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Education

M.A. Studio Art, Connecticut College, New London, CT
B.A. Art History, Barnard College, New York, NY
Skowhegan School of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME -2 summers
Art Students League, New York, NY

Teaching Experience

1997-1998 Public Programs Associate, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
1968-1997 Director of Adult Studio Art Program, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, N.L., CT
1972 - 1979 Visiting Lecturer/Visiting Assistant Professor Connecticut College, N.L., CT
1971 - 1977 Lecturer, Mohegan Community College, Norwich, CT
1970 Lecturer, University of Connecticut, Avery Point, Groton, CT

Solo Exhibitions

2007 "*I Hope I never Get Old, He Said*", drawings, Hygienic Gallery, New London, CT
2007 "*Still Life*", U. of Connecticut Medical Center, exhibition gallery, Farmington, CT
2006 "*The Divine Ecology*", Beth Shalom Synagogue, Chester, CT
2003 "*Women of Mystery, Men of Prophecy: Biblical Visions*"
Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT Jan 7-June 2003
2002 "*Women of the Bible*", Beth Shalom Synagogue, Chester, CT
2001 Mathewson Street United Methodist Church Gallery, Providence, RI
1999-2000 "*Images From Sacred Text*", Slater Museum, Norwich, CT
1994 Hoxie Gallery, Westerly Public Library, Westerly, RI
1994 Gallery 401, Providence, RI
1990 Center Gallery, JCC, Stamford, CT
1989 Retrospective Exhibition, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
1989 "*Wrestling With The Angel*," Yeshiva University Museum, New York, NY
1989 Vangarde Gallery, New London, CT
1986 "*Landscapes*", John Slade Ely House, New Haven, CT
1982 Kaber Gallery, New York, NY
1981 Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, CT
1981 Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
1980 Purdue University Gallery, Lafayette, IN
1975, 1976, 1978 Pleiades Gallery, Soho, New York, NY
1975 Connecticut College, New London, CT
1966 Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
1966 Mystic Art Association Gallery, Mystic, CT

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2010 *"The Dura-Europus Project"*, Philadelphia Museum of Jewish Art, PA
- 2010 *"Seduced by the Sacred"*, Mandell JCC Gallery, Hartford, CT
- 2009-10 Orchard Street Shul Cultural Heritage Project, John Slade Ely House, NH, CT
- 2009 *"Tzelem: likeness and Presence in Jewish Art"*, Stanton St Synagogue, NYC
- 2009 *Visual Midrash*, Center for Jewish Art, Lantana, FL
- 2008 *ART 2008*, Biennial Exhibition, Rosen Museum Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
- 2007 *Art as Midrash, Midrash as Art*, Nathan D. Rosen gallery, Boca Raton, FL
- 2006 *Art 2006*, Biennial Exhibition, Rosen Museum Gallery, Boca Raton, FL
- 2005 *"Being Good: Women's Moral Values in the New Milleneum"*, Alva Gallery, NL,CT
- 2004 *"Let There Be Light"*, JCC Greater Baltimore, Baltimore, MD
- 2000 *"Women's Voices,"* Community Art Collaboration, Hygienic Gallery, N.L.,CT
- 2000 *"Concerning the Spiritual in Art,"* New Bedford Art Museum, New Bedford, MA

- 1997, 1998 *"Bringing Art to the Research Environment,"* Pfizer, Corp., Groton, CT
- 1997 *"Reading Between the Lines: New Works Inspired by Traditional Texts,"*
 Starr Gallery, Newton Centre, MA
- 1996 *"Jerusalem 3000 Arts Exhibition,"* Garde Arts Center, New London, CT
- 1996 *"Mystic Art Association Retrospective"*, Mystic Art Ass'n. Gallery, Mystic, CT
- 1995 *"Society's Choice,"* Griffis Art Center, New London, CT
- 1995 *"350th Anniversary of New London: Calendar Artists"*,
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1994 *"Cornucopia,"* Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1993 - 1998 *"Woman of Valor,"* Yeshiva University Museum, New York, NY
 (Traveled to Cincinnati, Denver, Phoenix, Chicago, Canada & Jerusalem)
- 1993 *"16 Women Artists,"* Slater Museum, Norwich, CT
- 1991 to present (most years): CT Academy of Fine Arts Annual, Slater Museum, Norwich, CT or
 alternately Mystic Art Association Gallery, Mystic,CT
- 1991 *"The Artist Sees New London,"* Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1990 *"Variations On A Theme,"* Slater Museum, Norwich, CT

- 1989 *"Connecticut Women Artists,"* Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1989 *"Still Life Now,"* Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, CT
- 1988 *"Contemporary Artists,"* Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1988 MS Gallery, Hartford, CT
- 1988 Connecticut Artists Showcase, CT. Commission On The Arts, Hartford, CT
- 1987 *"Four Painters,"* John Slade Ely House, New Haven, CT
- 1987 *"Realism, Two Artists,"* Bushnell Hall Gallery, Hartford, CT
- 1986 *"Art of the Northeast USA"* Silvermine Guild, New Canaan, CT
- 1986 *"Art and Technology"*, Cummings Art Center, New London,CT1985
- 1986 *"Painting,"* Invitational, Cummings Art Center, New London, CT
- 1985 75th Anniversary Show, CT. Academy of Fine Arts, Wm Benton Museum,CT
- 1985 Still Life Invitational, Shippee Gallery, New York, NY
- 1985 *"Connecticut Still Life,"* Invitational, Slater Museum, Norwich, CT
- 1984 *"Twentieth Century Paintings,"* Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
- 1984 *"Connecticut Artists, A Rare Show,"* Xerox Corporation, Stamford, CT
- 1984 *"Connecticut Women Artists,"* Eastern Connecticut State University,
 Wilimantic, CT
- 1981 *"Seven Artists,"* Aaron Berman Gallery, New York, NY
- 1981 Zoma Gallery, New York, NY

- 1981 "Connecticut Artists," Slater Museum, Norwich, CT
 1980 "Women Artists," Invitational, Connecticut College, New London, CT

Current commission

"Women of the Book" - A collaborative scroll of midrashic paintings on parchment. Fifty-four international women artists will each do one piece. To be exhibited in Israel and US.

Public Collections

New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, CT
 Pfizer, Inc. Corporate Collection
 Slater Museum, Norwich, CT
 Housatonic Museum of Art, Bridgeport, CT
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
 The Museum of Fine Arts, Springfield, MA
 The First National Bank of Boston, Boston, MA
 The Williams Memorial Institute, New London, CT
 The Skowhegan School Permanent Collection, Skowhegan, ME
 Yeshiva University Museum, New York, NY

Grants

- 1990 Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture
 1977 Yaddo Fellow, Saratoga Springs, NY
 1986 Falk Foundation for Creative Excellence
 Elected Member, Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts

Publication

- Dec. 2002 "Women of Mystery, Men of Prophecy: Biblical Visions by Janet Shafner"
 hard-cover, 36 color plates ISBN 0-967-76973-6
 Published by Jewish Heritage Project, Inc. NY,NY

Scholar in Residence/Public Lectures

- Feb 2007 Scholar in Residence, Arizona State University, Tempe,AZ
 April 2006 Scholar in Residence, Harrison Conference Center, Princeton, NJ
 May 2005 "The Audacity of the Sages: Images Inspired by the Talmud", YU Museum, NYC
 Jan 2005 Hadassah of Coral Gables, FL: "An Artist's Vision"
 Mar 2004 Young Israel of Boca Raton, FL : "Approaching Torah Through Art"
 Oct. 2003 Scholar in Residence: 10th Annual Samuel Krupnick Memorial Lecture,
 St. Louis, MO; "An Artist's Vision: How Biblical Women Changed the World"
 March 2004 Young Israel of Boca Raton, FL; "Approaching Torah Through Art"
 Oct. 2004 Cong. Ahavath Chesed, New London, CT; "Visual Midrash"
 Nov. 2004 JCC Greater Baltimore, Baltimore, MD; "Let There Be Light"

Exhibitions Curated

- 1998 "The Developing Artist" - (Developed 10 part series of programs for the developing artist)
 Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
 1989 "Contemporary African-American Printmakers", Lyman Allyn Art Museum, NL,CT.
 1989 "Furniture" Contemporary Expressions", Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT
 1988 "New Artists, New Drawings," Lyman Allyn Art Museum, New London, CT.