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Education

Master of Fine Arts 1997 New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Painting and Drawing Attended 1994-1997
Bachelor Of Arts 1990 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Studio Art and Art History Attended 1986-1990
Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL

2024 **Adjunct Faculty**
Collegium Sanctorum Angelorum

2019-Present **Instructor Lead Teacher**
St Philips Learning Center
Franklin, TN

2022-2024 **Art and Art History Instructor**
Chesterton Academy of The Incarnation
Nashville, TN

2012-2017 **Adjunct Faculty**
Belmont University, Studio Art Department, Nashville, TN

2012-Present **Homeschool Educator**
The Comenius School Homeschool Umbrella Program

1999-2018 **Associate Professor, Adjunct Faculty**
O'More College of Design, Franklin, TN
Courses Taught: Painting I and II, Drawing I and II, 2-D Design Fundamentals, 3-D Design Fundamentals, Color Theory and Application, History of Art, Architecture, and Design, Art History Abroad- Eastern Europe 2012

2003-2012 **Fine Art Department Chair**
O'More College of Design, Franklin, TN

- 1998-1999 **Painting Instructor**
O'More College of Design, Franklin, TN
Continuing Education Program
- 1999 **Painting Instructor**
Cheekwood Art Center, Nashville, TN
Continuing Education Program
- 1998-1999 **Gallery Exhibition Director**
The Ultimate Art Gallery, Nashville, TN
Non-profit gallery exhibiting local artists, funds benefited children's art programs in Nashville, TN
- 1998 **Set Design and Production**
Zeigler & Co., Nashville, TN
- 1998 **Studio Assistant**
Alan LeQuire, Sculptor, Nashville, TN
- 1997-1998 **Art Instructor**
Napier Elementary School, Davidson County School District, Nashville, TN
- 1990-1994 **Data Research Technician**
Allegheny Singer Research Institute Pittsburgh, PA
*Federally funded research grants involved in integration of special needs children into typical schools,
and the evaluation of special education services for children in the state of Pennsylvania*

EXHIBITIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND REVIEWS

- Present Janet Cruz Fine Art
Online professional gallery
- 2014 **Franciscan and Dominican Renaissance Art**
Presentation and Discussion
Brentwood United Methodist Church
- The Art and Culture of the Navajo and Hopi people**
Cultural Presentation for school aged children
Moore Elementary School
St. Philip's Learning Center
- The Art of Norman Rockwell**
Presentation and Discussion
Brentwood United Methodist Church

- 2013 **Robert N. Moore Gallery, OMore College Faculty Exhibit,**
Franklin, TN
- 2012 **Art History Abroad, O'More College**
Art History taught on tour of Hungary, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany
- 2011 **O'More Fine Art Gallery,** Franklin, TN
- 2009 **Halpert Biennial,** Turchin Center Boone, NC
- 2009 Cover sketch, *Blessed with BiPolar, Jarzynka,* Richard Xulon Press, 2009
- 2006 **O'More College of Design Faculty Exhibit,** Nashville, TN
- 2002-2003 **Group Exhibit,** Hanging Around, Nashville, TN
- 2001 **Fine Arts Faculty Spotlight: Janet Cruz,** (2001, November 30). The Review Appeal, 188, (143)
- 2000 **Second Annual Binder Memorial Concert**
Lewis University, Romeoville, IL
- 1999 **Group Exhibit,** Velvet Gallery, Nashville, TN
Group Exhibit, Pittsburgh Winter Garden, Pittsburgh, PA
For Art's Sake, Watkins Art Institute, Nashville, TN
Three Visions: Trio of new galleries expands art horizon, Bostick, A., (1999, June 20). The Tennessean
Cranberry Area Council for the Arts Ninth Annual Juried Exhibit,
Cranberry, PA
Faculty and Friends Exhibit, O'More College of Design, Franklin, TN
Where Art Thou? Art Salons, McLean, P., (1999, November). In Review, 5, (22)
- 1997 **Graduate Thesis Exhibit,** New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
- 1996 **Juried Group Exhibit,** University Art Gallery, New Mexico State University
- 1995 **The Dangerous Border Game,** Performance with Guillermo Gomez Pena
Hershel Zohn Theater, Las Cruces, NM
Juried Group Exhibit, University Art Gallery, New Mexico State University
- 1993 **Scapes and Niches Constructions by Janet Jarzynka,** Olivia Engh
Gallery at History, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1991 **Signatures Group Exhibit,** UP Gallery, Pittsburgh, PA

Professional Development Seminars

2019-Present

CMG Connect

Safe Environment Training

Diocese of Nashville

2024

Positive Discipline in the Montessori Classroom

Seminar with Chip DeLorenzo

St Philips Learning Center

2014

Belmont University

Faculty Development

College Campus Assault and Abuse (Online Training)

2013

Belmont University

Faculty Development

Diversity (Online Training)

2013

Dr Ruth Reynard

Teaching Today: A Paradigm Shift

2012

Dr Judy Baslar

Accrediting Process

2011

Joshua Lomelino

Technology in Higher Education Classroom

SOLS Online Supplemental Classroom Instruction

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS, NEW MEXICO STATE UNIVERSITY

1997

Instructor: Drawing I

Slide Library Assistant

1996

Instructor: Painting I, Drawing I and II

1995

Instructor: Drawing I, Art History Lab

Gallery Assistant: University Art Gallery

1994

Gallery Assistant: University Art Gallery

JUROR

- 2012 Williamson County Arts Council Art Fusion, Franklin, TN
2006-2010 Gallery and Community Art Display; Art In City Hall, Franklin, TN
2008, 2009 Scholastic Art Competition, Cheekwood Art and Botanical Gardens, Nashville, TN
2007-2013 Williamson County Cultural Arts Commission Art Competition, Williamson County Fair, Franklin, TN

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2005 Provost Award, O'More College of Design, Franklin, TN
Excellence in Academics, Administration, and Leadership
1996 Graduate Research Grant New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Dona Ana Arts Council Award New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
1995 College of Arts and Sciences Award New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Juror's Choice Award University Art Gallery, New Mexico State University
1987-1990 Award of Merit Studio Arts Department, University of Pittsburgh
1986-1990 Dean's Honor List University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
1987 Golden Key Honors Society University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Cruz, Janet Jarzynka. (2010) The Importance of Traditional Training in Fine Art. Abbey Leix Anthology: O'More Article on the Art and Design of Education Volume One

Miller, L.J., Strain, P.S., Boyd, K., Jarzynka, J., McFetridge, M. (1993, July). The Effects of Classwide Self Assessment on Preschool Children's Engagement in Transition, Freeplay, and Small Group Instruction. Early Education and Development, 4(3)

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Brookfield, J., Wright, C., Jarzynka, J. Statewide Evaluation of Part H Services, Adherence to Family Centered Philosophy. Poster presented at the International Early Childhood Conference on Children With Special Needs, San Diego, CA, December 1993.

Katz, S., Maude, S.P., Wettlaufer, H., Zibrat, J., Lester, M., Jarzynka, M., Eichner, J., Jarzynka, J., Wu, A., and Strain, P.S. What Parents are saying about Early Intervention in Pennsylvania. Poster Presented at the International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, San Diego, CA, December 1993.

Miller, L., Jarzynka, J., McFetridge, M. Workshop for Preschool Teachers: Self-Management of Preschoolers. Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center Head Start, Pittsburgh, PA, November 1992.

Miller, L., Jarzynka, J., McFetridge, M. Inservice for Head Start Administrators. Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA, September 1992.

Kohler, F., Shearer, D., Jarzynka, J. Early Intervention Study of the Social Skills of Preschoolers with Autism in an Integrated Setting. Project Symposium. Allegheny Singer Research Institute, Pittsburgh, PA, November 1991.

