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**REPRESENTATION**


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Ricco/Maresca Gallery *New York NY*

**EMPLOYMENT**


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1986- 2019 **Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence, RI* Professor Emeritus, Division of Experimental & Foundation Studies

1989 – 1991 **Rhode Island School of Design** *Rome, Italy* Chief Critic, European Honors Program

**SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS**


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2021 **Ricco/Maresca Gallery** online exhibition *New York NY*

2019 **Ricco/Maresca Gallery** *New York NY*

2018, 2006, 2004, 2003, 2002

**Department of Architecture, University of Arkansas** *Fayetteville AR*

2017 **Rafius Fane Gallery** *Boston MA*

2016 **Bristol Art Museum** *Bristol RI*

2015 **Tarble Arts Center** *Charleston IL*

2011, 2007, 2004 **Luise Ross Gallery** *New York NY*

2011 **Indiana University** *Bloomington IN*

2010 **Bob Rauschenberg Gallery** *Fort Myers FL*

2006, 2002, 1999 **Lenore Gray Gallery** *Providence RI*

2003 **Rivier College** *Nashua NH*

2000 **College of Architecture, Construction and Design, Auburn University** *Auburn AL*

1995 **Tyler School of Art / Temple University Rome** *Rome Italy*

1994 **Space One Eleven Gallery** *Birmingham AL*

1993 **Wheeler Gallery** *Providence RI*

1992 **BEB Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*

**SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS**


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2021 **Bristol Art Museum; Juror's Award** *Bristol RI*

2017 **"Two Printmakers" BEB Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*

2016 **"Drawing Upon Drawing" Indiana University Center for Art + Design; curated by Jennifer Riley** *Columbus IN*

**"The Little Biennale" Traveling Exhibition Temple University** *Philadelphia PA and Rome, Italy*

2015, 2009, 2006, 2005, 2003 **Luise Ross Gallery** *New York NY*

2015 **"Land Ho!" Fitchburg Art Museum** *Fitchburg MA*

**The University of Wyoming Art Museum; curated by Harvey Hix** *Laramie WY*

2014 **Front Room Gallery** curated by Linda Griggs *Brooklyn NY*

**Torrance Art Museum; curated by James Scarborough** *Torrance CA*

**"From RISD in Rome"** Rhode Island School of Design *Providence RI*

2013 **"Metro Show"** (through Luise Ross Gallery) *New York NY*

**"Contemporary Drawing"** New Bedford Art Museum *New Bedford MA*

**Printmaking Exhibition** Benson Hall Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design *Providence RI*

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS *continued*

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- 2012, 2009, 2005, 2002 **Collectors' Exhibition** Arkansas Arts Center *Little Rock AR*  
 "Timestamp" The Chazan Gallery at Wheeler *Providence RI*
- 2011, 1998, 1992 **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Fellowship Exhibitions** (First Prizes in Painting)
- 2010 **Southern Graphic Council Conference** *Philadelphia PA*  
**Jewett Gallery**, Wellesley College *Wellesley MA*
- 2009 **American Academy in Rome** *Rome Italy*  
 "Treasures from the Boston Athenaeum" Boston Athenaeum *Boston MA*
- 2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1999 **Lenore Gray Gallery** *Providence RI*
- 2008 **Chazan Gallery** *Providence RI*  
**Kansas State University** *Manhattan KS*
- 2005 **Mississippi Museum of Art** *Jackson MS*
- 2004 "Landscapes Seen and Imagined: Sense of Place" **DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park** *Lincoln MA*  
 "Paperworks" **Providence Art Club** Juror's First Prize *Providence RI*
- 2002, 1987 **The Drawing Center** *New York NY*
- 2001 **Grimshaw-Gudwicz Gallery, Bristol Community College** *Fall River MA*  
**Adirondack Community College** *Glens Falls NY*
- 2000 "Virginia Lynch: A Curatorial Retrospective" **The Rhode Island Foundation** *Providence RI*
- 1999 "Front Line: Contemporary Draughtsmen in New England" **The Boston Athenaeum** *Boston MA*
- 1998 **Associated American Artists** *New York NY*  
**Bristol Art Museum** Juror's First Prize *Bristol RI*
- 1997 **Allan Stone Gallery** *New York NY*
- 1995 **Exhibition and Symposium, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*  
 "Studio Aperto" **Studio Claudio Carli** *Assisi Italy*  
**Virginia Lynch Gallery** *Tiverton RI*
- 1994 **Yale University Gallery** *New Haven CT*  
**Hera Gallery** *Wakefield RI*
- 1993 "11 Artists /11 Visions" **DeCordova Museum** *Lincoln MA*  
**Selected Faculty Works, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*  
**Hydrangea Gallery** *Newport RI*
- 1992 **Cornell University** *Ithaca NY*  
 "Drawing: Across the Board" **Maryland College of Art** *MD* and **Bucks County Community College** *PA*
- 1991, 1990 **European Honors Program Gallery, Rhode Island School of Design** *Rome Italy*
- 1990 **Residence of the United States Ambassador** *Rome Italy*
- 1989 **Urban Institute of Contemporary Art** *Grand Rapids MI*  
**Virginia Lynch Gallery** *Tiverton RI*
- 1987 – 2017 **Biennial Faculty Exhibitions, Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design** *Providence RI*

## LECTURES, VISITING ARTIST

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- 2007 - 2019 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** Lecturer; Design Discovery *Cambridge MA*
- 2008, 2007, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** Lecturer, Critic *Cambridge MA*
- 2016 **“Drawing and the Brain” Symposium** Presenter; Indiana University Center for Art + Design *Columbus IN*
- 2015 **Eastern Illinois University** *Charleston IL*
- Featured Artist: Art & Design Today** Peru State College *Peru NE*
- 2012 **Solo Juror** Annual Bristol Art Museum Juried Exhibition *Bristol RI*
- 2011 **The Distinguished Bryant Lecturer, Kansas State University** *Manhattan KS*
- State University of New York, Purchase** *Purchase NY*
- Indiana University** *Bloomington IN*
- Rhode Island School of Design Department of Illustration** Lecturer, Critic *Providence RI*
- 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004 **Parsons School of Design** *New York NY*
- 2010 **University of Arkansas** School of Architecture Summer Urban Studio *Mexico*
- 2008 **Harvard University, Graduate School of Design** Lecturer, Pecha Kucha #4 *Cambridge MA*
- The Bauhaus, Architecture Visiting Student Group** Drawing Workshop, Lecturer, Critic  
*Dessau Germany and RISD Department of Architecture Providence RI*
- 2008, 2002, 2001, 1994, 1991 **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, School of Architecture** Lecturer, Visiting Critic *Rome Italy*
- 2008, 2002, 1999, 1995, 1994 **Rhode Island School of Design, European Honors Program** Lecturer, Critic *Rome Italy*
- 2008 **Rhode Island School of Design** Lecturer, Symposium on Teaching and Learning *Providence RI*
- 2003 **Cranbrook Academy of Art** Lecturer, Critic *Bloomfield Hills MI*
- 2002, 1994, 1991 **Tyler School of Art/ Temple University Rome** *Rome Italy*
- 2001, 1999, 1997, 1996 **University of Massachusetts** *Dartmouth MA*
- 2000 **Auburn University, College of Architecture, Design & Construction** *Auburn AL*
- 1995 **Aegean Center for the Fine Arts** *Paros Greece*

## PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

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Arkansas Arts Center *Little Rock AR*  
 Boston Athenaeum *Boston MA*  
 Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art *Kennesaw GA*  
 Columbia Museum of Art *Columbia SC*  
 DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park *Lincoln MA*  
 Fitchburg Art Museum *Fitchburg MA*  
 Herbert F. Johnson Museum of Art, Cornell University *Ithaca NY*  
 Keuka College *Keuka Park NY*  
 Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design *Providence RI*  
 Parrocchia Lateranese di Sant’ Agnese fuori le Mura *Rome Italy*  
 Saint Leo University *St. Leo FL*  
 SGC International Archive, Millsaps College *Jackson MS*  
 Tyler School of Art / Temple University Printmaking Permanent Collection *Philadelphia PA*  
 Worcester Art Museum *Worcester MA*

## HONORS, AWARDS, PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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- 2022 (anticipated) **University of Virginia**, School of Architecture Journal: Lunch
- 2021 **Bristol Art Museum** Juror’s Award *Bristol RI*

**HONORS, AWARDS, PUBLISHED ARTICLES** *continued*

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- 2017 **Book and Website Essay and Poems, *The Work of John Udvardy***
- 2017 **NAEA National Convention: Presenters' Workshop: "A Place in Your Heart: Exploring the Work of Thomas Lyon Mills"** by Professors Patricia Belleville, Katelin Portz, Kelsey Thrush *New York, NY*
- 1993 – 2016 **Professional Development Grants (8) *Rhode Island School of Design***
- 2013 **Loom** art magazine, inaugural issue *central spread*
- 2011, 1998, 1992 **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts Fellowship in Painting** (First Prizes in Painting)
- 2011, 2009, 2007, 2004 **Division of Foundation Studies Grants** *Rhode Island School of Design*
- 2008 **Catalog and Website Essay, *The Work of Jonathan Hynd***
- 2005, 2004 **Who's Who Among America's Teachers**
- 2001 **Catalog Essay, Hackett-Freedman Gallery "John Evans: the Intimacy of Deep Space"** *San Francisco CA*
- 1999 **Essay, *RISD Views*, December Issue *Providence RI* "Pathways to the Invisible"**
- 1996 **John R. Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching** *RI School of Design*
- 1992 **MacDowell Colony Fellowship** *Peterborough NH*

**EDUCATION**

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- 1980 **MFA Cranbrook Academy of Art** *Bloomfield Hills MI*
- 1978 **BFA Cleveland Institute of Art** *Cleveland OH*
- 1977 **Yale Summer School of Music and Art** *Norfolk CT*

Foreign Language Experience: Fluency in Italian

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