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## education

1991	Master of Fine Arts: Metalsmithing & Jewelry Design School of Art and Design, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
1988	Bachelor of Fine Arts: Metalsmithing & Jewelry Design College of Arts and Sciences, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

## teaching EXPERIENCE

2016-2023	Professor and Chair, Department of Art University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas
2014-2016	Chair, Department of Art Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
2013-2014	Interim Chair, Department of Art Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
1992-2016	Professor, Metalsmithing & Jewelry Design: Department of Art Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
1997-2004	Graduate Coordinator, Department of Art Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois

## selected PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1992-2021	Society of North American Goldsmiths, General Member
1991-2009	American Craft Council, Member
2005-2016	Illinois Craft Artisans, Member

## selected AWARDS AND HONORS

2010	U.S. Patent No. 7,641,464 1/5/2010 System for Centering a Clay Plug on a Potter's Wheel
1996, 1998, 2003, 2004 2008, 2010, 2011	Redden Grant for Undergraduate Instruction: Eastern Illinois University
2005, 2007	NICHE Award Finalist – Mixed & Miscellaneous Media NICHE Magazine, Baltimore, Maryland
1999	Summer Research Grant: Eastern Illinois University
1997	Faculty Excellence Award: Eastern Illinois University Faculty Research Grant: Eastern Illinois University
1996	Summer Research Grant: Eastern Illinois University
1991	Graduate College Thesis Project Grant: University of Illinois Excellence in Teaching Award for Grad Assistants: University of Illinois
1991 - 89	Teaching Assistantship: University of Illinois
1991 - 88	Creative and Performing Arts Fellowship: University of Illinois

## selected PUBLICATIONS

2007	500 Metal Vessels; Lark Books, November 2007; Pages 19, 111; Photo Credit, Page 46.
2001	Made In Illinois, An Artisan Gallery, Copyright 2001; The Illinois Department of Commerce & Community Affairs; Page 45.
1995	Denton Record-Chronicle, "Potpourri of Styles - Hard & Soft exhibit shows myriad of art forms." September 17; Section B, Page 1B; Denton, TX. Metalsmith, "Brooch - The Subject"; Winter; Pages 38, 39.
1994	Ornament Magazine, "Contemporary American Brooches"; Autumn, Page 44. Kunsthanswerk & Design, "Wie Schmuck und Wie Talent"; May/June, Page 33.

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- 1993 Ideas and Imagemakers, jewelry/Metalwork Survey #3; Edited by David LaPlantz; Page 99, Back Cover.
- 1992 American Craft, "Conceptual Complexity: Copper III"; April/May, Page 32.  
The Advocate, "Silver Exhibition at Union Shines"; February 9, 1992; Magazine Section, Page 12; Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- 1991 The Wichita Eagle, "Finding Meaning in Craft"; September 10, 1991; Page 1C; Wichita, Kansas.  
Lapidary Journal, "Liquid Color"; August; Volume 45, Number 5; Pages 3, 34.

## selected Exhibitions

- 2023 UTEP Department of Art Faculty Biennial – Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts  
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas
- 2022 The Elements – Crossland Gallery  
El Paso Art Association, El Paso, Texas  
CAMEO Emerging Artist 2022 (Student / Professor Exhibition) – Online Exhibition  
University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, Texas
- 2019 Not-So-Lone Star Studios: A Gathering of Texas Makers – San Jacinto South Campus Gallery  
Flickinger Fine Arts Center, Houston, Texas
- 2018 Not-So-Lone Star Studios: A Gathering of Texas Makers – Forum Gallery  
Brookhaven College, Dallas, Texas  
Here and Now – Las Cruces Museum of Art  
Las Cruces, New Mexico  
UTEP Department of Art Faculty Biennial – Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts  
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas
- 2016 Assimilation – Kenilworth Square East Gallery  
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 1992-2015 Eastern Illinois University Art Faculty Exhibition – Tarble Arts Center  
Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois
- 2015 Celebrating 30 Years of Craft Made in Illinois – The State Street Gallery  
Robert Morris University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2014 Spark and Flame  
Edwardsville Arts Center, Edwardsville, Illinois
- 2013 Denise Rehm-Mott, David Griffin and Jenny Chi – Flora Kirsch Beck Gallery  
Alma College, Alma, Michigan
- 2012 Denise Rehm-Mott, David Griffin and Jenny Chi  
West Shore Community College Art Gallery, Scottville, Michigan  
Made of Wood Invitational Exhibition  
Quincy Art Center, Quincy, Illinois
- 2011 42nd Mid-States Craft Exhibition  
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science; Evansville, Indiana  
The 24th Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois  
Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition: Second Place, Crafts Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois  
Process and Practice – The Fine Arts Center Gallery  
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois
- 2010 Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition: Honorable Mention, Crafts Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- 2009 41st Mid-States Craft Exhibition  
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science; Evansville, Indiana  
Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois

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- 2008 The 23rd Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
- Solid Art: Boshart, Heyduck, Griffin – Ann Lloyd Gallery  
Madden Arts Center, Decatur, Illinois
- David Griffin & Darrell Roberts  
Galesburg Civic Art Center, Galesburg, Illinois
- 2008 Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition: Second Place, Crafts Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- 2008 Summer Group Exhibition  
Perlow-Stevens Gallery, Columbia, Missouri
- 2007 Exploring Boundaries: Evolutionary Metal, Bevier Gallery  
Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
- 40th Mid-States Craft Exhibition  
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science; Evansville, Indiana
- 3D3: Jeffrey Boshart, David Griffin, Dwain Naragon – Quigley Gallery  
Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa
- The 22nd Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
- Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, First Place - Sculpture Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- Griffin/Rymarczuk/Versluis  
Quad City Arts @ the Airport Gallery, Moline, Illinois
- David Griffin and Jeff Boshart – Administration Building Gallery  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
- Featured Artist – Illinois Artisans Gallery  
Chicago, Illinois
- 2006 Group Exhibition: Boshart, Griffin, Heyduck, Naragon, David  
Strawn Art Gallery, Jacksonville, Illinois
- Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Best of Show - Governor's Award  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- 62nd Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition  
Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, Indiana
- David Griffin: Teapots and Vessels  
Contemporary Art Center of Peoria, Peoria, Illinois
- 27th Annual Contemporary Crafts  
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Arizona
- 2005 House, Hearth, Home – [www.postpicasso.com](http://www.postpicasso.com)  
PostPicasso, Richmond, Virginia
- 39th Mid-States Craft Exhibition, Siegfried Weng Purchase Award  
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science; Evansville, Indiana
- FUNCTION  
McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, Illinois
- The Wichita National 2005  
The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas
- Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- The 21st Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
- Materials: Hard and Soft  
Meadows Gallery, Denton, Texas

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2004	Three Cubed Indiana University South Bend, South Bend, Indiana  Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois  Supply and Demand, Solo Exhibition Cinema Gallery, Champaign, Illinois
2003	38th Mid-States Craft Exhibition Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science; Evansville, Indiana  Steeped in Tradition Mesa Arts Center, Mesa , Arizona  The 20th Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition, Second Place Overall Award Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois  Big Little – Jewelers & Sculptors Making it in Metal Craft & Cultural Arts Gallery, Oakland, California  Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
2002	David Griffin Solo Exhibition: Teapots and More – Parkland Art Gallery Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois  Liturgical and Sacred Art 2002 SAA Gallery of Art, Springfield, Illinois  Materials: Hard and Soft Meadows Gallery, Denton, Texas  Craft Forms '02, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, Pennsylvania  6th International Enamel Exhibition/NCEG, Award of Merit The Richmond Art Center, Richmond, California  Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Best of Show - Governor's Purchase Award Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
2001	The 33nd Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood Exhibition The Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, Iowa  Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Second Place - Crafts Division Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois  The Wichita National 2001 The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas  Metal Works: 2001, First Place Award Iowa City Arts Center and Gallery, Iowa City, Iowa  Contemporary Metals Invitational Exhibition – Gardiner Art Gallery Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma  Telling Tales: A Group Show of Narrative Teapots in Multi-Media Craft Alliance, St. Louis, Missouri
2000	Craft Forms '00 Wayne Art Center, Wayne, Pennsylvania  3D3 - Jeffrey Boshart, David Griffin, Dwain Naragon – Quigley Gallery Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa  Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Best of Show - Governor's Purchase Award Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois  56th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition, Indiana Alliance of the Swope Art Museum Merit Award Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute,  Crafts National 34 Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania  2000 Defining Vessels Chico Art Center, Chico, California  The 32nd Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood Exhibition, First Place Award The Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, Iowa

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- 1999
- 2nd Spiva Contemporary Craft Biennial '99  
Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Missouri
  - USA Craft Today 99  
Silvermine Guild Galleries, New Canaan, Connecticut
  - The Wichita National 1999, Honorable Mention  
The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas
  - 4th International Enamel Exhibition/NCEG, Enamelist Society Award  
The Richmond Art Center, Richmond, California
  - Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition,  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
  - 55th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Francis Merit Award  
Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, Indiana
  - The 18th Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition, Best of Media - Mixed Media Category  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
  - Crafts National 33  
Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
  - Celestial Seasonings: A Loose Interpretation  
Celestial Seasonings—Ferrin Gallery, Boulder, Colorado
  - Metal Works: 1999  
Iowa City Arts Center and Gallery, Iowa City, Iowa
  - 55th Juried Exhibition  
Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City, Iowa
- 1998
- 54th Annual Wabash Valley Juried Exhibition  
Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute, Indiana
  - Art St. Louis XIV, The Exhibition  
St. Louis Design Center, St. Louis, Missouri
  - 17th Annual Hoyt National Art Show, Purchase Award for Permanent Collection  
Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, Pennsylvania
  - Texas Tech University Alumni Invitational – Folio Gallery  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
  - Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Third Place - Crafts Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- 1997
- USA Craft Today 97  
Silvermine Guild Galleries, New Canaan, Connecticut
  - The Wichita National 1997  
The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas
  - Materials: Hard and Soft,  
Meadows Gallery, Denton, Texas
  - Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Best of Show - Governor's Purchase Award  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
  - Metals '97  
Young & Constantin Gallery, Wilmington, Vermont
  - The 17th Biennial Southern Illinois Artists Exhibition  
Mitchell Museum, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
  - Tempe Tea Party  
Tempe Arts Center, Tempe, Arizona
  - Crafts National 31  
Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
  - The 2nd Annual Silverhawk Fine Crafts Internet Exhibition  
[www.silverhawk.com/crafts/griffin97.html](http://www.silverhawk.com/crafts/griffin97.html)
  - The 29th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood Exhibition  
The Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, Iowa
  - Celestial Seasonings: A Loose Interpretation,  
Celestial Seasonings—Ferrin Gallery, Boulder, Colorado
  - The 19th Annual Vahki Exhibition  
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Arizona

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- 1996
- Craft Forms '96  
Wayne Art Center, Wayne, Pennsylvania
- Earl Pardon Memorial Exhibition  
Aaron Faber Gallery, New York, New York
- Illinois State Fair Professional Art Exhibition, Illinois First Place - Crafts Division  
Artisans Building, Springfield, Illinois
- National Teapot Show III  
Cedar Creek Gallery, Creedmoor, North Carolina
- Small Works '96, Merit Award  
Sullivan County Museum, Hurleyville, New York
- The 28th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, Wood Exhibition  
The Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, Iowa
- 1995
- Crafts National 29  
Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
- The Wichita National 1995  
The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas
- Materials: Hard and Soft, Juror's Award  
Meadows Gallery, Denton, Texas
- 1994
- Brooch: The Subject  
Tempe Arts Center, Tempe, Arizona
- Talentbörse Handwerk '94,  
International Handwerksmesse, Munich, Germany
- 1993
- Contemporary Metal: Form and Narrative, Invitational Exhibition  
Krannert Art Museum: Champaign, Illinois
- Traveled 1993 –  
I Space Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- Metals Illinois, Invitational Exhibition of Contemporary Metal Arts  
Parkland College Art Gallery, Champaign, Illinois
- Art Jewelry  
Adair Margo Gallery, El Paso, Texas
- Table Trappings, Juror's Award  
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, Arizona
- 1992
- Steeping Matters, Invitational Metal Tea Infuser Exhibition  
Swidler Gallery, Royal Oak, Michigan
- Metals Now 1992  
The Downey Museum of Art, Downey, California
- Crafts National 26  
Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
- 1991
- Copper III, Honorable Mention  
Old Pueblo Museum, Tucson, Arizona
- The Wichita National 1991, Permanent Collection / Patricia Taylor Purchase Award  
The Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, Kansas
- Silver: New Forms and Expressions III  
Fortunoff, New York, New York
- Traveled 1992 –  
Walter Anderson Museum of Art, Ocean Springs, Mississippi  
Bell Gallery, Lisa Art Center, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island  
Union Art Gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
National Ornamental Metal Museum, Memphis, Tennessee
- Master of Fine Arts Exhibition  
Gallery Nine, Urbana, Illinois
- 31st Annual Mid-States Craft Exhibition  
Evansville Museum, Evansville, Indiana

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- 1990 Crafts National 24, Prize Winner  
Zoller Gallery, University Park, Pennsylvania
- Metal Media  
Sawtooth Center of Visual Design, Winston Salem, North Carolina
- 1989 29th Annual Mid-States Craft Exhibition  
Evansville Museum, Evansville, Indiana
- 1988 1st Annual Student Competition, Fine Arts Gallery, Juror's Award  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- Bachelors of Fine Arts Exhibition – Hall Gallery  
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- Contemporary Metals USA III  
The Downey Museum of Art, Downey, California
- Materials: Hard and Soft, Meadows Foundation Award  
Meadows Gallery, Denton, Texas