

Melissa McDonough

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EDUCATION

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

August 2000 - May 2002

- **Master's Degree of Fine Arts in Painting and Drawing**
 - Merit Scholarship - 2001 & 2002
- **Post-Baccalaureate Certificate**
 - Spring 1995 - Full Scholarship
 - revisited Summer 1999

University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana

August 1990 - December 1994

- **Bachelor's Degree of Fine Arts in Painting & Drawing**

CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Women Artists Connect

- Artist Member - January 2024 - current
- 1:1 Art Coaching with Nancy Murphy-Spicer January 2024 - current
- Art Group 2 Member - January - December 2024, (bi-monthly studio visits, critique, & discussions)
- Art Group 3 Member January 2025 - current

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

- Jumpstart your studio practice: June 2022 - December 2022, Nancy Murphy-Spicer
- Build your studio practice: February 2023 - June 2023, Nancy Murphy-Spicer

Edwardsville Arts Center

Executive Board Member 2015 - 2017

- Founding member of Edwardsville Art Fair 2015
- VIP Event Coordinator for Art Fair
- Restaurant and Beverage Chair for Art Fair
- Exhibitions Committee Chair, Curator
 - Zuni Pueblo Artists, collections of Dr. Ted Frisbie, August 2016
 - Innovations in Textiles, Fiber Focus 2015, 2017
 - Louis Sullivan 2017- curriculum development
- Membership & Fundraising Committee Chair
 - Art Alive Event Committee 2016 - 2017

Washington University, St. Louis

- The Language of Abstraction: January 2015- May 2015, Buzz Spector - intensive painting studio

EXPERIENCE

Edwardsville Arts Center - Executive Director

March 2017 - December 2022

- Exhibitions Curator - 8 Professional exhibitions & 8 Student exhibitions annually, & satellite locations
 - SIUE, SIUE collections, LCCC, Edwardsville School District #7, parochial, home-school, Edwardsville Library, City Hall, Glen Carbon City Hall, local businesses,
- Grants Management - initiated grants for EAC funding 2019, awarded over \$100,000 in 5 years
- Program Development - educational and community outreach, increased programming by 70%
 - YMCA summer camp development
 - Edwardsville School District summer camp development
 - City of Edwardsville free Saturday Art in the Park

- Events Coordinator -
 - founding board of Edwardsville Art Fair 2014, Best fair 2018 - 2021
 - Innovations in Textiles, Future Tense 2019, Nt'I Fiber Now, speaker & exhibitions tour host
- Marketing Development - web & social media
 - initiated 18,000 copies annual publication
 - Mystery boxes fundraiser
- Operations Management - volunteers, staff, board
 - initiated high school interns,
 - college interns
- COVID Sustainability Management
 - Grants support
 - Developed online courses
 - Virtual fundraising events
 - Virtual exhibitions with educational resources for teachers, students, and parents
 - Online shop for sale of artworks
 - Provided free pick-up & take-home art kits for students
 - Provided free virtual Saturday kids camp at-home art project instruction

Borden Dental Arts - Office Manager, Marketing and Business Advisor

August 2016 - March 2018, **currently Marketing and Business Advisor**

- Marketing & Social media
- Human Resources
- Billing & Insurance, software transitions
- Artwork is on display 2016-current

Lewis and Clark Community College — Adjunct Professor

August 2004 - May 2016

- Developed first online art history courses & integrated courses, Art Appreciation, Art History I & II, Non-Western Art History
- Drawing I, Design I and II,

Blackburn College — Adjunct Professor

August 2004 - May 2006

- Drawing I, Design I, Graduate Painting Thesis Course

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville — Adjunct Professor

August 2002 - May 2005

- Painting I, Design I & II
- Art Appreciation, Art History I & II.

Southwestern Illinois College - Adjunct Professor

August 2002 - May 2005

- Drawing I & II, Painting
- Art Appreciation, Art History I & II

Art Institute of Chicago - 2000 - 2002

- **Teaching Assistant** - Multi-level Painting & Advanced Painting, Early College Program

- **Visiting Artists Program Assistant** - travel & events coordinator, publicity, documentation
- **Office of Admissions - Tour Coordinator and Guide** - museum & school tours
- **Published** - Exhibition review: Jeremy Boyle, Donald Young Gallery, [Roundup](#) 2001

Resident Artist, Winslow, Arizona - Painter

July - September 1999

- ["Standing on the Corner"](#) - Assistant artist to John Pugh trompe-l'oeil painter

Northland Pioneer College, Winslow, Arizona — Adjunct Professor

August 1997 - May 2000

- Painting I & II, Drawing I & II, Ceramics & Clay Sculpture
- English as a Second Language
- TA - digital design

Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago — Retail

January 1996 - February 1997

- Retail & bookstore, store displays, shipping manager, merchandise selection.

Tamara Backdrops - Painter

March 1996 - November 1997

- Painted backdrops for TV commercials, mural painting, car detailing

Terra Museum of Art, Chicago — Retail, Docent Coordinator & Information Services

September 1995 - February 1996

- Volunteer and docent coordinator, retail sales, guest services

Martin Lawrence Galleries — Gallery Assistant

September 1995 - December 1996

- Fine art retail, artwork installation & handling, exhibition receptions, art fairs

University of Illinois Projects - Curator & Exhibitions Coordinator

March 1992 - December 1994

- Curated student shows and coordinated exhibitions in a University Gallery

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Junior Service Club of Edwardsville/Glen Carbon

Active Member: August 2007 - May 2017

- Nominating committee 2016
- Special Projects Committee- Township Park Playground 2014-2015
- Holiday House Tour Chair 2014, 2016
- Done in a Day Chair - 2014-2015
- Social Chair 2012-2013
- Project committee (Grants) 2010-2011
- Public Relations Chair 2009 - 2010
- Kidmania, JSC University, Cheer, Pub Crawl, Dinner Auction

