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### Solo Shows

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- “&&”: TRAPCAT Gallery, Palos Heights, IL, 2010

### Group Shows

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- **2011**
  - B.A. Thesis Show, Seerveld Gallery
- **2010**
  - DeYoung Furniture Night of the Arts Show
  - SARS, Trinity Christian College
  - Opus, Trinity Christian College
- **2009**
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- **2008**
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  - Opus, Trinity Christian College
- **2007**
  - Northern Indiana Center for the Visual and Performing Arts
  - Regional High School Student Art Exhibit, South Suburban College
  - Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition
- **2006**
  - Regional High School Student Art Exhibit, South Suburban College
  - Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition
- **2005**
  - Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition; Honorable Mention

### Awards

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- **Opus 2010:** Second Place Drawing, Third Place Sculpture
- **Northern Indiana Center for the Visual and Performing Arts 2007:** First Place
- **Regional High School Student Art Exhibit, 2007:** Honorable Mention
- **Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition, 2007:** Best In Show, People's Choice Award
- **Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition, 2006:** First Place
- **Thornton Fractional South High School Art Exhibition, 2005:** Honorable Mention

### Employment History

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| 2009-Present | <b>Seerveld Gallery</b> , Palos Heights, IL 60463<br><b>Gallery Monitor</b>                        |
| 2010-Present | <b>Rowley Kennerk</b> , Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, IL 60463<br><b>Teacher's Aid</b> |
| 2010-Present | <b>Hearts In Motion</b> , Highland, IN 46322<br><b>Intern</b>                                      |

### Education

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| 2007-2011 | <b>Trinity Christian College</b> , Palos Heights, IL 60463<br><b>Bachelors Degree</b> in Studio Art with a minor in Art History<br><b>Bachelors Degree</b> in Sociology |
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## Art Experience

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- **2010**
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for artist Brandon Alvendia, October
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for artist Ben Foch, September
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for artist Jeff Dekock's *Faces of Dignity*, February
  - Wheaton College, Installed for artist John Bakker, February
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for artist collaborative Hideous Beast's *Survival School*, January
- **2009**
  - Seerveld Gallery, De-installed for artist Tomas Moreno's *Land Country: Earth Place*, December
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for artist Tomas Moreno's *Land Country: Earth Place*, November
  - Seerveld Gallery, De-Installed for Trinity Christian College Alumni Show, October
  - Seerveld Gallery, Installed for Trinity Christian College Alumni Show, September

## Activities

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- **Christian Solidarity Program**
  - **Volunteer 2008-2011**
  - **Fundraising Coordinator, Stateside 2010-2011**
  - Consisted of going to Honduras and building pilas and latrines for over 20 homes in the southern areas.
  - Consisted of going to Honduras and leading Vacation Bible School.
  - Consisted of raising funds for Christian Solidarity Program's different missions.
- **Unending Grace Outreach Ministry**
  - **Website Designer, 2009-2011**
  - **School Scholarship Co-Coordinator, 2009**
  - **Fundraising Co-Coordinator, 2009-2011**
  - Consisted of designing, and updating, a website for UGOM
  - Consisted of coordinating fundraising events for the non-profit organization, specifically to fund projects in Honduras including a school scholarship program
- **Midwest Campus Compact Citizen-Scholar (M3C) Fellowship**
  - **Mentor, 2010-2011**
  - Working with fellows in the AmeriCorps program communicating the importance of service learning and improving the community through volunteer work
- **Mission Council 8 Kentucky Mission**
  - **Chair, 2009**
  - **Social and worship committees, 2006-2008**
  - **Attendee, 1998-2010**
  - Consisted of volunteer mission work that consisted of rehabilitating homes within the Eastern Kentucky area, as well as running Vacation Bible School.
- **Hearts In Motion**
  - **Trip member, 2005**
  - **Thrift Store employee, 2005-2006**
  - Consisted of working in an orphanage and nutrition center in Guatemala.
  - Following the trip, I also worked in the Thrift Store.
- **Lansing Presbyterian Church**
  - **Middle School Youth Group Leader, 2005**
  - **Sunday School Teacher, 2005-2006**
- **Harold Colbert Jones Memorial Community Center**
  - **Elementary School Tutor, 2003-2005**
- **The Fountain blog**
  - **Co-founder, 2010**
  - **Contributing Writer, 2010**
  - This blog is to spread news about upcoming shows in Chicago as well as provide reviews and information to the art community at Trinity

Christian College.

- **Varsity SARS**
  - **Co-Founder, 2010**
  - This is a traveling show between four colleges in the Chicago area; Trinity Christian College, Judson University, Wheaton College and North Park University. This position consists of coordinating students to show student work.