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**Education**

2019 MFA Candidate Painting, Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX (expected May 2019)

2004 MAIS Outstanding Graduate Arts and Sciences, University of Houston- Victoria, Victoria, TX

1995 Texas Teacher Certification, Special Education, Region III Education Service Center, Victoria TX

1988 BBA Marketing, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

**Professional Experience**

2015- Present Program Manager, Pollution Prevention Partnership and AutoCheck,

Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

2001-2015 Associate Professor, Multimedia and Networking, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2007-2010 Adjunct Instructor, Digital Gaming, University of Houston- Victoria, TX

**Exhibitions**

2015 **Solo Exhibition**, *What’s**past is Prologue: memories, fables, found and shaped things*

Fine Arts Gallery, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2012 *Neuve Invention; art outside the mainstream,* Florence Arthouse Studios, Victoria, TX

2012 Student Art Show, Best in Show, ceramics, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2010 Student Art Show, First Place, ceramics, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2002 Victoria Parks Department Photo Contest, First Place, Victoria, TX

 **Exhibitions Curated**

2014 *Eye to Eye: Regional Portraits of Pioneers, Founders, Leaders, Citizens, Movers and Shakers*

Co-curated with Gary Dunnam, The Nave Museum, Victoria, TX

**Lectures, Presentations, Workshops**

2016 *Making New Knowledge Through Visual Arts Research*

 Media and Metaphor Symposium TAMU-CC Fine Arts Graduate Student Symposium

 Corpus Christi, Texas

2010*Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise*

Phi Theta Kappa 2010 Induction Ceremony Keynote, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

2009 *Digital Images and Editing with Photoshop*

Training for public school teachers and students, Region III Education Service Center

2009 *Digital Art: How Numbers Create Colors, Shapes, 3D Objects & Animations*

Computer Science and Math Awareness Day University of Houston-Victoria.

2008  *Photo Correction with Photoshop Elements*, Lifelong Learning Academy, Victoria College

Continuing Education, Victoria, TX

**Professional Service**

2011-2015 Exhibits Committee Member, art donations and web design service, The Nave Museum, Victoria, TX.

2010-2015 Art donation, Empty Bowls, Victoria College, Victoria, TX

**Technical Abilities**

2001-2015 Associate Professor of Computer Science, Multimedia and Web Design; proficient in Adobe Creativity Suite and Autodesk Maya 3D. Taught classes in Web Design, Animation, Desktop Publishing, Digital Imaging, Digital Illustration, Interactive Multimedia, Digital Video, 3D modeling, Game Engines and Level Design.

**Bibliography**

2013 Barbara Sparkman, “Trent Thigpen: Interactive Mixed Media,” Victoria in Motion, Winter 2013

2011 Camille Doty, “Life Rises From Clay,” The Victoria Advocate, July 26, 2011