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Curriculum Vitae

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AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

Washington State Public Artist Roster, Current
Artist in Residence, Thurston County Food Bank, Current
Artist in Residence, Avanti High School, 2017
Sustainability Award, Pacific Northwest Clean Water Association, 2016
Grant Recipient, City of Olympia, PBIA, 2016 Collective Visions Mural Project
Grant Recipient, Freas Foundation, 2016 Art Installation
Teaching Artist Residency, Sherman Elementary, Tacoma, WA, 2015
Grant Recipient, Freas Foundation, 2015 Mural Project
Nature Consortium Teaching Artist Roster, Seattle, WA, 2014-2016
Washington State Public Artist Roster, 2013-2015
Societal Impact Award, Washington State Recycling Association, 2014

CURRENT PROJECT

Waste Less Food Art and Action Project

In collaboration with the Thurston County Food Bank, we are designing an Art and Action Project focused on Wasting Less Food as a solution to hunger in our communities. It will involve over 1,000 people and culminate in a collaborative art installation at the new food bank in Lacey, WA.

UPCOMING PROJECT

Resolve to Evolve!

A Climate Art and Action Project that proposes nothing less than an entire cultural shift.

PARTICIPATORY ART & ACTION PROJECTS

The Pollinator Project

2017, Olympia WA

Avanti High School

7'x7'x4' collaborative sculpture.

This whimsical and permanent Ferro cement sculpture houses mason bee habitat. Designed collaboratively with Avanti HS students as part of education and action around the importance of pollinators. Incorporated into student designed pollinator garden.

One Water: The Infinite Journey

Spring 2016, Olympia, WA

LOTT WET Science Center

14'x8'x1' collaborative art installation.

Suspended aluminum water drops and salmon form a 3-dimensional, pointillism mosaic of intersecting light and motion. Individually sculpted by hundreds of youth and adults, the water drops and salmon tell a story of water, how it is constantly recycled and infinitely precious.

Confluence

Spring 2016, Olympia, WA

The Estuarium Science Center

24'x8'x3' collaborative art installation.

With the suspension of hundreds of unique 'waves' Confluence creates a visual representation of the melding of salt and fresh water in an estuary.

Project Wetlands

Summer 2015, Eatonville, WA

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

This temporary installation creates the illusion of being inside of a wetland while interpreting the function of wetlands and their importance of reducing our use of plastic bottles.

Puget Sound Multi-Porpoise Project

Spring 2015, Tacoma, WA

Sherman Elementary School

12'x5'x4' collaborative art installation.

Schools of herring are suspended in the shape of two harbor porpoises. Students created hundreds of shimmering Pacific herring from up-cycled Capri-sun pouches. Stabilized by student created clay shells that are native to the region, this artwork looks closely at the relationship of plastics and how we impact the Earth.

Bioaccumulation

Spring 2015, Tacoma, WA

Foss Waterway Seaport

7'x8'x3' collaborative art installation.

Worked with kindergarteners to create ocean life out of up-cycled plastic trash. Installation shows the bioaccumulation of plastics in the food web.

The Strand We Weave

Spring 2015, Tacoma, WA

Foss Waterway Seaport

15'x12'x1' collaborative art installation.

Led students in creation of a 'web of life' art installation that looks at the impacts of plastics on our oceans and the interdependency of life.

The Plastic Whale Project

Spring 2013, Olympia, WA

Traveling Exhibit

32-foot long gray whale made of plastic bags and other plastic trash, created by over 900 youth and adults in Thurston County as part of an education and outreach project about the impacts of plastic bags. The project engages the public in learning about plastics in our environment in a creative way and how to reduce the use of plastic bags. It has traveled extensively in the Pacific Northwest and has been viewed by over 1.5 million people, due to its appearance on the A&E television show, *Shipping Wars*.

Watch the film at www.carrieziegler.com/plastic-whale-project.

Rise Above Plastic: The Butterfly Effect

Spring 2014, Olympia, WA

Thurston County Juvenile Court Building

14'x9'x6' collaborative art installation.

Worked with 700 youth in Thurston County, teaching them more about the effects of plastics on our environment and our bodies. As part of the workshops, people made butterflies out of trash. Hundreds of these butterflies form the image of a person, emerging from a chrysalis, with butterflies of change flying from the heart. Permanently on display at Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court.

The Unseen Spiral: Trashing our Turtles

Summer 2014, Veneta, OR

The Unseen Spiral is a 15-foot sea turtle made of reclaimed materials and bamboo. It highlighted the waste reduction efforts, and problem materials of the Oregon Country Fair. The Turtle made its debut at this year's Country Fair and will continue to be shown at the Fair for years to come.

PARTICIPATORY MURAL PROJECTS

Plankton Mural

Summer 2017, Olympia WA

Puget Sound Estuarium

1,000 square feet.

This educational community mural features larger than life plankton local to the Puget Sound. It highlights calcium-based plankton, such as oyster larvae, that are at risk due to ocean acidification. With its focus on ocean acidification, this project is the first phase of the upcoming climate change Art and Action Project.

Estuarium Mural

Summer 2015 and 2016, Olympia, WA

Puget Sound Estuarium

Phase 1: 900 square feet: Designed, painted, and facilitated volunteers for this community mural that highlights the importance of estuaries and invites the public to visit the Estuarium.

Phase 2: 900 square feet: Mentored 5 high school girls in all aspects of painting a mural, from design to completion.

Sunflowers

Summer 2012, Olympia, WA

Woodard Lane Cohousing

250 square feet. Designed, painted, and facilitated volunteers for this community mural.

Welcome Mural

Summer 2012, Olympia, WA

Northeast Neighborhood Association

500 square feet. Designed, painted, and facilitated volunteers for this community mural.

Woodland Trail Community Mural Project

Summer 2010, Olympia, WA

Woodland Trail Greenway Association

6,000 square feet. Designed, painted, and facilitated volunteers for this local community project that brought beauty to an industrial area along a well-loved bike path.

Olympia-Rafah Solidarity Mural Project

Summer 2008, Olympia, WA

The Rachel Corrie Foundation for Peace and Justice

3,600 square feet. Designed and painted Phase 1 of this international and local community project that engaged hundreds of individual artists and volunteers.

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Moxlie Creek Storm Drain Mural Project

Spring 2006, Olympia, WA

200 square feet. Facilitated design and painting by youth volunteers as part of this community education and youth empowerment project

Green Congress Murals

Spring 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, Olympia, WA

Worked with groups of students to create murals on paper that explore environmental questions relevant to their lives.

SELECT SOLO SCULPTURE EXHIBITIONS

Rise Above Plastics: The Butterfly Effect

April - August 2014, Olympia, WA

WA Center for the Performing Arts

December 2014, Olympia, WA

Thurston County Family and Juvenile Court

Permanent Installation

The Plastic Whale Project

November 1-21, 2014, Everett, WA

Imagine! Children's Museum

October 17, 2013, Missoula, MT

Montana Museum of Art and Culture

May 9 - June 21, 2013, Olympia, WA

Washington Center for the Performing Arts

The Unseen Spiral: Trashing our Turtles

Summer 2014, Veneta, OR

Oregon Country Fair

Redefining Peace

Spring 2011, Olympia, WA

The Evergreen State College

SELECT OTHER MURAL PROJECTS

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge Educational Mural

Spring 2013, Olympia, WA

200 square feet. Designed and painted to connect the interior education center to the natural world outside.

Club de Surf Proyecto Mural (Surf Club Mural Project)

Winter, 2012, Nicaragua

300 square feet. Codedesigned and painted this international mural at a surf club in a rural village in Nicaragua. The mural inspires local youth to care for the beach environment.

Into the Sound

Summer 2011, Olympia, WA

Exterior mural on a community bench. Designed and painted as part of the Olympia Downtown Bench Enhancement Project, this mural beautifies and encourages community in Olympia.

Discover Aquatics Underwater Murals

Winter 2011, Olympia, WA

Interior mural covering 5 walls. Designed and painted this mural, which transformed an office space into an exciting and welcoming, kid-friendly zone.

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park Educational Murals

Winter 2005, Olympia, WA

Series of eight murals. Painted to transform the education center into an engaging and kid-friendly learning zone.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR

Waste Reduction Specialist

2010–2015, Olympia, WA

Thurston County Public Works Department

- Designed, developed, and implemented a variety of educational programs for youth and adults around issues of solid waste reduction, composting, and recycling.
- Used art as a way to inspire and engage my audience.

Recreation Program Assistant

2008–2009, Olympia, WA

City of Olympia

- Designed, developed, and implemented environmental education programs.
- Taught book-binding and nature journaling as a way to connect to nature.
- Co-facilitated youth in outdoor recreation activities in and around the Puget Sound.

YMCA Earth Service Corps (YESC) Coordinator

2006–2008, Olympia, WA

YMCA

Supported YESC’s mission to empower youth, ages 13-20, to become effective, responsible global citizens by providing opportunities for environmental education and action, leadership development, and cross-cultural awareness.

- Facilitated youth in the organization of action projects and events including the *June Eco-Jam: Environmental Awareness through Art and Action – Blitz of action projects and an evening of arts and entertainment, created by and for youth.*
- Facilitated in-school and out-of-school environmental clubs.
- Collaborated with dozens of local organizations.
- Performed outreach to previously underserved areas of the South Sound

E3 Youth Coordinator

2006–08, Olympia, WA

Environmental Education Association of WA

- Coordinated youth involvement in E3 Washington.
- Provided logistical and technical support for EEAW and E3 WA.

Senior Naturalist

Summer 2005, Homer, AK

Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies

- Designed, developed, and led educational programs for youth including:
 - Five-day intensive *Junior Naturalist* programs for youth 10–12 years.
 - Ten-week *Wilderness Survival* program for youth 8-10 years.
 - Two five-week *Art and Nature* programs for youth 5–7 years.
 - Orienteering and art programs for diverse groups of at-risk youth.
- Led interpretive hikes for diverse audiences.

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Naturalist

2004–2006, Eatonville, WA

Northwest Trek Wildlife Park

- Interpreted native flora and fauna.
- Educated youth and adult visitors about complex environmental issues.
- Led overnight camps – responsible for program activities, logistics, and safety.
- Designed, developed, and taught educational activities and programs including:
 - *Wolverine Program* and *Pygmy Rabbit Program*.
- Painted educational murals of plants and animals in education center.

Environmental Educator

2002, Olympia, WA

Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge

Internship

- Guided student groups through educational activities and outdoor hikes.
- Designed and developed pamphlet focusing on the ethnobotany of native tree species.
 - Created educational activity using art and nature to demonstrate traditional and medicinal plant use.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts and Science, The Evergreen State College, 2002