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## Education

- 2008 Doctoral Candidate, The University of Iowa, College Of Education, Secondary Education/Art Education
- 2013 MFA, Book Arts, University of Iowa Center for the Book
- 2003 MA in Art Education, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt
- 1998 BAE, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt. Art Education/Design

## Teaching Experience

- Lead Teaching Assistant**, College of Education, The University of Iowa, 2009-2013  
*Technology in the Classroom, E-portfolio & Distance Education support*
- Instructor**, College of Art Education, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt, 1999-2008  
*2D Design, Foundations, Graphic Design, Typography*
- Instructor**, The American University In Cairo, Egypt, 2007-2008  
*2D Design, Foundations, Design Theory*

## Professional Experience

- Graphic Designer:** Freelance design projects, logos, catalogs and book design, Iowa City, IA, 2010-2015
- Research Assistant:** ArtShare, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA, responsible for arts outreach program, arranging artists' residencies and performances in public schools, libraries and other facilities throughout Iowa, 2009-2011
- Book Designer:** "Progression, An Anthology of the Patient Voice Project" layout, design and pre-press production, Iowa City, IA, 2011

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2015 *Unfinished Business: The Arts of the New Arab Revolutions*, Old Capitol Museum, Iowa City, IA
- 2013 MFA Thesis Exhibition, Levitt Center for University Advancement, Iowa City, IA

## Juried Exhibitions (selected)

- 2014 *Sacred-Profane*, International Book Art Juried Exhibition, 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2014 *3rd Annual Juried International Exhibition of Contemporary Islamic Art*, LumenArte Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2014 *The Book as Art: Expanding the Limits*, Decatur Book Festival, Decatur, GA
- 2014 *Book Power Redux*, international book art juried exhibition 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR
- 2014 *San Diego Book Arts Fifth National Juried Exhibition*, UC San Diego, Geisel Library, Special Collections
- 2014 *College Book Art Association Members' Exhibition*, Special Collections Gallery, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2013 *Peripheral Shifts, Book Arts Exhibit*, Quad City Arts Center Gallery, IA
- 2013 *Heart & Hands, National Students Juried Book Art Exhibition*, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- 2013 *FEAST! Celebrating Food and Book Art, international book art juried exhibition*, 23 Sandy Gallery, Portland, OR

## Group Exhibitions (selected)

- 2015 *CODEX V Book Fair and Symposium*, Craneway Pavilion, Richmond, CA.
- 2015 *Unfinished Business: The Arts of the New Arab Revolutions*, Old Capitol Museum, Iowa City, IA
- 2014 *Art of the Book*, Rochester Public Library, Rochester, NY
- 2013 *Cartalogo Bicentenario*, National Library of Chile, Santiago, Chile
- 2013 University of Iowa Center For the Book Inaugural MFA exhibition, Iowa City, IA
- 2012 *Seoul International Exhibition of Miniature books*, Coex Center, Seoul, Korea
- 2012 *The Paper Gallery*, Seoul, Korea
- 2012 *Unfolding Structure*, Exhibition & workshop, Public Space One, Iowa City, IA

## Group Exhibitions (selected) cont.

- 2012 *Paper Trail*, recent work by UICB students, RSVP, Iowa City, IA
- 2012 *Historical book structures display*, Coralville Public Library, IA
- 2011 *The Printed Page*, portfolio exchange exhibition, University of Alabama
- 2010 *Bibliotheca Alexandrina Fourth International Biennale for Artist's Book*, Alexandria, Egypt

## Publications

- 2013 *Creating an Islamic Codex*, Hand Paper Making magazine, Vol. 28, No. 2
- 2013 *28 Letters, 500 Handmade Books, Vol. 2*, Lark Books
- 2013 *Cartalogo Bicentenario*, Exhibition Catalogue
- 2013 *Feast! Celebrating food and book art*, Exhibition Catalogue
- 2012 *Seoul International Exhibition of Miniature Books*, Exhibition Catalogue

## Exhibitions Curated

- 2015 **Co-curator:** *Unfinished Business: The Arts of the New Arab Revolutions*, Old Capitol Museum, The University Of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2010 **Juror:** *The Americas Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary Prints*, University of Iowa Project Art Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2006 **Coordinator:** *The Second International Biennale for Artist's Books*, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt
- 2003 **Co-organizer:** *The Rise and Development of Writing in Egypt*, Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Alexandria, Egypt

## Workshops & Speaking

- 2013 **Artist Presentation:** *A Day in the City of Literature*, Iowa City Book Festival, Iowa Artisans Gallery, Iowa City, IA
- 2012 **Co-presenter:** *Low-Tech Printing Techniques for the Production of Artists' Books, The Past, Present, and Future of the Book*, ACM Conference, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, IA
- 2011 **Co-presenter:** *Al Mutanabi Project Broadside Reading*, Iowa City Book Festival, The Paper Nest, Iowa City, IA
- 2011 **Co-presenter:** *Art Making and Bookmaking*, Collaborative project between Grant Wood Elementary School and the University of Iowa
- 2010 **Lead presenter:** *Pamphlets and Accordions for Bookmaking*, Willowwind School, Iowa City, Iowa
- 2004 **Lead presenter:** *Exploring Artists' Books*, Experimental Independent workshop for Media Arts, College of Art Education, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt.

## Conferences

- 2014 **Panelist:** College Book Art Association Conference, Present(ation) Public(ation) Install(ation), The University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2012 **Panelist:** Friends Of Dard Hunter Conference and International Association of Hand Papermakers and Paper Artists international conference "Watermarks" Cleveland, OH

## Grants

- 2013 Global Supplementary Grant Program, Open Society Foundations
- 2012 Junior Scientist Development Visit Grant, U.S. - Egypt Science & Technology Cooperative Agreement, The role of Book Arts and Technologies in art education
- 2011 Co-recipient, Iowa Arts Council mini grant, "Art making and Bookmaking" a collaborative project between, Grant Wood Elementary School, College of Education and The University of Iowa Center for the book

## Honors

- 2014 Best of Show, *Art of the Book*, Rochester Public Library, Rochester NY
- 2014 Purchase Award, *ARTBOUND 2014*, Juried Student Book Arts Competition, University of Florida Libraries
- 2014 Exhibit Award, *College Book Art Association Members' Exhibition*, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT
- 2009 First prize, *Articles in Art*, University of Iowa Center for Human Rights Art competition, Iowa City, IA

## Collections

- Baylor University, Special Collections, Waco, TX
- Bibliotheca Alexandrina Book Arts Collection, Alexandria, Egypt

Emory University, Woodruff Library, Special Collections, Atlanta, GA  
George Mason University, Special Collections, Fairfax, VA  
Lafayette College, Skidmore Library, Special Collections, Easton, PA  
Letter form Archive, San Francisco, CA  
Miami University Libraries, Special Collections, Coral Gables, FL  
National Library of Chile, Santiago, Chile  
New York Public Library, Rare Books, Special Collections, New York, NY  
SCAD Atlanta Campus Library, Special Collections, Atlanta, GA  
SCAD, Savannah Campus, Jen Library, Artist Book Collection, Savannah, GA  
Scripps College Press, Denison Library, Special Collections  
Skidmore College, Scribner Library, Special Collections, Saratoga Springs, NY  
Temple University Libraries, Special Collections, Philadelphia, PA  
Topeka & Shawnee County Public Library, Special Collections, Topeka, KS  
UC Santa Barbara, Davidson Library, Special Collections, Santa Barbara, CA  
UCLA Young Library, Special Collections, Los Angeles, CA  
University of Alabama, W.S. Hoole Special Collections Library, Tuscaloosa, AL  
University Of Denver, Special Collections, Denver, CO  
University of Florida, Special Collections, George A. Smathers Libraries, Gainesville, FL  
University of Iowa Libraries Special Collections, Iowa City, IA  
University of Washington Libraries, Special Collections, Seattle, WA  
VCU, Cabal Library, Special Collections, Richmond, VA  
Virginia Tech University, Art & Architecture Library, Artist Book Collection, Blacksburg, VA