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### EDUCATION

- 2018-2020** **Rhode Island School of Design**  
Masters of Fine Art in Photography [in progress]
- 2015-2017** **Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University**  
Certificate in Documentary Arts
- 2014-2015** **Duke University Divinity School**  
Master of Arts in Christian Studies  
*magna cum laude*
- 2010-2014** **Wheaton College**  
BA in Studio Art, with a minor in English  
*magna cum laude*

Additional Coursework: **Photography Through Three Centuries**, Summer 2018  
Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC

**Literacy Through Photography**, Spring 2017  
Duke University, Durham, NC

**Artist's Workshop**, Summer 2015  
Monastery San Paulo, Orvieto, Italy

**Introduction to Intaglio Printmaking**, Fall 2014  
Anchor Graphics, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2015-present** **Cassilhaus, Chapel Hill, NC**  
**Programs Manager**  
Work as sole employee for non-profit art gallery, private photography collection, and renown artist residency program; curate and install exhibits; plan and implement gallery events; initiate programming with local schools and museums; coordinate community outreach events with visiting artists and local non-profits; design invitations, gallery guides, and vinyl; organize and maintain the collection database; frame artwork; develop protocol for loan agreements; archive exhibits.

- 2016–2018 Horse & Buggy Press, Durham, NC**  
**Studio Assistant**  
Managed gallery for fine art book press and letterpress studio; assisted with curating and book design; provided copywriting and editing assistance.
- 2017 Teen Photography Workshop, Urban Hope, Durham, NC**  
**Facilitator**  
Designed curriculum and facilitated a summer writing and photography program for high school students in collaboration with a local non-profit culminating in a zine made by students.
- 2016-2017 Ellen Cassilly Architect, Durham, NC**  
**Communications Manager**  
Wrote and designed 40-page award-winning FAIA application, photographed architectural projects and events, designed promotional books as well as various advertising materials.
- 2014–2017 Center for Documentary Studies, Durham, NC**  
**Night Manager**  
Oversaw the facilities and building, gave visitors a warm introduction to the gallery, provided classroom assistance for instructors and faculty, and closed and secured all facilities.
- 2014–2015 Duke Divinity Office of External Relations, Durham, NC**  
**Social Media Coordinator**  
Developed all social media presence for Duke Divinity Alumni, created and updated material for social media utilizing skills in photography, writing, and editing.
- 2013–2014 Wheaton College English Department, Wheaton, IL**  
**Research Assistant to Dr. Brett Foster**  
Assisted with research related to contemporary and Italian Renaissance poetry; assisted with translation project of a collection of Italian poems by Cecco Angiolieri.
- 2013 IMAGE Journal, Seattle, WA**  
**Publishing Intern**  
Worked closely with managing editor and marketing director; evaluated submission; handled communication with subscribers; assisted with graphic and web design.
- 2012–2013 Wheaton College English Department, Wheaton, IL**  
**Research Assistant to Dr. Alan Jacobs**  
Assisted with research related to technology, religion, and literature; assisted with grading.

**2012–2013 Kodon Journal, Wheaton, IL**  
**Visual Art Editor**  
Responsible for oversight of the visual art section of a fine arts publication; evaluated over 125 art submissions each quarter and led ten volunteer evaluators through critiques of submissions; created and designed rubric for evaluation.

**2012 Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA**  
**Curatorial Intern**  
Assisted in preparations for the exhibition, “Devotion,” a collection of late Renaissance and early Baroque art exploring the Western tradition of devotional images; participated in historical research, writing, and exhibition design.

#### CURATION

**2018 Ekphrasis: Artists Respond to the History of Photography**  
Cassilhaus Gallery, Chapel Hill, NC

**2016 Relative Distance: Keliy Anderson-Staley & Susan Worsham**  
KONTEK Systems, Durham, NC

#### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

**2017 The Weight We Leave Behind**  
Bull City Arts Collaborative, Durham, NC

**2015 Direct Your Heart To Her**  
Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC

**2014 After This Our Exile**  
Hansen Galleries, Wheaton, IL

#### GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2015 Unfolding**  
Monastery San Paulo, Orvieto, Italy

**2013 12x12x12**  
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

**2013 Unformulated and Unaware**  
Burning Bush Gallery, Wheaton, IL

**2013 Torture Survivor Stories**  
Schneider Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2013 LoveTown**  
*1st Place Exhibit Winner*  
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

**2013 Grafted**  
Burning Bush Gallery, Wheaton, IL

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017      **“I Measure God By Everything I Am Not:’ An Interview with  
Photographer Aaron Canipe”**  
*The Other Journal*, January 19, 2018
- 2016      **“Fiat”**  
*The Curator*, September 22, 2016

AWARDS

- 2017      **Houck and K.B. Medford Scholarship in Photography**  
*full scholarship award for a three-week summer course*  
*Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC*