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TRAINING

School of the Art Institute of Chicago: 1935 - 1939
Graduate Study: 1944 - 1946
University of Chicago: 1939 - 1940; 1945 - 1947
Austen Evening Junior College: 1942 - 1943
New York State College of Ceramics: Summer - 1944

DEGREES: BFA - 1940
MFA - 1947

ADDITIONAL STUDIES

Research in clay and glazes
Work at Archie Bray Foundation in Helena, Montana - *4 Summers at 1956-60*
Various workshops
Language Studies
1968 - Sabbatical grant to work in Japan (Bizen area) - *WORKED IN STUDIO of YU FUJIWARA*
1975 - Research grant for Terra Sigillata - *INSTITUTE GRANT* *Sum. 06 Ken Fujiwara*

TRAVEL: (Museum Study)

England, Holland, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Spain, Portugal, Austria, Greece, Crete, Yugoslavia, Jordan, Lebanon, Israel, Egypt, Iran, Cambodia, Thailand, India, China, Hongkong, Taiwan, Japan, Mexico, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Art Department, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois, 1944 - 1947
Ceramic Department, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1947 - 1983
Head of Fiber, Design, Clay Department
Chairman of Ceramic Department for many years
Rank - Professor (Appointed 1965)
Retired in May, 1983, Rank - Professor Emeritus

On April 3, 1991 at the annual meeting of NCECA (National Council for Education in the Ceramic Arts), I am to be one of six members to be recognized for my contribution to the field.

EXHIBITION RECORD

- *1988 - Chicago Fire 2 at North Pier, Chicago, IL
- *1988 - 3 Man Show at the Community Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
- 1987 - Whirlpool Sculpture Exhibition, Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI
- *1984 - Art of the Seventies, Gallery of the American Craftsman, Chicago, IL
- 1984 - 80th Exhibition of Artists of Chicago and Vicinity, Art Institute of Chicago
- 1983 - Survey of Illinois Artists - Lakeview Museum of Arts/Sciences, Peoria, IL
- *1982 - Chicago Clay IX - Burpee Art Museum, Rockford, IL
- 1982 - Columbia College Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 1982 - Orton Company "Cone Box Show", IN
- *1981 - Wichita Art Association, Wichita, KA
- *1981 - First Invitational Ceramic Exhibition, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL
- *1980 - Northern Illinois State College - DeKalb, IL
- *1980 - Joliet College, Joliet, Illinois
- *1980 - University of Indiana at Bloomington, IN
- *1980 - University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, MI
- *1980 - University of Pennsylvania at Edinburgh, PA
- *1979 - "Women in Art", Springfield Art Association of Springfield, IL
- 1977 - Beaux Arts, Designer/Craftsman - Columbus, Ohio
- 1976 - Orton Company Cone Box Show, Carbondale, IL

*Invitational

EARLIER EXHIBITS - JURIED

- Chicago and Vicinity Shows - Art Institute of Chicago
- Wichita Art Association - National Ceramic Shows - Wichita, KA
- Everson Museum, Syracuse, N.Y.
- 1966 Illinois Craftsmen Show - Springfield, IL
- North Central Regional ACC in Milwaukee, WI, 1966
- Mississippi River Craft Show, 1966 and 1970
- Clay, Fiber, Metal - St. Paul, MN
- South Shore Art League of Chicago, IL
- 1968 - Biennial Exhibit - Louisville, Kentucky Museum
- Midwest Designer/Craftsman - Art Institute of Chicago
- International Minerals and Mining, Skokie, IL

EARLIER EXHIBITS - Invitational

- North Central Regional - Midland, MI
- Renaissance Society, University of Chicago - Chicago, IL
- Barrone Gallery, New York
- Illinois Crafts Council - 1967
- Ceramic Guild - 1967, Japan
- National Merit Show, American Craft Council, Museum for Contemporary Crafts, N.Y. - 1966
- Morton Junior College - Cicero, IL
- St. John's College - St. Cloud, MN
- Rosary College - River Forest, IL
- Chicago Plate Exhibition, Gallery "A" - Evanston, IL
- National Invitational Exhibitions, Wichita Art Association, 1969, 1970 - Wichita, KA
- Mundelein College - Chicago, IL
- North Central Regional Invitational - 1971 - Midland, MI

ONE / TWO / THREE MAN SHOWS

Gallery Midnorth - Chicago, IL
Rockford College - Rockford, IL
3 Craftsmen, 1965 - Art Institute of Chicago
Chicago Public Library - Chicago, IL
Knox College - Galesburg, ILL
Morton Jr. College - Cicero, IL
Pottery, etc. - Chesterton, IN
Community Art Center, 1988 - Michigan City, IN
Sept, 1991 - Union League Club - Chicago, IL

AWARDS

1987 - Whirlpool Sculpture Award
1970 - South Shore Art League - Chicago, IL
1966 - Illinois Craft Show Purchase Award
1966 - National Merit Award - American Craft Council
1960 - Designer Award - Plate Design

GRANTS

Faculty Grant to Research Terra Sigillata (techniques of Ancient Greek Pottery) - 1975
Faculty Grant - 1968, 1969 to work in Japan

REPRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING COLLECTION

Jack Lenor Larson, N. Y.
William Brinka - Michigan City, IN
Basil Cross - Michigan City, IN
William Murphy - New York
Morton Junior College - Cicero, IL
Lakeview Museum of Arts/Sciences - Peoria, IL
Angelo Prieto Memorial Collection at Mills College - California
Mary Gehr - Wilmette, IL
Thomas Kapsalis - Chicago, IL
International Minerals and Chemical Corp. - Skokie, IL
Shirley Salas - Chicago, IL
Alice Westphal - Evanston, IL
Mr. and Mrs. Terrel - Navasota, Texas
Elton Breckonridge, Wisconsin
Raymond Weir - Indiana
Chele Benjamin - Chicago, IL
Ann and Leon Bishop - Chicago, IL
Gloria and Jeff Lippert - Flossmoor, IL
Virginia Guzior - Illinois
Gregory and Rebecca Kozlik - Chesterton, IN
Wichita Art Association - Wichita, KA
Sylvia Frank - Highland Park, IL
Ann Houlihan - Beverly Shores, IN