

RESUME

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PERSONAL

Born Sept. 18, 1947, Willmar, MN, Married to Miriam Pederson, two children, Ben and Madeline.

EDUCATION

M.F.A. 1977 University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Sculpture.
B.A. 1969. Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-present Art Department Chairperson, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI
1996-2001 Coordinator, Art and Music Division, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI.
1994-2001 Art Department Chairperson, Aquinas College.
1992-present Professor of Art, Aquinas College.
1992,94,99 Resident Faculty/Director, Aquinas College Semester in Ireland program, Tully Cross, County Galway, Ireland.
1989-1991 Assoc. Professor of Art, Department Chairman, Aquinas College.
1987-1989 Assoc. Professor of Art, Department Co-chairperson, Aquinas College.
1982-1987 Asst. Professor of Art, Department Chairperson, Aquinas College.
1982 Asst. Professor of Art, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI.
1977-1981 Instructor of Art, Calvin College.
1975-1977 Teaching Associate, University of Minnesota, Mpls, MN.
1974-1975 Teaching Assistant, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.

EXHIBITIONS

2008(forthcoming) "Professing Sculpture: Ron Pederson and Seven Students from Three Decades," AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
2007 Aquinas College Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College
Davenport University, a collaborative exhibition of sculpture and poetry with Miriam Pederson.
2006 "Innerspace" Words and Art Competition, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College
2005 Team Red Ryder group show, Gallery TK, Northampton, Massachusetts
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
2004 "Evidence of Things Unseen," a collaborative exhibition of sculpture and poetry, with poet Miriam Pederson, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI (sabbatical exhibit)
2002 Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
2001 "Master Teachers," Frederik Meijer Gardens Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.
Aquinas College Faculty Exhibition at Australian Catholic University, Brisbane, Australia.
Annual Collegiate Exhibition, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art(UICA), Grand Rapids, MI.
Two Person exhibit. Cascade Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.

Exhibitions, cont

- 2000 Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
"Death Matters," UICA, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1999 Sculpture Invitational, Overbrook Art Gallery, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibit, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
- 1998 "Flashback, Flashforward," UICA, Grand Rapids.
"Celebration 98," First United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MI.
Rankin Center Gallery, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI.
Sculpture/Poetry Collaboration w/ M. Pederson.
- 1997 "Double Take," Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI. Sculpture/Poetry collaboration with Miriam Pederson.
"Enduring Conversations," UICA, Grand Rapids, MI. Sculpture/Poetry collaboration with Miriam Pederson.
- 1995 "Jump Start Your Heart" ULCA annual group exhibition, Underground Studio, Grand Rapids, MI.
"The Heavens," Aquinas College AMC gallery. Group exhibition including collaborative work done with physicist Charles Frydrych.
- 1995 Aquinas College Foster Planet Walk project. Art/Science collaboration and permanent installation with Charles Frydrych, Nancy Hart, and Jen Zimmerman, Grand Rapids, MI.
"Jump Start Your Heart" UICA annual group exhibition, Underground Studio, Grand Rapids, MI.
Two person exhibition, with Tim Van Laar, Trinity College, Palos Heights, IL.
"The West of Ireland," Grand Rapids Dominican Center Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. Collaboration with Miriam Pederson.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
Festival 95 Competition, VanAndel City Museum, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1994 Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
Sculpture Invitational, T.C. Downtown Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1993 Michigan Annual XXI, The Art Center, Mt. Clemens, MI.
Regional Competitive Exhibition, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI.
Designers Showcase Exhibition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Festival 93 Competition, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
- 1992 Sixth Annual Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, International Art Galleries, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1991 Hefner Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. Two Exhibitions: a gallery artists' group show and a three-person show.
Greenville College, Greenville, IL. Two-person exhibition of sculpture and poetry, with Miriam Pederson.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
- 1990 Artist-generated Dolls Invitational, UICA, Grand Rapids, MI.
Designers Showcase Exhibition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Hefner Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. Two-person show.
- 1989 "The Adding We Do In Our Sleep," Two-person exhibition of poetry and sculpture, with Miriam Pederson (sabbatical show), Aquinas College.
Hefner Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI. Group show.
Third Annual Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, International Art Galleries, Grand Rapids, MI.

Exhibitions, cont

- 1988 Second Annual Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, International Art Galleries, Grand Rapids, MI.
Sculpture Invitational, Aquinas College.
- 1987 Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, City Art Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.
Two Faculty Exhibitions(spring and fall), Aquinas College.
- 1986 Asbury College, Wilmore, KY. Two person show with
Tim Van Laar.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, AMC Gallery, Aquinas College.
- 1985 "Hot Stuff" Invitational Bronze Exhibition, DePree Art Center Gallery,
Hope College, Holland, MI.
6th Annual Michigan Competition, Battle Creek Art Center, Battle Creek,
MI.
- 1983 Designers Showcase Sculpture Exhibition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Springfest Exhibition, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI.
Aquinas Art Faculty Exhibition, Aquinas College.
"Four Artists, Four Media," City Art Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.
National "Chairs" Competition and Traveling Exhibition:
Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI, Virginia McCune Art
Center, Petosky, MI, Jessie Besser Museum, Alpena, MI, Old Town Center,
Traverse City, MI, Birmingham/Bloomfield Art Association, Birmingham,
MI, William Bonfas Fine Arts Center, Escanaba, MI.
Michigan Sculptors Invitational, Overbrook Art
Gallery, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI.
Outdoor Sculpture Invitational, Festival 1983, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1982 Competitive Exhibition, Battle Creek Art Center, Battle Creek, MI.
"Small Works" group show, Race Street Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.
Festival 1982 Competition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Hope College Outdoor Sculpture Competition and Exhibition, Holland, MI.
Finalist.
- 1981 Solo show, Creative Arts Gallery, Central Michigan University, Mt.
Pleasant, MI.
Solo show, Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, MI.
Festival Invitational Exhibition, Gallery Luisa, Grand Rapids, MI.
Old Mill Art Invitational, Holland, MI.
Festival 1981 Competition, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1980 "National Sculpture 80", Competition and Traveling Exhibition:
McKissick Museum, University of Southern Carolina, Columbia, SC,
Ashville Museum, Ashville, NC, Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville, AL,
University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL, Auburn University, Auburn, AL,
Clemson University, Clemson, SC.
All Michigan Drawing Show, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant,
MI.
Michigan College Faculty Competition, University of Michigan, Flint, MI.
Festival 1980 Competition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Michigan Artists 80/81, Grand Rapids Art Museum.
Two person-show with Tim Van Laar, Muskegon Museum of Art,
Muskegon, MI.
- 1979 Group show, UICA, Grand Rapids, MI.
Calvin Faculty Show, Hope College, Holland, MI.
Artforms Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI.

Exhibitions, cont

- 1978
Grand Rapids Blood Center, Grand Rapids, MI.
Sculpture On and Off the Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI.
Festival 1978 Competition, Grand Rapids, MI.
Art Faculty Exhibition, Calvin College.
Group Show, Grand Rapids Art Museum.
Solo show, Bethel College, St. Paul, MN.
- 1977
Group show, UICA, Grand Rapids, MI.
Invitational Exhibition, Grand Valley State Colleges, Allendale, MI.
MFA Thesis Exhibition, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006,
Lecturer, with Miriam Pederson, on collaborations, Grand Rapids Art Museum.
Lecturer, with Miriam Pederson, on collaborations, Westminster Presbyterian Church
- 2003
Awarded Sabbatical leave and materials grant to work on sculpture, Aquinas College.
- 2002
Juror and Lecturer on Sculpture, Grand Valley Artist Association, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2001
Lecturer on Sculpture, Frederik Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 2000
Juror, Michigan Education Association Annual High School Competitive Exhibition, Lansing, MI.
- 1999
Juror and Lecturer on Art, Grand Valley Artist Association, Grand Rapids, MI.
Interview (with Miriam Pederson) on Connemara Community Radio on the subject of our sculpture and poetry collaborations.
- 1998
Lecturer on Sculpture and Poetry collaboration, Rankin Center Gallery, Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI.
Awarded year-long sabbatical leave to create sculpture, Aquinas College.
- 1996
Juror, South Haven Arts Council Annual High School Competitive Exhibition, South Haven, MI.
Member, Frey Foundation Public Art Advisory Group, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1995
Visiting Artist, Grand Rapids Christian High School, Grand Rapids, MI.
Juror, Newago School District Art Competition, Newago, MI.
- 1994-6
Member, International Sculpture Center, Washington, DC.
- 1993
Visiting Artist, Creston Christian School, Grand Rapids, MI.
Juror, Western Michigan University Annual Student Exhibition, Kalamazoo, MI.
Lecturer: "Art and the Jurying Process", Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.
Lecturer on Art, Grand Valley Artists' Association, Grand Rapids, MI.
Visiting Scholar, Schoenhal Fine Art Symposium, Greenville College, IL,
Delivered two lectures and participated in a-seminar on artistic collaboration.
- 1990
Director of Exhibitions, Aquinas College Art Dept.
Awarded an Aquinas Faculty Development Grant to publish poetry/sculpture chapbook.
- 1988
Awarded a spring semester 1989 sabbatical leave from Aquinas College to create sculpture.

Related Professional Experience, Cont

- 1986-87 Art Reviewer, The Grand Rapids Press.
Member, Contemporary Arts Group, Grand Rapids Art Museum.
Member, International Sculpture Center.
- 1986 Lecturer on Sculpture, Asbury College, Wilmore, KY.
- 1985-86 Member, Program Committee, Grand Rapids Art Museum. Advisory Board
Member, UICA.
- 1984-86 Aquinas' representative to the Grand Rapids Arts Council.
- 1981-82 Director of Exhibitions, Calvin College.
- 1981 Visiting Lecturer on Sculpture, Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, MI.
Participant, National Sculpture 1981 Invitational Slide Exhibition,
sponsored by the Southern Assn. of Sculptors.
Juror, Hispanic Art Competition, First United Methodist Church, Holland
MI.
- 1980 Article: "Kipp at Calvin," Spark Magazine, Grand Rapids, MI, May 1980
(subject: the sculptor Lyman Kipp).
Art Curriculum Consultant, Northwestern College Art Department, Orange
City, IA
- 1979 Article: "In Defense of 'Enfant Terrible'," Grand Rapids Press, June 1979.
Visiting lecturer on Sculpture and Juror of two shows, Hope College,
Holland, MI.
- 1977-79 Resident Artist, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI.