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EDUCATION

1973 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois M.F.A.
1970 Webster University, Webster Groves, Missouri B.A. Cum Laude
1974 Chicago Art Institute, post graduate work

Academic Experience:

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- 9/1/15-current University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Director of School of Art
- 9/1/10-8/30/15, University of Texas at Pan Am, Edinburg, TX
Chair, Department of Art, Tenured Professor, Marialice Shary Shivers Endowed Chair
- 8/1/2005 -8/10/10- University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Chair, Department of Art and Design, Tenured Associate Professor
- 2/2/99- 6/30/05 University of Missouri/St. Louis, Honors College, faculty/coordinator of Continuing
Education: Robert Bliss, Dean
- 1997-1998 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, Associate Director of Graduate Admissions
and Enrollment
- 1985-1997 Empire State College/State University of New York, Saratoga Springs, New York:
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, Assistant Director of Graduate Studies, Arts Mentor

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 *Susan Fitzsimmons, Sentinels and Guardians*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, May-August 2015
2012 *Susan Fitzsimmons, Meteors, Natural and Alien Events*, University of Texas Pan American, Dorothy and
Charles Clark Gallery, March 26-March 31, 2012.
2011 *Water Works,* UTPA Visitors Center, March 27-July 7, 2011 Susan Fitzsimmons and Ansen Seale
2010 *Susan Fitzsimmons, On the Edge, Sculptures and Paintings*, Art House, November Susan
Fitzsimmons: New Paintings, Hattiesburg Cultural Arts Center, June10-July 10, 2010, Exhibit supported by
NEA and Mississippi Arts Council
2009 *Susan Fitzsimmons: Weather and Our Natures*, Café Boheme, funded by Partners for the Arts, April 2009
Hattiesburg, MS
2005 Art Coop, St. Louis, Missouri: *Confession and Forgiveness* 12/03/05 Performance
1997 Philo Gallery, Albany, NY 9/27/97-10/19/97, *Works of Susan Fitzsimmons 1976-1997*
1984 St. Peter's Church, Citicorp, New York, NY *Mystery Series 1984*
1982 Ann Grey Gallery of Art for the Saratoga History Museum, *Seasons of the Year*
1979 Just Above Midtown Gallery, NY, NY: *Moving From the Transparent to the Invisible*, January
1978 Arts for Living Center, Grand Avenue, NY, NY
1977 Just Above Midtown Gallery, 27 W. 57th, NY, NY *Transparent Relationships*, November
1976 Center Square Gallery, Albany, NY *Susan Fitzsimmons: Transparent Relationships*
1973 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill, *MFA Exhibit*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2016-2013
Marialice Shary Shivers Endowed Chair of Art
2015 Faculty Row Super Professor
2012 New York Foundation for the Arts and Anita Shapolsky Art Foundation
Kerspit and Flemish Community Grant for residency visit to arts community in Ghent.
2011 Fulbright- CIES grant

- 2010 Mississippi Arts Commission-National Endowment for the Arts: One person exhibition "*Susan Fitzsimmons: New paintings 2010*" Hattiesburg Cultural Arts Center
- 2008 Partners for the Arts, University of Southern Mississippi: Arts Café 2008 -2009- 2010
- 2010 Centennial Sculpture Competition, University of Southern Mississippi
- 2007 Partners for the Arts, USM, Visiting artists grant
- 2010 Partners for the Arts, USM, Artist catalog
- 2007 AFROTC Distinguished Educator's Visit Ellsworth AFB South Dakota
- 1984 New York State Council for the Arts, Artist-in-Residence, Colonie Youth Center
- 1978-1979The Guggenheim Foundation: Learning to Read through the Arts
- 1979 EXXON Corporation Outdoor Sculpture for Henry Street Settlement House
- 1977- 1981New York City Arts Council, Artist in Residence at Henry Street Settlement,
- 1979 New York State Council for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts: Work in Situ: The Process as Art, Just Above Midtown Gallery: Susan Fitzsimmons, David Hammons, Howardina Pindell,
- 1978 New York State Council for the Arts and Syracuse University: Collaborations in Art and Scientific Technology. CAST
- 1976 Abraham and Mae Warshaw Foundation, New York, New York 1976

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2015
- "9" at 409 Gallery, Brownsville, Texas 10/3/15-11/3/15
 - Gallery Shoal Creek, Austin, TX, "Speaking Silence"10/18/15-11/30/, 2015 Catalog
 - San Angelo National Outdoor Competition (SAMFA); October 2015-2016: \$500.00 Award
 - Third Coast National 2015, K Space, Corpus Christi, TX
 - Texas A&M University, Kingsville, TX, "Unity Women Artists" 2015; 2015
 - Webster University, 40 @ 100, St. Louis, Missouri 9/25/15-10/24/15 Catalog
 - Art Center of Corpus Christi, Celebrating Women in Art Education 7/ 1/15-7/31/15
 - Blue Star, San Antonio: Red Dot Collectors Choice, May, 2015
 - Brownsville Art Museum, February-August 2015
 - William Campbell Contemporary Art, Fort Worth, Texas, Texas Sculpture Group
 - Venice Biennial, projected at Venice Biennale, Italy. July 2015 Catalog
 - UTPA The Last Hurrah: The Historic Brownsville Museum, 1/30/15-2/28/15
- 2014
- Mid America College Art Association 10/22/-11/22/14, University of Texas San Antonio Catalog
 - Lawndale Sculpture Center, Houston, Texas 8/18/2014-10/1/14 Catalog
 - Season of Hope, Main Street McAllen, Texas Juried, December 2014
 - Galleria 409, Brownsville, TX, "Due South," 3/ /14/22-4/ 22,2014
 - UTPA Art Faculty Show, 5/ 7/14-8/ 27/14 Catalog
 - Marfa Biennial Juried, Marfa Texas April 2014
 - Beyond Arts Gallery, Harlingen, TX "Extraordinary Life", 4/ 3/14-5/31/14 Catalog
 - Dougherty Art Center, 1110 Barton Springs Drive, Austin, Texas 3/11/14-4/ 7/14
 - Del Mar College, 48th Annual National Juried Small Sculpture and Works on Paper, 2/12/14-5/2/14 Catalog
- 2013
- International Museum of Art and Science, Mcallen, Texas: Arte de la Frontera II, in association with 2013 Texas Biennial, 9/26/13-1/12/14
 - In Depth, Texas Biennial at the Art Car Museum, Houston, Texas 9/7/13-11/15/13
 - Texas National 2013 Exhibition, April 13 – June 8, 2013, at the Cole Art Center @ The Old Opera House in Nacogdoches, Texas. Juror Peter Selz
 - UTPA Art Faculty Show, Fine Arts Gallery, March18-April 2, 2013
- 2012
- Cross Connections: October 15, 2012-November 15,2012 Universities in 2012:Central Academy of Fine Arts, China; Luxun Academy of Fine Arts, China; National School of Fine Arts, Mexico; Shanghai University, China; Sint-Lucas Ghent, Belgium; The University of Texas - Arlington, USA; Truman State University, USA; University of Pretoria, South Africa, University of Texas Pan American
 - Anita Shapolsky Foundation in Jim Thorpe, PA "Countryside in Art and Southern Literature," August 18, 2012-October 15th, 2012.

- K-Space, Corpus Christi, Texas: "Watered Down: The Ebb and the Flow," 7/6/2012-8/15/12
 - ALH Celebrates Texas Art 2012, Williams Tower Gallery, 1/09/2012-2/26/12
- 2011
- Art@Clark Gallery, Susan Fitzsimmons, November
 - Shorelines Biennial 2011-National Juried Exhibition for Excellence in Coastal Art, Rockport Center for the Arts, October 19 - November 19, 2011.
 - Water Works," UTPA Visitors Center, March 27-July 7, 2011 Susan Fitzsimmons and Ansen Seale
- 2010
- Quinta Mazatlan, Mcallen, TX "A River Runs Through It," October 12, 2010-November 2, 2010
 - Edinburg City Hall, Edinburg, TX "UTPA Faculty Show" November 2, 2010-November 20, 2010
 - "Women and Water Rights," Cascade Meadow, 2900 19th St NW, Rochester, MN November 15, 2010, show
 - Women and Water Rights: Rivers of Regeneration; Feb 23- March 25, 2010. University of Minnesota, Nash Gallery, Regis Center for Art, Minneapolis, MN 55455 Juried by Lucy Lippard
- 2009
- **Cross Connections:**
 - University of Southern Mississippi Museum; The University of Texas at Arlington; Luxun Academy of Fine Art, China; University of Applied Sciences, Trier, Germany
 - Odd Fellows Gallery, Hattiesburg, MS
 - Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS,
 - University of Southern Mississippi Museum Faculty Show
 - Robertson Gallery 450, Mobile, Alabama
- 2008
- Odd Fellows Art Gallery, Christmas Show
 - University of Southern Mississippi Museum, Free November Festival
- 2007
- University of Southern Mississippi Museum Faculty Show, catalog by Jan Siesling
 - University of Missouri, Saint Louis, Women on the Move
 - Gallerie M, St. Louis, Missouri Juried show
- 2005
- University of Southern Mississippi Museum of Art: Faculty Group Show
 - University of Missouri/Gallery Visio: the Visual Poem
 - SAKHI Exhibit, 3rd Floor Gallery, Washington Avenue, St. Louis,
 - UMSL/Gallery Visio: UMSL Women on the Move
- 2004
- University of Missouri/Gallery Visio: UMSL Women on the Move,
 - Light Up the Night: New Year's Eve Celebration Grand Center. Performance at Grandel Theatre, Celestial Theatre Troupe
 - Earth Day Performance, St. Louis Forest Park Municipal Opera
 - Art Coop, Washington Avenue, St. Louis, MO: Dada Celebration, performance with Corrado Cattaneo Della Volta
- 2003
- Art Coop, Drawing You as You Like It
- 2002
- St. Louis Art Fair, Clayton, Missouri: Art Studio
 - Performance at Lemp Art Center: Celestial Theatre
- 2000:
- Craft Alliance, University City, Missouri. February
- 1999
- Contemporary Women Artists, Meramec Community College, March 1999
- 1996
- Empire State College, Saratoga Springs, NY "Four Women"
 - Schenectady Museum, "Artists of the Upper Hudson Region."
 - Philo Gallery, Albany, NY "Gallery Artists"
 - Albany Institute of History and Art, "Counterpoint"
- 1994
- Albany Institute of History and Art, "Interplay"
 - Albany Institute of History and Art and Macy's: "Art in Selling Places," 10/22/94

- Albany Institute of History and Art, "Spring Exhibit"
- 1983
- Saratoga Springs Historical Museum, Anne Grey Gallery, "Two Person Exhibit" Saratoga Springs, NY;
 - Albany League of Arts at NY State Legislative Office, Albany NY, "Eat Your Art Out"
 - College of St. Rose, Picotte Gallery "M.A.S.S Proposals"
 - Albany Institute of History and Art
 - The First Annual Invitational Art Exhibition, Albany County "Tri-centennial Festival"
- 1982
- Victoria Munroe Gallery, NY, NY
 - Albany Institute of History and Art
 - Dayspring Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY
 - Corning Riverfront Preserve, College of St. Rose and City of Albany
 - "M.A.S.S.-Major Albany Sculptural Sites" Art in Public Places
 - Just Above Midtown/Downtown, Opening Exhibit: Gallery Artists
- 1979
- Haber-Theodore Gallery, 57th St, NY,NY: Inaugural Exhibition
 - Albright Knox Museum, Buffalo, New York
 - Museum of Modern Art, NY, NY: Friends Gallery
 - Haber-Theodore Gallery, 57th St, NY,NY
 - Barbara Miller Gallery, Cincinnati, Ohio
 - Hofstra University, Hemstead, NY "REMAINS" catalog by Linda Bryant
 - Martha Jackson Gallery, NY, NY
 - Maria College, Albany NY
 - Just Above Midtown Gallery, "Group Show"
 - Henry Street Settlement Show, *Susan Fitzsimmons: Artist In Residence*
 - State University of New York at Plattsburg, *Four from the Autoclave: Catalog* by Richard Stankiewicz
 - Ellington School for the Arts, Washington, D.C.
 - Borne Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri
- 1978
- Just Above Midtown Gallery, *Work In Situ, The Process As Art*
 - Just Above Midtown Gallery, *Pocket Art Show*
 - Schenectady Museum, *Artists of the Upper Hudson Region*
 - Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute, Utica, NY
 - Work Space, Albany, NY
 - NOHO Gallery, 542 La Guardia Place, NY,NY, *Christmas Invitational*
 - Albany Institute of History and Art
- 1974
- Chicago Art Institute, *Chicago and Vicinity Show*
- 1973
- Mitchell Gallery, Carbondale, Illinois
 - Brooks Memorial Art Gallery, Memphis, Tenn

CATALOGS AND BOOKS:

- 2015 "Sentinels and Guardians," Dr. Renata Karlin, August 2015, UTRGV
 "40@100 A Dadah Reunion", Cecile R. Hunt Gallery, Webster University, September, 2015
 "Speaking Silence," Gallery Shoal Creek, Austin Texas October-December 2015
 "MAACA" Juried show, by Dr. Scott Sherer, UT San Antonio
- 2014 Faculty show at University of Texas Pan American by Diana Roberts
- 2007 Faculty show, catalog by Dr. Jan Siesling, October 2007
- 1978 Contextures, by Linda Goode Bryant and Marcy Philips, 1978 pgs. 47-50,56-67,63
- 1984 *Major Albany Sculptural Sites*, September 11,1982-May 15, 1984 by April Kingsley
- 1979 *4 From the Autoclave*, catalog essay by Richard Stankiewicz

- 1979 *Remains*, The Emily Lowe Gallery, Hofstra University by Linda Goode Bryant
- 1978 *The Feminine Resolution*, catalog essay by Renata Karlin at the Henry Street Settlement House, Louis Abrons Arts for Living Center

Reviews /Media Appearances

- The Monitor, "Sentinels and Guardians" Monday September 21, 2015; full page review by Nancy Moyer
- FOX, Good Day Valley on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2015 Freddy Vela: Sculpture at Clark Gallery
- TV recording, Ch. 23, Ch. 4, FOX, McAllen Cable Network and KTRI (the PSJA school district's TV station)
KURV interview Saturday, Jan. 24th, 2015 @ 9:30 a.m.
Glasstire, Top Five Events, September 4, 2014: Texas Sculpture Group 2014: A Panoramic View
- The Monitor, Monday April 7, 2014 "Lone Star Sculpture" by Nancy Moyer
- Brownsville Herald, March 22, 2014: "Due South," Yvette Vela photos
- The Monitor, "Collective Works" by Nancy Moyer, April 1, 2013
- Glass Tire.com, "Watered Down at K Space Contemporary," 7/15/12
- The Monitor, "Art Evolution" by Nancy Moyers November 7, 2011
- Mcallenarthouse.blogspot.com 11/8/2010
- Cascade Meadow Organization: Women and Water Rights-Rivers of Regeneration Exhibition and related programs
- Post-Bulletin, Art exhibition reflects on water quality by John Weiss, Rochester, MN 11/16/2010
- KURV radio, McAllen, Texas October 30, 2010
- The Monitor, "Metaphor for Truth" by Nancy Moyer, November 22, 2010.
- The Pan American, by Melissa Guerra: "Art Department fills Chair position, Fitzsimmons to succeed Crisafulli, interim Weaver as fall semester begins"
- South Mississippi Scene Magazine, May 2009 : "Susan Fitzsimmons Abstract Weather Art on Display" pages 55,56, 57
- Hattiesburg American, Sunday, March 1, 2009,
- Hub City TV interview, Mercer Morrison. TBD
- Channel 7 News, The Best of Hattiesburg, Colleen Donovan interview, 12/11/08
- Hattiesburg American, Sunday July 13, 2008 by La Tonya Frelix: "Open to Interpretation: Arts Café allows group to discuss life and how it relates to art."
- Press-Register, Birmingham, AL 11/11/08 Grand Festival of Art on Tap this weekend
- Southern Artist Registry, nominated 2007-2008
- Hattiesburg, Channel 7 interview with Colleen Donovan 4/08
- Gulf Port WLOX-TV ABC Sarah St. Claire, 4:00 pm Entertainment
- Faculty Show at USM Museum, Hattiesburg American 11/27/05, The Advertiser News October 20, 2005
- St. Louis Post Dispatch, January 17, 2005: "UMSL show links poetry, paint and music" by D. Paul Johnson
- St. Louis Post Dispatch, May 30, 2004 Style Section Magazine St. Louis Post Dispatch, January 2
- Times-Union, Albany, NY September 12, 1982
- Times Union, Albany, March 1982
- Schenectady Gazette, March 1982
- **Art News**, February 1980, pg. 203
- SOHO News, January 3, 1979
- **The Arts Magazine**, January 1978, pg.32 Barbara Cavalieri
- Syracuse Herald American, October 1977
- Knickerbocker News, September 10, 1982
- The Saratogian News Paper, November 1983
- Schenectady Gazette, September 22, 1985
- **Northeastern Woman Magazine**, "Susan Fitzsimmons Profile of Mother as Artist" pages 27-28, by Selina Beltrone April 1987

- Schenectady Gazette, September 17, 1986
- Kite News, Albany, NY April 1979
- The Amsterdam News, New York, "The Process As Art" by Gylbert Corker Nov.4, 1978
- Syracuse Herald American, October 1977

VISITING ARTIST/LECTURER

- International Museum of Art and Science, Mcallen Texas: 3 Panel discussions of Arte de la Frontera: September, November 2013 and January 2014
- University of Canterbury, Christ Church, New Zealand Visiting Artist, August, 2003
- Texas A&M University, Commerce, Texas
- New Mexico State University, Department of Visual Arts, Alamogordo, New Mexico
- Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, Louisiana
- Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- College of Arts, Media & Design, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK
- Blackburn College, Carlinville, IL

Service

Articles:

"UTRGV Art Department" article by Susan Fitzsimmons for RGV Magazine, January 2015

Sebastian, catalog foreword by Susan Fitzsimmons April 2014. Published by IMAS.

Juror:

2015 Artist Discover Competition, Senator Hinojosa,5 District Congressional Art Competition

2014:

June 20, The Monitor, Mcallen, Poster Art Festival

May 2, Artist Discover Competition, Senator Hinojosa,5 District Congressional Art Competition

2012 (May) 5 District Congressional Art Competition, Clark Gallery

2011 (November 29, 2011) Art Against Violence, Coalition Against Violence and Exploitation, Juried Student Show at Clark Gallery, UTPA

2011 OMOT Employee Art Show, Edinburg, City Hall, Edinburg, TX

27th Grand Festival of Art, Fair Hope, Alabama October 2008

UTPA Committee Memberships:

UTPA University-wide:

- UTRGV Academic Program Working Group 2013-2014-2015
- UTRGV Curriculum Committee 2013-2014
- UTRGV Degree Committee 2014-2015
- COAH Executive Committee UTPA 2010- 2016
- Council of Chairs UTPA 2010--2015
- Academic Affairs Leadership Team 2010-2016
- CAEP 2014-2015
- Leadership Education Accelerated Program, UTPA Spring 2011

UTPA Department of Art Committees:

- Exhibition Committee
- Art History Committee
- Merit Committee
- Graduate Committee, Thesis/Graduate Committee for 11 students
- Exhibition Committee
- Handbook Committee

- Scheduling Committee

Community Boards and Memberships:

- Board of Trustees, International Museum of Art and Science 2013-2014-2015-2016
- Texas Sculpture Group Board 2015
- Frida Board Member 2010-2011
- McAllen Art Council, Board Member, McAllen, TX 2010- 2011;2011-2012
- Edinburg Arts Foundation Board and Cultural Activities 2012
- Texas Sculpture Group 2013-2014-2015-2016
- International Sculpture Center Member 2013-2016: elected Education coordinator February 2015
- College Art Association 2015-2016

Recruitment:

School Visits to Art Department, Jurying High School Show, etc.

“Meet your College”: Bronc Round up, August 21, August 22, 2014

Portfolio Day for art students in Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville Spring 2015

Congressman Ruben Hinojosa for Artistic Discovery 2014

School visits to art department and tours:

- La Ferria High School Art Students visit
- Gonzalez Elementary School/organized BFA and MFA student demonstrations October 2014
- Escobar/Rios Elementary School Visit April 2015
- Weslaco East High School, National Arts Honors Society, 10/15/14
- Donna ISD 11/10/14

2014 Endowment Agreement for the San Juanita Trigo Endowed Memorial Scholarship
\$10,000.00