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BIO

Rachel Simmons teaches printmaking, painting, book arts and environmental art courses at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida. Since 2000, she has been actively involved in creating collaborative community art projects to teach her students to be responsible leaders and citizens as well as accomplished artists. At Rollins, she serves on the Sustainability Committee and has been at the center of the Committee for Curriculum Renewal for several years. Rachel's mixed media work focused on marine ecology, pollution and ecotourism has been exhibited nationally and internationally. She traveled to Antarctica in December 2008 to research climate change and ecotourism and will lead a group of faculty there in December of 2009. Her work is on view at www.rachelsimmons.net.

EDUCATION

M.F.A., Painting and Drawing, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 1999
B.A. Honors Degree in Studio Art, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL 1997

CURRENT POSITION

Associate Professor of Art and Chair, Department of Art and Art History, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL (hired 2000)

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

Rachel Simmons: Wonders of the Sea, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin, FL, 2009
Rachel Simmons: Art in Chambers, Chamber of Commerce, Winter Park City Hall, Winter Park, FL 2009
Rachel Simmons, Sarratt Gallery at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 2008
Rachel Simmons: Wonders, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2007
Symbiosis: Recent Works on Paper by Rachel Simmons, Valencia College, Orlando, FL 2005
Garden of Dreams: Neverne Covington and Rachel Simmons, The Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL 2004
Anne Knight and Rachel Simmons, Polk Community College, Winter Haven, FL 2003
Subsurfaces: New Paintings by Rachel Simmons, Orlando City Hall, FL 2000

SELECTED JURIED EXHIBITIONS

Deep Carnivale: A Celebration of Words, Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL 2009
Scissors: Pop Up Exhibition, Florida Craftsmen Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL 2009
Studio Visit Volume 5, Open Studios Press publisher of New American Paintings, juried exhibition-in-print, Spring 2009
Digital '08: Imagination on Behalf of Our Planet, New York Hall of Science, NY, NY 2008

Biennale Internazionale dell' Arte Contemporanea, Fortezza da Basso, Florence, Italy 2005
SECAC Annual Juried Members Exhibition, Winner, SECAC Juror's Award, Jacksonville Museum of Modern Art, Jacksonville, FL 2004
DNA: Art and Science the Double Helix, USF Contemporary Art Museum, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 2004
La Grange National XXII Biennial Competition, Chattahoochee Valley Art Museum, La Grange, GA 2002
Pulcheria Arte, Palazzo St. Pietro, Piacenza, Italy 2001
Fourth National Juried Exhibition, Ceres Gallery, New York, NY 2000
The 9th Exhibition of Louisiana Women Artists, Louisiana State Archives, Baton Rouge, LA 1998
Works on Paper: Recent Drawings and Prints, Union Art Gallery, First Place Award, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 1998

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Studio Faculty Biennial 1, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2009
Who Do You Know?, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI 2008
Text in Art, ArtWorks Gallery, Kenosha, WI 2008
Bay Two, Mills Park, Orlando, FL 2008
Various Artists, Scott Laurent Collection, Winter Park, FL 2008
Stream, Downspace, L.A. Design Center, Los Angeles CA 2007
School Days: Cafeteria Plan: Fourth Period, Wriston Art Center Gallery at Lawrence University, Appleton, WI 2007
School Days: Cafeteria Plan: Third Period, Lewis Art Gallery, Millsaps College, Jackson, MI 2006
School Days: Cafeteria Plan: First Period, Bonsack Gallery, St. Louis, MO 2005
Lineage, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 2004
Art at Work, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL 2003
The Square Show, Ceres Gallery, NY, NY 2001
Pulcheria Artists on Babele Arte, Virtual Gallery by Associazione Culturale 218, Italy www.218ac.it/babelearte 2001
Summer Showcase, Limner Gallery, NY, NY 2001
Artists and Writers in Collaboration, Foster Gallery, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 1999
Canvas and Steel, Oculus Gallery, Baton Rouge, LA 1999

GRANTS/AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

Service-Learning Faculty Award, Florida Campus Compact, October 2009
Cornell Professional Development Grant, Rollins College, 2009-2010
Faculty Technology Grant, Rollins College, 2009-2010
Faculty Fellow for Community Engagement, Rollins College, 2006-2009
McKean Award for Contributions to Teaching and Scholarship at Rollins College, 2008
Studio Art Course Development in Digital & Mixed Media Art Grant, Rollins College, 2008
Cornell Professional Development Grant, Rollins College, 2007
Professional Artistic Development and Renewal Grant, Rollins College, 2006
Artist's Fellowship Award, Vermont Studio Center, 2006
Faculty Technology Grant, Student/Faculty Gallery Archive Project, Rollins College, 2006

Professional Artistic Development Grant, Rollins College, 2005
Critchfield Faculty Grant, Rollins College, 2004
Professional Artistic Development Grant, Rollins College, 2003

PRESENTATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Leader, *Faculty Antarctica Seminar and Expedition*, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL 2009
Presenter, *Antarctica: Making Art from Ice*, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Dunedin, FL 2009
Presenter, *Antarctica: Making Art from Ice*, Rollins College Living Learning Community, Winter Park, FL 2009
Presenter/Guest Artist, *Associated Colleges of the South Environmental Workshop*, Furman University, Greenville, SC 2009
Presenter, *Antarctica: Making Art from Ice*, Walt Disney Imagineers Green Group, Orlando, FL 2009
Presenter, *Antarctica: Making Art from Ice*, Ferncreek Elementary, Orlando, FL 2009
Presenter, *Antarctica: Making Art from Ice*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2009
Presenter, *Annual Summit for Transforming Learning*, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL 2006-2009
Participant, *Advanced Printmaking Workshop with Hugh Merrill*, Anderson Ranch Art Center, Snowmass, CO 2008
Presenter, *Wonders*, Sarratt Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN 2008
Panelist, *Digital Savvy in Teaching*, Southern Graphics Council Conference, Richmond, VA 2008
Co-Presenter, *The Institutional SPARC: Transforming Students and Faculty into Active Citizens and Engaged Scholars*, 8th International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, New Orleans, LA 2008
Presenter, *Collaborative Murals: Experiential Learning That Benefits Communities*, International Humanities Conference, Honolulu, HI 2008
Presenter, *Wonders*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2007
Panelist, *Art and Science: Freed By the Rules*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2007
Participant, 7th International Association for Research on Service-Learning and Community Engagement, Tampa, FL 2007
Participant, National Conference for Arts Administrators (NCAA), Providence, RI 2005
Participant, Southern College Art Conference (SECAC), Little Rock, AR 2005
Participant and Winner of Juror's Award, Southern College Art Conference (SECAC), Jacksonville, FL 2004
Participant, *Digital Printmaking for Painters Workshop*, Anderson Ranch Center for the Arts, Snowmass, CO 2004
Participating Artist, *Art at Work*, tour of local artists' studios, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL 2003
Participant, Florida Campus Compact Conference, Orlando, FL 2002
Participant, Coptic Stitch Workshop, Center for Book Arts, NY, NY 2001

RESIDENCIES

Guest Artist, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT 2006
Guest Artist, Red Cinder Creativity Center, Na'alehu, HI 2006
Guest Artist, Stonehouse Contemporary Arts Residency, Miramonte, CA 2002

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Instructor, *Introduction to Monotype Printmaking*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2007
Instructor, *Drawing for Biologists*, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL 2007-9

Instructor, *Basic Bookmaking*, Valencia Community College, Orlando, FL 2003
Instructor, *Soft Ground Etching*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2003
Instructor, *Chine Collé and Bookbinding*, Cornell Fine Arts Museum, Winter Park, FL 2001
Instructor, *Introduction to Bookmaking*, Crealdé School of Art, Winter Park, FL 2000

SELECTED COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Green Art Project, collaborative community-based environmental art project, Fern Creek Elementary and Rollins College, Orlando, FL 2008
Ocean Art, collaborative community-based art/science project, Fern Creek Elementary and Rollins College, Orlando, FL 2007
Community Murals, collaborative community mural projects across Central Florida, 07-09
Cinema Art, collaborative mural for Enzian Theater in Maitland, FL 2005
Neighborhood Pride in Hannibal Square, Crealdé School of Art's collaborative community mural celebrating historic Hannibal Square in Winter Park, FL 2000

RECENT PRESS

"Three reasons to visit Dunedin Fine Art Center: weirdly wonderful art, a tribute to oceans, and jewelry with stories"
by Lennie Bennett, Art Critic, St. Petersburg Times, Sep. 23, 2009
"Leading Lights: Movers and shakers are ahead of the curve in the arts, politics, education and technology," By Leslie O'Shaughnessy, Winter Park Magazine, January 2009
"Professors Get Their Own Study Abroad Programs," The Chronicle Review, November, 2008
"Rachel Simmons at the Sarratt Gallery," Jonathan Marks, The Tennessean, April 7, 2008
"Water Colors," End Paper, The Chronicle Review, December 14, 2007
"Drawn to the Deep," Philip E. Bishop, The Orlando Sentinel, November 4, 2007
"Symbiosis Ties Natural to Artificial," The Orlando Sentinel July 1-7, 2005
"Symbiosis: Recent Works on Paper," Orlando Arts Magazine May/June 2005