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## Education

<b>Master of Arts Degree (Art Therapy)</b>	1993
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Graduate Diploma (Art Therapy)</b>	1989
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Bachelor of Fine Arts (Major—Art Education; Minors—Psychology, Fibres)</b>	1988
Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b>Associate's Diploma—A.O.C.A. (Fine Arts Painting and Drawing)</b>	1984
Ontario College of Art, Toronto, ON	
<i>while at OCA: Fourth Year Independent Study in Florence, Italy</i>	1983-84

## Solo and Collaborative Exhibits (selected):

<b><i>The Ties that Bind—with Lisa Meschino</i></b> , TBA, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2020
<b><i>A Month of New Pics</i></b> , Café Natura, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2014-15
<b><i>Nestled (in my mother's garden)—a visual journal (2)</i></b> , Camera Craft Gallery, SSM, ON	2014
<b><i>(My) Hidden Nature—a visual journal of an urban garden space (1)</i></b> , Camera Craft Gallery, SSM, ON	2013
<b><i>Awaiting the Thaw: A Selection of Digital Prints</i></b> , Frida Café and Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	
<b><i>Clearing in the woods: New Works w R.Draisey</i></b> , HATCH Collective/Café 1923, Hamtramck, MI	2011
<b><i>Clearing in the woods: New Works w Rebecca Draisey</i></b> , MILK Coffee Bar, Windsor, ON	
<b><i>(He)ART in a Box, with Rebecca Draisey</i></b> , whitespace gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2007
<b><i>Home is where the ART is, with Rebecca Draisey</i></b> , Artspeak, Windsor, ON	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Definitely Superior, Thunderbay, ON	1990
<b><i>Tempered Motion: Installation with Midori Nagai</i></b> , Meta Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	
<b><i>Positions: Video Presentation, Interpretation, Discussion</i></b> , Concordia University, Mtl., PQ	
<b><i>Decompensation Series: 6 Month Outdoor Installation</i></b> , work from Limbo Dance, installed in bush lot, SSM.	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , White Water Gallery, North Bay, ON	1989
<b><i>On Active Imagination: Installation</i></b> , Concordia U, Montreal, Quebec	1988
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Meta Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	1987
<b><i>A Personal Reality: Installation</i></b> , Concordia University, Montreal, PQ	
<b><i>Limbo Dance: Installation</i></b> , Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec	
<b><i>A Story in Five Parts</i></b> , VAV Gallery, Concordia University, Montreal, PQ	1986

## Group Exhibits (selected):

<b><i>The Sketchbook Project #14: sketchbook title <u>Monocular Stitch'n Time</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in continental USA, summer-fall 2019	2019
<b><i>The Tiny Sketchbook Project—collaborative work with L.Meschino: sketchbook title <u>A Very Short Way Home</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour Europe summer 2019	
<b><i>The Sketchbook Project #14—collaborative work with L.Meschino: sketchbook title <u>Go-Between</u></i></b> , organized by the Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in continental USA, summer-fall 2019	
<b><i>Canvas Project, includes publication in <u>A Visual Encyclopedia—a Global Visual Interpretation of Words</u></i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	
<b><i>The ArtSpeaks Project Exhibit: Re-Purposing Trauma</i></b> , organized by ASProject Artists, showcasing the works of ASProject participants and arts mentors, at the Ideal Art Space, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2017
<b><i>Sketch Book Project 2015 Tour: sketchbook title <u>A Good Book</u></i></b> , organized by the ArtHouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in USA & Canada, May-Nov 2015	2015
<b><i>SBP 2013 World Tour: sketchbook title <u>(My)Hidden Nature</u></i></b> , organized by the ArtHouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour in USA & Canada, March-August 2013	2013
<b><i>Print Exchange—The Drive Home</i></b> , exhibited at Graphic Arts Workshop San Francisco, CA; Blackburn 2020: The Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop, NY, NY; organized by ArtHouseCo-op	
<b><i>Pen Pal Painting Exchange</i></b> , Art House Co-op, Brooklyn, NY	
<b><i>100 Years of Art in the Sault-Community Creative Art Project (invitational)</i></b> , Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON	2012-13
<b><i>Self-Portrait Project 4x4</i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	2012
<b><i>Photo Response Project</i></b> , Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	
<b><i>Limited Edition—The Sketchbook Project: sketchbook title: <u>A Good Book</u></i></b> —exhibit June 2012, publication date Fall 2012. Brooklyn Art Library, Brooklyn, NY	

**4x6 Exchange: International Art Swap & Exhibit**, organized by the Arthouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY  
**The Sketchbook Project 2012 World Tour: sketchbook topic—Hope—Good Fortune**, organized by The Arthouse Co-op, Brooklyn, NY, on tour April-November 2012  
**A Million Little Pictures: 2011 Photomobile Tour (US&Canada)**, on tour September-November 2011, 2011 including Nuit Blanche Festival, Toronto, Oct.1/11 (presented by Gallery 44, Toronto & ArthouseCo-op)  
**The Sketchbook Project US Tour: sketchbook topic Revenge...is never forgetting**, ArtHouseCo-op.  
**Cycle(s), with T.Harris, D.Sparks, T.Hill**, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
**Drawn Together in Algoma**, (invitational), Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2008  
**In Memory: A Studio Review**, (invitational), Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON  
**Prototypes**, (organizer/participant), whitespace gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2007  
**Touch the Monkey with T.Harris, D.Sparks, T.Hill**, Loplops Lounge and Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2006

#### Arts Festivals/Fundraisers/Auctions (selected)

**ArtSpeaks ArHive Pop-Up—Fishbowl Festival**, Shabby Motley, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2019  
**Arts Council Art & Craft Fair**, Superior Heights, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2015  
**ARCH Fundraiser**, Quattro Hotel, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2015  
**Sylvan Valley Artisan Studio Tour—15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** (juried), Legion Hall, Echo Bay, ON 2015  
**Saultlicious—The Grand Bazaar**, Mill Square, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2015  
**Artists without Borders**, Essar Hall, Sault College of AAT, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2014  
**Annual Gala Gift Show**, Bushplane Museum, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2014/15/16  
**Culture Days Showcase**, Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2014  
**ETSY Made in Canada Pop Up Market** (juried), Mill Market, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 2014  
**Art on the Bay** (juried outdoor arts festival), Voyageur Lodge, Batchewana, ON 2013/14/16  
**Arts at the Dock** (juried outdoor arts festival), Hilton Beach, St. Joe's Island, ON 2013/14/15

#### Awards and Grants

- **Zonta Club of Sault Ste. Marie—recipient of Zonta's Yellow Rose** in honour of one's work with women in the community as a celebration of International Women's Day. 2018
- **Ontario Trillium Foundation—1yr SEED Grant (2016) funding for The ArtSpeaks Project** Using art to build resiliency in women dealing with trauma due to addictions, sexual assault, mental health issues; grant author/project co-ordinator/lead program designer. 2017
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** For *(My) Hidden Nature* at Camera Craft Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, September 2013 2013
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance (Group Application)** For 'Cycle(s)' at Art Gallery of Algoma, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, February 2011 2010
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance (Group Application)** For 'Touch the Monkey' at Loplops Lounge & Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON. 2006
- **Ontario Arts Council—Special Projects for Organizations** In conjunction with the Sault Area Hospitals Sexual Assault Care Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, ON. 2000
- **Arts Council of Sault Ste. Marie and District—President's Award to Business** In recognition of the Fireball Coffee'n Arts House generous contribution to the arts. 1999
- **Ontario Arts Council—Artists in Education Program** Arts workshops conducted in Public/Separate Highschools in Sault Ste. Marie, ON 1995
- **Canada Council Visiting Artist Program** For *Limbo Dance: Installation and Workshop* at Definitely Superior Gallery, Thunderbay, ON 1990
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** For 'Tempered Motion' at Meta Gallery, Sault Ste. Marie, ON 1990
- **Ontario Arts Council—Exhibition Assistance** For 'Works on Canvas and Paper; Instances' at Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON 1984

#### Bibliography and Media (selected)

- **Beyond the Group of Seven—Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma's Arts and Culture Community**, interview by K.Huckson for northernontario.travel, March 26, 2019.
- **Biweekly ArHives are Trauma Therapy**, interview by S.McCleary for SaultThisWeek.com, Feb.26/19
- **Nestled (in my mother's garden)**, video interview by D. Carlasio for Shaw TV, October 2014.
- **Art at Remand Centre Helps Rebuild Lives**, interview by A.Pearson for SaultThisWeek.com, May 6/14
- **Expanding the Classroom: Art Reach**; Education Today, Fall 2009, Volume 21, No.3, [www.opsba.org](http://www.opsba.org); Article by Mark D. Dunn with photos provided by M.Parrella-Ilaria.
- **Fireball Chronicles—wrote/recorded for broadcast, forty-one, 5 minute segments on life in the north from the perspective of a café owner/artist for CBC Radio One—Points North with Dan Lessard**; aired weekly on Wednesdays from September 2000 until June 2001

### Workshops and Presentations (selected)

- ***The ArtSpeaks Project, co-facilitated with L.Meschino, PhD.*** **2019**  
Presentation & Discussion. ArtHives Winter Institute—ArtHives Network, Sheridan College, Mississauga, ON
- ***Re-purposing Trauma—Fostering Resiliency through Arts-Based Learning and Cultural Mentorship thru the ArtSpeaks Project*** **2018**  
Presentation & Workshop. Invited by Addictions and Mental Health Ontario (AMHO), 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Where Change Happens; held at the Hilton Toronto, ON
- ***Photo Camp, co-facilitator with Rosalie Favell*** **2015**  
Workshop—week long. Algoma University, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
- ***Creating Mandalas—Intro to Colour Theory with Acrylics***, Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON **2015**
- ***Fibre Art Jewelry Workshop—Sunday Workshop Series***, Art Gallery of Algoma, SSM, ON **2014**
- ***The Fireball Cafe and Socio-Economic Activism in the Sault*** **2005**  
Workshop. 2005 National Conference on CED and the Social Economy, Sault Ste. Marie, ON.
- ***Mapping the World/Body*** **1995-1996**  
Workshop Series. Artists in Education Program, Ontario Arts Council, presented in Sault, ON secondary schools.
- ***Exploring Creativity*** **1995**  
Workshop. Northern Ontario Artists' Association (N.O.A.A.) Conference, Elliot Lake, ON

### Work Experience (selection)

- Small business owner:** OpenART Studios, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2007—present**
- Art Therapist,** Algoma Treatment & Remand Center, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **1995—present**
- Program & Curriculum Developer/Instructor (contract hire):** Video Game Art, General Arts & Sciences, Con. Education; CICE Learning Specialist, Sault College of Applied Arts & Tech, Sault, ON **2008-2016**
- Co-ordinator & Developer:** ARTREACH Workshop Series for Youth, SSM, ON **2005-2011**
- Program Co-ordinator, Curriculum Developer & Sessional Instructor:** Fine Arts Studies B.A. Degree Program, Algoma University College, Sault Ste. Marie, ON **2001-2005**
- Program Co-ordinator (2003-05); Adjunct Professor/Instructor:** Fine Arts Studies, B.A. Degree Program; School of History and Humanities, LSSU, Sault Ste. Marie, MI **1998-2005**
- Small business owner:** Fireball Coffee'n Arts House, Sault Ste. Marie **1995-2002**