

SUZANNE PIECHOTTA BFA, B. ED

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts – Painting

Savanna College of Art and Design, Savanna, Georgia, USA
(Expected completion 2026)

Ongoing

Bachelor of Education – Specialization: Secondary Fine Art.

Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary

June 2019

Calgary, AB

Bachelor of Fine Arts, With Distinction – Painting

The Alberta University of the Arts (formerly the Alberta College of Art + Design)

May 2008

Calgary, AB

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Middle & Senior School Visual Art

(IB Middle Years Program Art 7, 8, 9 & Alberta Education Programs of Study 10, 20, 30) & IB Diploma Program Year One and Two Visual Art (Grades 11 & 12)

Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School

September-June 2021-Present

- Developed an engaging art curriculum for all skill levels, promoting creativity and self-expression through various mediums.
- Fostered a positive, inclusive learning environment, collaborating with Fine Arts team members to ensure continuity and belonging.
- Planned units highlighting student talents and interests, enhancing retention in the Visual Arts program.
- Structured the program to transfer ownership of learning, allowing students in Art 30s to engage in inquiry-based assignments.
- Designed a six-year program for exposure to multiple art mediums, building a diverse skill set by graduation.
- Created an engaging classroom through differentiated instruction, group tasks, technology integration, and one-on-one support.
- Utilized online resources for ongoing feedback and portfolio development for IB students.
- Established a two-year inquiry strategy for IB students to create cohesive portfolios for College Board submission.
- Implemented development processes for students' Comparative Study Research Portfolio with regular check-ins for guidance.
- Coordinated six-week initiatives for the IB Arts Exhibition, managing installations and public events.

Grade 10, 11, 12 Visual Art (10, 20, 30 Visual Art Programs of Study) &

Advanced Placement Visual Art (AP 2D, AP 3D and Ap Drawing)

Robert Thirsk High School – Calgary Board of Education

September 2021-June 2022

- Developed weekly lesson plans to support AP students in creating a portfolio per the College Board guidelines.
- Implemented a year-long inquiry strategy to help artists refine their artistic styles.
- Provided ongoing feedback to AP students for portfolio development.
- Incorporated Indigenous learning through a collaborative installation with the Indigenous studies class for Remembrance Day.
- Fostered collaboration with a grade 11 Social Studies class, Creative Writing class, and the broader community, including Ranchlands Elementary.
- Coordinated fine arts events, such as sales and galas.

PLP/ALP Visual Arts Inclusion (Pace Learning Program and Assisted Learning Program)

Robert Thirsk High School – Calgary Board of Education

September 2021-June 2022

- Designed and implemented lesson plans for neurodivergent students in the Art room.
- Created an inclusive and welcoming environment for students of various skill levels.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORKSHOP LEADERSHIP

Professional Development

- **2025**, IB Diploma Program Workshop- Category 3 Visual Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
- **2025**, Mental Health First Aid, Opening Minds, Mental Health Commission of Canada
- **2024**, IB Diploma Program Workshop- Category 2 Visual Arts, Las Angeles, California
- **2023**, IB Diploma Program Workshop- Category 1 Visual Arts, Las Angeles, California
- **2021**, Everett Public Schools APSI AP Art and Design Summer Institute (30 hours)
- **2017-2019**, Co-Curricular Enhancement transcript credit: The ACE Experience. University of Calgary

Workshop Leadership

- **2024**, Lego Printmaking. Innovative ways to create. Workshop Facilitator.
- **2024**, Sketch Sessions presenter: Panel One Comic Collective, Sketchbook Session- Create your own.
- **2024**, Graffiti Summer Camp Program Leader: The Expression of Counterculture
- **2023**, The power of "Yes" in the Art Room FirstSTEAM 2022 Conference. Banff, AB. The Fine Arts and Science Councils of the AB. Teachers' Association
- **2021**, Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching (WestCAST) Conference, Presenter.
The Gamification of Inquiry Learning.

SELECTED EXHIBITION EXPERIENCE

Group Shows

- **2024** See me. Hear Me. Canopy Art and Wellness. April. Acrylic on canvas
- **2024** Breaking Free Foundation Artist exhibition. April. Acrylic on the panel.
- **2024** Flip the Script, Fort Calgary. September 2023-January 2024.
Famous Calgarian Females, Woodburning, Acrylic and glitter on wood.
- **2022** Peoples Portrait Prize, Contemporary Calgary. Portrait Exhibition, Acrylic and Lace on canvas
- **2019** Thinking About Colour. The Grand YYC. August 24-September 30, 2019. Acrylic on paper and wood.
- **2019** Humans and Art. The Junction YYC. Phyco-Analytical Portraits. Acrylic on paper and wood.
- **2019** Breaking Free Foundation Artist exhibition. April. Acrylic on paper.
- **2018** Breaking Free Foundation Artist exhibition. April. Assemblage.
- **2012** How to Draw a Tree Calgary, AB. 1'x 1' Canvas, Cut Fabric, Acrylic
- **2012** Calgary Italian Bakery Mural: Leaning tower of sandwich. 10 meters x 30 meters. Painted Exterior.
- **2011** Empowerment Gym Mural: "Fitness is forever." Six murals in the gym.
- **2010** Art installation. Create! Vanharten, Foster Ivonelli Joshi Law Firm.
- **2009** Pond Animation Screening. Rockumentary Part one. Sled Island Festival.
- **2009** Animation Lock Down May 15th to 19th. Pond Animation.
- **2009** The Advantage. The ARTery Edmonton AB. January 24- February 16. 6 Canvas Dresses.
Canvas, Cut Fabric, Acrylic Paint.
- **2008** Design a Deck 7 Show. Artlife Gallery, Calgary, AB; The Auburn Saloon, October 3-26.
Skateboard deck, Acrylic Paint, Spray Paint.
- **2008** Factory Party 1. Artlife Gallery. Calgary, AB. August 30- September 1. Installation, Paint.
- **2008** Ignite Festival. Pumphouse Theatre. Calgary AB. Installation, Paint.

- **2008** AB. College of Art and Design: Graduation Show.
Closet hardware and hangings/ 13 garments, Cut Fabric, Acrylic Paint.
- **2008** Paintings, Glorious Paintings! AB. College of Art and Design, 371 Gallery. Painting Show Multi-Media and Bee carcasses.
- **2008** Urban City. AB. College of Art and Design Main Mall. Installation, Resign Cast
- **2008** Loss (Untitled). AB. College of Art and Design, 371 Gallery Installation, Multi-Media. Cut Fabric, Paint.
- **2007** CUBED (Untitled). Travelers Inn Motel, Bowness Road. Calgary AB. Installation, Multi-Media.
- **2007** KURED (Untitled). Kured Clothing Display Window. 17th Ave NW Calgary AB. Installation, mixed-media.
- **2006** Pleased to Meet You. AB. College of Art and Design. 1'x 1.5' Canvas, Cut Fabric, Acrylic Paint.
- **2005** Fiber Week Miniature Show. AB. College of Art and Design Main Mall. Felted Pushpins. Installation
- **2004** Amnesty International Woman's Day Event. MacEwan Hall, University of Calgary, AB. 48 cmX48 cm. Mixed-media on Plexiglas.

Professional Experiences- Working in The Arts Community

- **October 2008-10** Engagement Coordinator, Truck Gallery. Calgary, AB.
- **July-October 2008** Outreach Coordinator, TRUCK Gallery. Calgary, AB.
- **January- May 2008** Gallery Assistant: TRUCK Gallery. Calgary, AB.
- **October- April 2008** Vice President Academic: Albert College of Art and Design Student Association. Calgary, AB.
- **September 2007-** April 2008 Events Coordinator Panting Department AB. College of Art and sign. Calgary, AB.

COACHING AND EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

- **2024-2025**, Belonging Champions, DEI Committee Chair, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2024-& Ongoing**, Faculty Mentorship Program, Faculty Partner teacher to new faculty member
- **2023-2024**, Belonging Champions, DEI Committee member at large, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2023 & Ongoing** Assistant Filed Hockey Coach, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2023-& Ongoing**, Art Club, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2022-2023**, Illustration Week facilitator, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2022-2023**, Wheel Week facilitator, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2022-2023**, Assistant Filed Hockey Coach, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2022-2023**, Art Club, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2021-2022**, Art Club, Robert Thirsk High School
- **2021-2022**, Jr. Girls Basketball Head Coach, Robert Thirsk High School
- **2019-2020**, Anime Club, Robert Thirsk High School
- **2019-2020**, Tec-Style Club, Robert Thirsk High School
- **2019-2020**, Jr. Girls Basketball Head Coach, Robert Thirsk High School
- **2019-2020**, Field Hockey Assistant Coach, Robert Thirsk High School

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE & RECOGNITION

Educational and General Volunteer Experience

- **2024-2025**, Trip Leader, Vancouver IB Student Art Trip, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School
- **2023-** Teacher Supervisor, Fine and Performing Arts International Trip London, England.
- **2023-** Sr. School Band Camp supervisor, Camp Caroline, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School.
- **2019-2020-** Member at Large- Beakerhead Teacher Advisory Committee.
- **2019- 2020-** Member at Large- Beakerhead Creative Council.
- **2019-** Assistant Coach – Field Hockey, Nelson Mandela High School.
- **September 2018-March 2019-** Assistant Coach – Eastview Basketball, Minis basketball ages 6-9.

- **2018**- Head Coach – Alberta Field Hockey Association, FunStix Mount Pleasant team.
- **2018**- Assistant Coach – Alberta Field Hockey Association, Astros U12.
- **2018**- Assistant Coach – Field Hockey, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School, Sr. High team.
- **2018**- Assistant – Middle School Drama Club, Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School.
- **April-June 2018**- Classroom Assistant - Strathcona-Tweedsmuir School.
- **2018**- Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth, Transitioning into Post-Secondary Mentorship Program.
- **2015-2017**- Sparks Leader – Girl Guides of Canada, 30th Unit, Crystal Palace District
- **2017**- Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth, After School Program Facilitator.
- **2015-2018**. Pineridge Elementary School, Parent Volunteer.

History of Volunteer Positions Held in the Arts Community

- - **2008-09**: Programming Chair, MST Arts Festival, Calgary, AB.
- - **2008-09**: Vice President, MST Performative Arts Festival, Calgary, AB.
- - **2009**: Jury Member, Untitled Arts Society, Calgary, AB.
- - **2008-10**: Board Member, Revitalized Object Committee, Creative Kid Museum, Calgary, AB.
- - **2008-10**: Engagement Committee Member, TRUCK Gallery, Calgary, AB.
- - **2008-10**: Programming Committee Member, TRUCK Gallery, Calgary, AB.
- - **2007-08**: Academic Council Committee Member, AB College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB.
- - **2007-08**: Student Legislative Council Committee Member, AB College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB.
- - **2007-08**: Ad Hoc Committee Member, AB College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB.
- - **2007-08**: Chair, Academic Council Student Caucus, AB College of Art and Design, Calgary, AB.
- - **2007**: Practicum Study, TRUCK Gallery, Calgary, AB.

Recognition

- **2024-Present** Excellence in Education Scholarship, Savannah College of Art and Design
- **2019-2020**- Edwin Parr Excellence in Teaching Award- CBE Zone 5 recipient.
- **2007, 2008, 2018 and 2019**- Jason Lang Scholarship
- **2008**- ArtaWearness 8 Award Winner-Second Place.

Thank you.



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