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EDUCATION

- Degrees: MFA in Fine Arts (2015)
Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
BS in Industrial Technology concentration in Technical Photography (2003)
Minor in General Business
Appalachian State University, Boone, NC
- Certificates: Adobe Dreamweaver CS3 levels 1-3 Web Design Certificates (2010)
Wake Technical Community College, Raleigh, NC
Provisional Teaching Licensure 2004-2007 Virginia Technology Education

EMPLOYMENT

- 2008-Current Owner/Photographer, Leigh Ann Parrish Photography, Waynesville, NC
2015-Current Adjunct Instructor, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
2013-2015 Sculpture Studio Assistant, Instructor of 2D, 3D, and Introduction to the Visual Arts, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
2014 Summer Intern: Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, NC
2009-2013 Administrative Assistant to Vice President, Part Time Instructor (Previously Webmaster, Assistant to Advancement, Alumni, and Registrar's offices and Audio-Visual Manager): Louisburg College, Louisburg, NC
2009 Paraprofessional Counselor: New Place, Asheville, NC
2008-2009 Photographer and Sales: Lifetouch Church Directories, Asheville, NC
2005-2007 Front End Manager: Total Wine & More, Richmond, VA
2004-2005 Technology Education Teacher: Goochland Middle School, Goochland, VA

TEACHING & ORGANIZATIONS

- 2015-2017 Adjunct Instructor of Art, Introduction to the Visual Arts, Photo I, WCU
Member of Professional Photographers of America (PPA)
- 2016 Annie Albers Jewelry Artist "Make It New; Make It Yours", Asheville Art Museum
- 2014-2015 Senator & Secretary- Western Carolina University Graduate Student Association
- 2013-2015 Assistant to Sculpture Studio (Sculpture 1, 2, 3, 4 courses); Instructor of 2D & 3D Design, Introduction to the Visual Arts Western Carolina University
- 2014-2015 Build & Beer Workshop, and Guest Jewelry Artist, Asheville Art Museum
- 2011-2013 Instructor- Crossroads (Introductory College Course- Freshmen Success- One course per semester), Louisburg College
- 2004-2005 Middle School Teacher (Technology Education 1 & 2, Keyboarding, Study Skills), Goochland Middle School

EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 "Draw Sylva" Public Drawing Exhibition
"Speed the Plow": Soil/Tree Exchange Project"
- 2016 Faculty Biennial, Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum
Permanent Exhibits at State Employees Credit Unions
Sylva, Asheville, Hendersonville, and other locations throughout WNC
"Saved: Objects of the Dead" Online Collection Experience with Jody Servon
"Draw Sylva" Public Drawing Exhibition
Sylva, NC Downtown
"NEWestern" New Works by WCU MFA Group Exhibition
The Bascom: A Center For The Visual Arts, Highlands, NC
- 2015 "It's Teatime" My MFA Thesis Exhibition (Solo)
Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum, Cullowhee, NC
"Between Here and There" Small Works by WCU MFA Candidates
Revolve, Asheville, NC
"Prime Time" Third Annual New Media Juried Exhibition
Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, NC
"Whee Fresh" WCU MFA Group Exhibition
The Asheville Area Arts Council, Asheville, NC
"Soft Art" Group Exhibition, Images on Blankets
Sims Futon Gallery, Asheville, NC
"What? Draw? Draw What? What we draw." WCU MFA Group Exhibition
The Bascom: A Center For The Visual Arts, Highlands, NC
- 2013-2014 "MFA, BFA, RAD" WCU Group Exhibition
The Tannery Studios, Asheville, NC
- 2014 "Hold On To The Night" WCU MFA Art Show
The Skinny Gallery, Sylva, NC
"Borders" WCU MFA Group Show
WCU Bardo Arts Center, Cullowhee, NC
- 2002 Student Show Jones Community Center, Boone, NC
- 2000 Wilkes County Arts Photography Exhibit, North Wilkesboro, NC, 1st place B&W
- 1999-2002 Various Exhibits on Campus of Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2016 Awarded Friends of Arrowmont Scholarship- workshop with Ashley Gilreath
- 2015 Published *It's Teatime* MFA Thesis through ProQuest
Awarded Provost Travel Grant to NYC for studio visits and graduate research
- 2014 Awarded College of Fine and Performing Arts Graduate Fellowship for 2014-15
Published in *The Nomad*, WCU Literary & Art Student Magazine
Awarded GSA Travel Grant to NYC for Whitney Biennial
- 2012 Relay for Life Louisburg College Team Voted "Rookie Team of the Year" (Team Captain); Cover Image for *Columns* yearly magazine for Louisburg College
- 2009-2013 Published in the *Mid.Week.Message* several times at Louisburg College
(photographs, and articles relating to campus events)
- 2007 Master Class Scholarship - LOOK3 with Alex and Rebecca Norris Webb

- 2005 Award of Excellence -Advisor to T.A.B.S. (Taking Action to Be Successful)
 2001-2002 Dean's List (Fall 2001, Fall & Spring 2002)
 Published in student art magazine at Appalachian State (photographs)
 2000 Wilkes County Arts Photography Contest 3rd Place in Black and White
 1999 North Carolina PTA Reflections Contest, Best in State in Black and White

INVOLVEMENT & OPPORTUNITIES

- 2017 Guest Artist Speaker- Randolph Community College
 Participant- PPA Business Challenge Course
 Catamount Gap Dual Cohort Instructor (Summer Intensive Program)
- 2015-2016 Honor's Student Art Project Mentor for Homelessness Awareness Week, WCU
 Committee Member "Civility and Civil Discourse", WCU
 Volunteer, Asheville Art Museum (Various Events, Demos, Assistance)
- 2014-2015 Graduate School Info-Session Volunteer, WCU
 Guest Artist, Presentations, Panel Discussions, and Interviews, WCU
 Volunteer- Western Carolina University Fine Art Museum, Cullowhee, NC
 Student Speaker- UNC Board of Governor's Meeting, Educational Committee
 Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC
 Volunteer- Event Fundraiser: Cancer.org Bowling Fundraiser, NYC, NY
 Volunteer- Jewelry Demonstration, Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, NC
- 2013 Volunteer- Fundraiser: Relay for Life Team Hunting for a Cure, Louisburg, NC
 2012 Volunteer- Team Captain: Louisburg College Relay for Life, Louisburg, NC
 2011 Volunteer- International Whistler's Convention, Louisburg, NC
 2010 Volunteer- Participant & Fundraiser- Komen Foundation Race for the Cure
 Raleigh, NC
- 2007 Attendee at LOOK3 Festival of the Photograph
- 2004-2005 Supervising Teacher: T.A.B.S. (Taking Action to Be Successful), Goochland
 2002-2003 President: STOP, Boone, Student Member, SPE (Society for Photographic
 Education), Attendee: SPE National Convention 2002, 2003
 Las Vegas, NV and Austin, TX
- 1999-2002 Member: STOP (Society to Organize Photographers), Boone, Multiple Exhibits
 on Campus of ASU, Member, APPS (Appalachian Popular Programming
 Society), Boone, NC

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

ARTISTIC:

Design, Layout, Sketching, Planning, Leadership, 2D & 3D Investigation, Modeling, Language and Communication, Sensory Consideration, Critique and Editing, Web Presence and Social Media, Interactivity, Community Involvement, Problem Solving, Audio and Film Production and Editing, General Building and Tool knowledge, Safety Practices, Ceramics, Clay building (hand and wheel), Kiln Use, Slip-Casting, Wax, Mold-making and Multiples, Upholstery, Alternative Photo Processes, Painting, Printmaking, Installation, Jewelry, Some 3-D printing and Drawing, Grant Writing, etc.

TEACHING:

Goal Setting, Student Focused, Problem Solving, Interdisciplinary Approach, Embracing Challenges, Getting Organized, Creating a "Tool bag" for Success, Varied Teaching Styles/Strategies for Various Learning Styles, Committed to Student Success, Counseling/Advising, Students Teaching Each Other, Facilitating Discovery, Curiosity, Learning, and Solutions, Best Practices, Critique Variations, Curriculum Development, Online and Hybrid offerings, Summer School, At-Risk Student Success, Confidence Building, Play, Research Strategies, and more.

COMPUTER:

PowerPoint, Adobe Photoshop, Flash, InDesign, and Illustrator, iMovie, Google Sketchup, iPhoto, Mozilla, iTunes, Keynote, Open Broadcaster, FTP, Garageband, Pages, Dreamweaver, CAMS, CaFE, Donor2, Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Composer, Lightroom, and more.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Portraits, Weddings, Events, Makeup & Costumes, Sets & Props, Restoration, Editing, Products, Album & Product Design, Lightroom, Bridge, Photoshop, Archiving, Non-traditional Printing, Pinhole, Large-Format, Black and White, Color, Workshops, and more.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Communications, Organization, Scheduling, Meetings, Phone, Ordering, Event Planning, Presidential Inauguration Planning Committee, Grant Writing, Organizational Committees, SACS Accreditation, Large Scale Event Execution, Guest Planning, Various Committees, QEP Planning and Execution, Strategic Planning and Execution

CUSTOMER SERVICE:

Manager, Cashier, Training, Shipping/Receiving, Ordering, Stocking, Visual Merchandising and Displays, Customer Service, Some Spanish

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE BY REQUEST- leighannparrish@gmail.com