56-57.

Spillane, S. (2012). *Creative Counter-Narratives by Arts Educators in Urban Schools: A Participatory, Arts-Based Inquiry*. In *Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium Proceedings*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University.

Alders, A., Suominen Guyas, A., & Spillane, S. (2011). Art and Addiction Exhibition as a Community-Based Art Education Pedagogy. In *Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium Proceedings*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University.

Spillane, S. (2010). *Teaching Art in High-Poverty Elementary Schools: A Search for Best Practices*. In *Art and Design for Social Justice Symposium Proceedings*. Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University.

Artist Residencies

2012 **Artist-in-Residence@621.** Juried six-month residency (March to August, 2012) at 621 Gallery in Railroad Square Art Park in Tallahassee, Florida, a community-based venue dedicated to bringing contemporary art to the North Florida/South Georgia region. Artist residency provides free studio space and culminates in a major exhibition of work created during the residency period. Residency also involves service on the gallery's board of directors, conducting community art workshops, and opening the studio to the public during monthly First Friday gallery hops.

Exhibitions/Performances

2012 **Symbiosis**, solo exhibition of work created during artist residency, 621 Gallery in Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL

By All Means: FSU Art Faculty Show, Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

Dissonance: An Exhibition by the Adjunct Faculty of the Department of Art, Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

Sketchcrawlers@theMuseum, group exhibition of artwork created on site and inspired by the natural environment of North Florida, Phipps Gallery at the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science, Tallahassee, FL

2011 **Art and Addiction: Putting a Human Face on Addiction and Recovery**, Juried group exhibition, Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

Summer Escape, curated group exhibition of abstract painters, 49 Palmetto Gallery, Apalachicola, FL

2010 **Art and Addiction**, juried group exhibition, LeMoyné Art Center, Tallahassee, FL

Blocks and Strips, solo exhibition, Fire Ants Fine Arts in Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL

2009 **Pecha Kucha Night**, invited artist presentation in group slide show, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL

- Red Shoe Studios**, Three-person exhibition, artist studio/gallery in Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL
- Personal Histories**, Student exhibition by History of Art Education class, mini-gallery in Art Education Department, Tallahassee, FL
- 2008 **Creative Tallahassee**, Juried group exhibition, City Hall, Tallahassee, FL
- 2007 **South of SoHo**, Ongoing member exhibition, artist cooperative gallery in Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL
- 2006 **Expanse**, Group exhibition curated by Alexandra Rutsch, Studio 12N @ Resolution, New York, NY
- Artists' League Summer Annual**, Group exhibition of Artists' League members, FSU Museum of Fine Art, Tallahassee, FL
- 2005 **South of SoHo**, invited guest artist in group exhibition at artist cooperative gallery in Railroad Square Art Park, Tallahassee, FL
- 2003 **Of Vision and Variety: Recent Works by the Artists' League of the FSU Museum of Fine Arts**, Group exhibition, 22nd Floor Gallery, Florida State Capitol Building, Tallahassee, FL
- 2001 **Queens Clocktower Benefit Exhibition**, Group exhibition, Long Island City, NY
- Art Frenzy**, Long Island City Artists Open Studios, Long Island City, NY
- 2000 **Another Story Altogether: Abstraction in Painting Today**, Group exhibition curated by Katherine Gass and Wennie Huang, Castle Gallery, College of New Rochelle, New Rochelle, NY
- 1999 **Hit and Run**, Semi-annual group exhibition of emerging artists, each in a new location, curated by Edward Winkleman, New York, NY
- 1997 **Wight Biennial**, National exhibition of graduate student artwork, curated by graduate art students at UCLA, Wight Art Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA (catalogue)
- MFA Thesis Exhibition**, Hunter College MFA Gallery, New York, NY (catalogue)
- Facing Open Fields**, Writer and performer in collaborative performance work presented at Here, New York, NY, self-produced
- 1996-1997 **Be Silent, Be Still**, Writer, designer, and performer in collaborative performance work presented at Arts Center/Old Forge, NY by invitation; CUNY Hunter College, by invitation; SoHo Arts Festival, Dixon Place, self-produced; At Odds Festival, produced by Peculiar Works Project, Vineyard Theater, New York, NY
- 1995 **Emerging Artists Invitational**, A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY

Exhibitions Curated

- 2007-08 **The Story**, Co-curator with a group of Tallahassee area teachers of invitational group exhibition of narrative artwork at FSU Museum of Fine Arts.
- 1996 **Mac Wells: Light into Being**, Co-curator of retrospective exhibition by retired Hunter College faculty member. Contributed catalogue essay, "Light, Surface, Perspective: Landscape in Mac Wells' Painting." Hunter College Art Gallery, New York, NY.

Service

- 2012-2013 Member of Board of Directors of 621 Gallery, Inc., serving on Education and Exhibition Selection Committees, Tallahassee, FL
- Graduate student member of Review Committee for Graduate Student Research and Creativity Awards in the Arts and Humanities at Florida State University
- 2011 Curriculum advisor, "Art and Addiction" curriculum guide for art teachers and guidance counselors, published by Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
- 2010 Co-Coordinator, Florida State University Fellows Society Reception at FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
- 1995-1997 Co-President, Graduate Art Student Committee, CUNY Hunter College, New York, NY

Memberships and Professional Affiliations

National Art Education Association (NAEA)
Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC)
Member of Florida State University Fellows Society