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Solo & Group Shows

- 2013 Autumn Art Event, *Silicon Valley Open Studios*, Los Altos
2013 "Swimming Lessons" Solo Art Show, *Snake & Butterfly Cafe*, Campbell
2013 "Free: A Utopian Project" Group Art Show, *Pro Arts Gallery*, Oakland
2011 Autumn Studio Invitational, *Artist's Studio*, Oakland
2010 "Show and Sell" Solo Art Show, *Iris Center*, Oakland
2009 "Power and Beauty" Solo Art Show, *Soothe Skin Spa*, San Francisco
2009 Spring Open Studios, *ActivSpace Mission*, San Francisco
2008 Fall Open Studios, *ActivSpace Mission*, San Francisco
2006 "Retrospective" Solo Art Show, *Private Residence*, San Francisco
2004 "Holy Mother, Holy Sun" Group Art Show, *Faith Boutique & Gallery*, San Francisco
2004 "Priestess" Solo Art Show, *Ray of Light Salon*, San Francisco
2004 "Signs of Life" Group Art Show, *Faith Boutique & Gallery*, San Francisco
2004 Mission Arts & Performance Project, *Street Arts Presentation*, San Francisco
2003 *InFlame Magazine* Launch Event, *Epic Arts Studios*, Berkeley
2002 "Come What May" Group Art Show, *Eastly Arts Studios*, San Francisco
1998 "Elements of Yes!" Duo Art Shows, *Festivals & Private Residences*, Greater Bay Area

Visual Arts Education

Art Making Courses

- Linoleum-Cut Printmaking, *International School of Düsseldorf*
- Studio Drawing, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- Art of the Book in the Computer Age, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- Printmaking, *San Francisco Center for the Book*
- Art Forms for Spiritual Experience, *Holy Names University*
- Painting as Spontaneous Expression, *Holy Names University*
- Collage and Altered Books, *Holy Names University*

Art History & Related Coursework

- European Pre-Modern Art History, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- Modern Architecture, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- History of Photography, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- Film Experience, *University of California, Santa Cruz*
- Cross-Cultural Communications Design, *Academy of Art University*
- Visual Display of Information, *Seminar with Edward Tufte*
- Strategies and Resources for Arts Integration, *Alameda County Office of Education*



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Academic Degrees

Master of Arts in Culture & Spirituality, *Holy Names University*

- Emphasized spirituality and the arts
- Thesis project blended research, writing and the creation of new visual art works

Bachelor of Arts in Literature, *University of California, Santa Cruz*

- Received full academic scholarship as UC Regents' Scholar
- Awarded two levels of honors at graduation

Arts-Related Employment

- 2000-2014 **Transformative Coach / Facilitator**
- Developed curricula and led workshops using arts-integrated learning approaches
 - Utilized arts-integration techniques in transformative coaching for adults
- 2010-2014 **Creative Services Consultant**
- Empowered clients to achieve business goals using strategic creative services
 - Delivered words, images and insight
- 2003-2005 **Director, *Faith Boutique & Gallery***
- Curated local artists' works, developed exhibition themes, wrote show guides
 - Cultivated arts appreciation and patronage, inspiring neighbors to become collectors
- 1999-2010 **Creative Director, *Eastly Arts***
- Won regional and international design competitions
 - Created original illustrations and compositions for clients
 - Guided creation of art and design by internal staff and external contractors
- 1998 **Working Artist, *Elements of Yes!***
- As part of arts duo, painted original works on garments for sale
- 1994-1998 **Professional Graphic Designer**
- Designed and produced visual communications for employers and clients
- 1992-1993 **Art Director Internship, *University of California, Santa Cruz***
- Won awards in college media competitions

Published Art Works

- 2012 *Seeds of Wisdom* oracle cards, second edition
- 2011 *Seeds of Wisdom* mobile app — awarded best Mind/Body App 2012 at About.com
- 2009 *Seeds of Wisdom* oracle cards, first edition
- 2007 "Farewell Blessing," printed in *Our Truths/Nuestras Verdades* magazine
- 2005 Illustrations for *Four Healing Rituals for Women* chapbook
- 1998 "Kali," printed in *Reclaiming Quarterly* magazine