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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting and Arts Leadership **2016**
Boston University College of Fine Arts

Continuing Education **2011 - 2012**
School of The Museum of Fine Arts Boston

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nancy Livingston and Fred Levin Artist-in-Residence **January 2016 - Present**
Boston Medical Center

- Designing and offering mindfulness-based perceptual drawing and painting workshops to patients in the oncology, pediatric emergency, and surgical recovery departments
- Developing a sustainable model for future Visual Arts programming at BMC through the residency
- Coordinating new Public Art projects throughout the hospital

Office Assistant **January 2015 – May 2016**
The Boston University School of Visual Arts

- Worked on special projects for the Director and Assistant Directors
- Gave tours of the school to prospective students and their families
- Generated content for the Arts Leadership Blog (January 2016 – May 2016)
- Served as Program Coordinator for The School of Visual Arts partnership with The Roxbury Preparatory Charter School Lucy Stone Campus
- Assisted faculty and administration with logistical needs
- General office responsibilities

Interactive Areas Coordinator **February 2015 – June 2015**
The Cambridge Arts Council

- Coordinated all of the interactive Arts programming for The 2015 Cambridge Arts River Festival, which welcomed 200,000+ visitors. Including: storytelling, poetry, street performers, an interactive chalk mural in memory of Sidewalk Sam, art installations using recycled materials, 3D printing demonstrations, and the display of 30 kinetic sculptures
- Worked closely with and provided administrative support to the Director of Community Arts
- Provided logistical support for 57 Community Tables vendors for the upcoming 2016 River Festival

Telecommunications Assistant **September 2014 – May 2015**
90.0 WBUR, Boston's NPR News Station

- Trained and oversaw all of the station's fundraising volunteers (100+ people) during seasonal pledge drives and telethons
- Experience using Allegiance Fundraising and database software
- Responsible for customer service email, telephone, and written correspondence on behalf of the membership department and the station

Co-founder **April 2013 – February 2015**
Still Running: An Art Marathon for Boston

- Multifaceted, greater Boston community art project in response to the 2013 Boston marathon Bombing (www.bostonartsmarathon.com for more information)
- Accomplishments include **13 community events**; Collaborations with Youth Service America, The Festival of Children Foundation, Artweek Boston, Circle The City, The Next 26, Boston Youth

- Symphony Orchestra, The BU Arts Crawl, and others; **Exhibitions** at Boston University, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Laura’s Center for the Arts, Boston Symphony Hall, and Boston City Hall; **22 news features** including NPR Morning Edition, The ARTery (WBUR), The Boston Globe, Esprit, and Boston Magazine; and **over 300 works of art gifted to local first responders** (The Boston Police Department, The United States Air Force, The Boston University Police), The Boston Athletic Association, and Boston Medical Center.
- Won **grant funding** from Youth Service America, The Festival of Children Foundation, and The Boston University Arts Initiative

Museum Ambassador

October 2012 – October 2013

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

- Gave guided, research-driven tours of the museum’s collections
- Answered questions and engaged with visitors on a regular basis
- Made research contributions for new collections textbook

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Program Coordinator and Mentor

September 2014 – May 2016

Roxbury Preparatory Charter School Lucy Stone Campus

- Designed and taught visual arts workshops for at-risk youth aimed at expanding students’ technical and conceptual artistic knowledge
- Fostered meaningful relationships between BU students and middle school youth
- Responsible for back end coordination of workshop scheduling, grant writing, and afterschool events

Studio Art Instructor

December 2013 – May 2016

The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

- Led weekly group fine arts lessons and craft activities in the Creative Arts Studio
- Worked with patients one-on-one on individualized projects

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS

Dean’s Award

May 2016

Dean Lynne Allen, Boston University College of Fine Arts

- Recipient of the first annual Dean’s Award from The Boston University College of Fine Arts. Awarded in recognition of ongoing commitment to community service through The Arts.

Grantee

January 2016

Santander Urban Impact Mircogrant Program

- Wrote and won a grant proposal for \$3,000 in funding to expand the curriculum offerings of The Boston University SVA/Roxbury Prep Partnership, develop a new teacher training program to better prepare BU student volunteers, establish an ongoing partnership with the Roxbury Innovation Center and BU/Roxbury Prep students, and transition to a sustainable model for future programming.

Presenter

February 2015

TEDxGrandForks 2015: “Launch”

- Invited to give **TEDx Talk**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bL7V4iNcxWs>

Citizen Artist Award

April 2014

Dean Benjamin Juarez, Boston University College of Fine Arts

- In recognition of contributions in art for societal impact through “Still Running”

Ambassador to Massachusetts

July 2013 – July 2014

Youth Service America

- Nationally recognized for work on “Still Running: An Art Marathon for Boston”
- Attendance to leadership and nonprofit development training on Capitol Hill
- Grant Funding from The Festival of Children Foundation