

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2021 **Eugeniusz Geppert Academy of Art.** Wroclaw, Poland.
Doctorate of Philosophy. Professor: Kazimeirz Pawlak
- 2013 **Illinois State University.** Normal, Illinois.
Master of Fine Arts (Teaching Degree). Professor: John Miller
- 2006 **Temple University.** Tyler School of Art. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Bachelor of Fine Arts. Cum Laude. Professor: Jon Clark
- 2001 **Pilchuck Glass School.** (Tyler School of Art Partner Scholarship)
Wood and Glass Totem Pole. David Svenson & Preston Singletary
- 2001 **Haystack Mountain School of Craft.** (Work Study Scholarship)
Mixed Media and Glass. Jamex & Einar de la Torre

Solo Exhibitions

2024

American Idols. STARWorks. Star, North Carolina.

2023

Undefined. Collaborative Exhibition with Minhi Su England and John Sharvin. Hodge Gallery.
Pittsburgh Glass Center. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2022

Sacrilegious Septet. Not Grandma's Glass. Habatat Fine Art Detroit.

We Are Blown Away. Habatat Fine Art Detroit. Detroit, Michigan.

2021

Hope Less and (dis)Obey. Not Grandma's Glass. Habatat Fine Art Detroit.

2020

TBD - Currently Untitled. CCASM Modern and Contemporary. St. Helier, Jersey. POSTPONED

American Idols. STARWorks. Star, North Carolina. POSTPONED until 2024

2019

On Solid Water. GlasMuseet Ebeltoft. Ebeltoft, Denmark.

2017

A Still Life. SiC! Gallery at BWA Center for Contemporary Art. Wroclaw, Poland.

2016

Paradise Lost. Augustinerkloster. Gent, Belgium.

2015

Youth_AnaSiA. S12 Gallery. Bergen, Norway.

2014

American Idols. Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. Wilmington, Delaware

2013

I Came, I Saw, I Concurred. Geuzenhuis. Ghent, Belgium

Sorry for the Convenience. cometogetherspace Gallery. Bloomington, Illinois

back to school. MFA Thesis Exhibition. University Galleries. Normal, Illinois

2012

American Idols. Hodge Gallery. Pittsburgh Glass Center. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2011

Displaced. Dylan Gallery. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (collaboration with Eoin Breadon)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2022

Glass Art Fair. Habatat Fine Art Detroit

2021

International Glass Art Biennial. Haacht, Belgium

2020

The United. The Hodge Gallery. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2019

Reflecting Perspectives: Artists Confront Issues of Diversity and Inclusion. Bergstrom-Mahler Museum. Neenah, Wisconsin

Pop/Lock. Habatat Galleries. Royal Oak, Michigan

2018

International Glass Art Biennial. Haacht, Belgium

At Peace. Gent Glas. Ghent, Belgium

Inside Art. Flanders Expo. Ghent, Belgium

2017

45th Habatat Invitational Award Winners. Fort Wayne Museum of Art. Fort Wayne, Indiana

45th Habatat Invitational. Habatat Galleries. Royal Oak, Michigan

2016

SOFA Chicago. Navy Pier. Chicago, Illinois. Represented by Habatat Galleries.

Europe Glass Festival - Dr. Jekyll and Mrs. Hyde. Wrocław Central Train Station. Wrocław, Poland.

Ambrosiana. Saint Nicholas Cemetery. Lochristi, Belgium

44th Habatat Invitational. Habatat Galleries. Royal Oak, Michigan

2013

Stanislav Libensky Award Finalists. Royal Summer Palace. Prague, Czech Republic

MFA Biennial. University Galleries. Normal, Illinois

2012

ArtPrize. The B.O.B. Grand Rapids, Michigan

Glass at 50: A Tradition in Flux. University Galleries. Normal, Illinois. Curator: John Miller

2011

Glasinterland: België – Nederland. Het Glazen Huis Museum. Lommel, Belgium. Curator:
Jeroen Maes
Odd Couples. Flame Run Gallery. Louisville, Kentucky
Glass Carnival. Flame Run Gallery. Louisville, Kentucky.
2009
SOFA Chicago. Navy Pier. Chicago, Illinois. Represented by Thomas R. Riley Galleries
Lines into Shapes. Art Center of Estes Park. Estes Park, Colorado
Impact. Wheaton Arts Gallery. Millville, New Jersey
Look Forward. Traver Gallery Tacoma. Tacoma, Washington
Guilty Pleasures. Projects Gallery. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Selected Awards, Residencies, and Grants

2023 **Corning Museum of Glass.** Artist in Residence.
2022 **Tacoma Museum of Glass.** Artist in Residence.
Pittsburgh Glass Center. Artist in Residence.
University of Wisconsin River Falls. Wyman Visiting Professor.
College for Creative Studies. Artist in Residence.
Blown Away Season 3. Artistic Competition Winner.
2021 **NGG Winner.** Artistic Competition Winner.
2020 **Virtual GAS Conference.** Presenting Artist.
GAS Conference. Smaland Sweden. Selected Demonstrating Artist.
Cancelled – Presented Virtually.
Pittsburgh Glass Center. Artist in Residence.
2019 **StarWorks.** Artist in Residence.
GAS Conference. Saint Petersburg, Florida. Demonstrating Artist.
2017 **StarWorks.** Artist in Residence.
2016 **GAS Conference.** Corning, New York. Demonstrating Artist.
Dortyardt. Demonstrating Artist.
2015 **Sars Poteries.** Visiting Artist.
S12. Artist in Residence.
2014 **New Trier Glassworks.** Artist in Residence.
Glazenhuis, Lommel. Artist in Residence.
Leerdam Nationaal Glasmuseum: de Glasblazerij. Demonstrating Artist.
Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass (AACG). Grant for the American Idols
Exhibition in conjunction with the Delaware Center for Contemporary Art.
2012 **Friends Of the Arts (FOA).** Materials Grant.
Neusole GlassWorks. Artist in Residence.
2011 **Friends Of the Arts (FOA).** Materials and Marketing Grant.
Puffin Foundation. Materials Grant.
2010 **IKA Mechelen.** Artist in Residence.
2009 **Herb and Sherry Mignery Sculpture Award.** Art Center of Estes Park.
Creative Glass Center of America Fellowship. Artist in Residence.
Contemporary Glass Philadelphia. Travel Grant.

Selected Publications and interviews

2022
Gifted With Glass: Interview With Blown Away Season 3 Winner John Moran
Natalia Joruk. Beautiful Bizarre Magazine. Armadale, Australia.

2021

“John Moran: Paving the Way for a New Age in Glass Sculpture.”

Natalia Joruk. Beautiful Bizarre Magazine. Armadale, Australia.

2020

“Artists on Coping: John Moran.”

Melissa Stern. Art Spiel. Brooklyn., New York.

2019

“Shock Therapy.”

Emma Park. The UrbanGlass Art Quarterly Magazine. Brooklyn, New York.

“De Hypocrisie van het Amerikaanse Stelsel.”

Krista Israel. Glas Magazine. Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

“Hoe politiek en sociaal engagement tot leven worden geblazen. Het werk van John Moran.”

Koen Van Damme. The Art Couch. Brussels, Belgium.

2015

“John Moran’s Solo Exhibition at the S12 Gallery in Norway.”

Justyna Turek. Glass Quarterly Hotsheet. Blog based in Brooklyn, New York.

2014

CommonCore Delaware. Delaware American Civil Liberties Union.

Lecture and Question/Answer about *American Idols* Exhibition.

“American Idol or Dreg of Humanity”

Margie Fishman. *The News Journal*. Wilmington, Delaware.

2013

“John Moran’s politically charged work debuts in Belgium this weekend”

Erin Somers. *Glass Quarterly Hotsheet*. Blog based in Brooklyn, New York.

“Glass artist’s provocative works focused on school shootings, bin Laden”

Kevin Bersett. *STATESide Magazine*. Normal, Illinois.

2012

“John Moran’s American Idols takes an irreverent look at U.S. Presidents.”

Robert Isenberg. *Pittsburgh City Paper*. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

“Grad Student Turns POTUS into Work of Art.”

Ryan Denham. *STATESide Magazine*. Normal, Illinois.

“Idols Exhibit Humanizes Presidents.”

Lorraine Gregus. *The Almanac*. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

“Presidential Reflections.”

Mary Thomas. *The Post Gazette*. Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania.

Good Morning Pittsburgh.

KDKA-TV. Interview Guest. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2010

New Glass Review. Issue 31.

Corning Museum of Glass. Corning, New York.

2009

“A conversation with Hank Adams on the state of the Creative Glass Center of America”

Andrew Page. *Glass Quarterly Hotsheet*. Blog based in Brooklyn, New York.

Relevant Work Experience

2019 **SiC! Gallery.** Co-Curator with Dominika Drozdowska. Einar and Jamex De La Torre – *Florentine Syndrome*. Wroclaw, Poland.

2014 - Current **Gent Glas vzw.** Director/Founding Member. Gent, Belgium.

2013 - Current **Independent Artist.** Gent, Belgium.

- 2012 & 2013 **IKA Mechelen.** Jury Member for the Graduating Students. Mechelen, Belgium.
- 2013 **Illinois State University.** Intermediate Glass Instructor. Normal, Illinois.
- 2010 - 2013 **Illinois State University.** Studio Tech and Teaching Assistant. Normal, Illinois.
- 2009-2010 **Philly Cold Cutz.** Coldworker for Rika Hawes. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2007-2009 **Ohm Equipment.** Assistant to Douglas Ohm and Fabricator. Millville, New Jersey

Public Collections

Nevis Historical & Conservation Society
WheatonArts Museum of American Glass
Lommel Glazenhuis Museum
The Morris Museum