

# Elizabeth M Barksdale

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## EDUCATION

2003 MFA Georgia Southern University; Statesboro, GA  
1995 BFA University of Alabama at Birmingham; Birmingham, AL  
1990 Alabam School of the Fine Arts  
1987 The Douglass Anderson School of the Arts.

## SHOLARSHIPS & ASSITANTSHIPS

2001 Graduate Assistantship Georgia Southern University  
1994 Senior Scholarship, Department of Art and Art History; UAB  
1993 Edith Frohock Scholarship , Department of Art and Art History; UAB  
1990 UAB Honor Scholarship  
1988 Congress Bundestag Young Ambassador to Germany

## HONORS

1995 Magna Cum Laude  
1995 Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, UAB Chapter  
1993 Golden Key National Honor Society, UAB Chapter  
1991 Alpha Lambda Delta, Honor Society, UAB Chapter

## RELATED SKILLS

### Artistic

- Designing and creating 3-D & 2-D art
- Sculpture: fun-kin, metal, ceramic, mixed media, paper mache, and other media and other processes
- 2-D: Photoshop, mural painting, print making, and other media and processes

### Program Designing

- Grants writing & implementation
- Program designing for children, adults, & families
- Working with a variety of people, groups, and organizations with sensitivity to differing needs and perspectives
- Art instructor: creating and instructing various art techniques

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ART DIRECTOR

2013 *Mahopac Carmel Pumpkin Fest* Art Director; Chamber Park, Mahopac, NY

- Developed the designs for new fun-kin decorations
- Worked with board to plan festival including developing details such as decoration layout, public safety, volunteer coordination, and flow of people through park
- Coordinated with team members on carving, constructing, installing, and lighting displays in the park for the festival

### INSTRUCTOR

### CREDIT COURSES

2007 - 2010 Digital Imaging I Lecturer, Westchester Community College; Valhalla, NY  
2006 Digital Design Lecturer, University of Texas at Arlington, TX  
2004 Faculty member / Lecturer / BFA Advisor; Savannah State University; Savannah, GA  
2003 Intro to 3-Dimensional Design; Georgia Southern University; Statesboro, GA  
1996 - 2000 Stained Glass; Jefferson State Community College; Trussville, AL

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### ENRICHMENT CLASSES / ART PROJECTS

- 2012 Digital Art; Pre-collage program, Westchester Community College, Peekskill, NY
- 2012 Quick Start Photoshop; Westchester Community College, Peekskill, NY
- 2011 Kidz Country: Art Instructor
- 2010 Animation: Pre-collage program, Westchester Community college, Peekskill, NY
- 1995 - 2001 Hand Building with clay, Bronze Casting, Stained Glass; centers, bussinesses, private; AL
- 1996 - 2000 Stained Glass; University of Alabama at Birmingham Special Studies; Birmingham, AL
- 1996 - 1998 Birmingham City Schools: Monumental Art Works Project: indoor and outdoor sculpture, canvas and mural painting, mosaics. Avondale & Whatley Elementary Schools, Hayes Middle School, and the Kennedy Learning Center, a high school for at-risk youth.
- 1996 City of Birmingham Olympic Program: "Windows into Birmingham"  
Artist: Large scale abstract figurative paintings at Kennedy School. Paintings were displayed in storefronts in downtown Birmingham, Alabama for the 1996 Olympic Games. Project concluded with an auction to raise funding for school art programs.
- 1994 - 1996 Japanese Fish Printing, Native American Arts and Crafts, Story Painting, and Sculpture, Holiday Classes; Birmingham Museum of Art; Birmingham, AL

### GRANT COORDINATOR

- 2001 - 2003 Grassroots Arts Program Coordinator; Graduate Assistatship, Georgia Southern University; Statesboro, GA
- Guided applicants in grant writing
  - Assisted the Advisory Board in award decisions
  - Generated reports

### EDUCATION ASSISTANT

- 2001 Education Assistant, Telfair Museum of Art; Savannah, GA
- Scheduled groups, docents, and artists for tours and for projects
  - Gave tours and conducted projects with school groups of various ages and needs

### GRANTS

- 2013 *The Land of the Dancing Dragon.* Youth project integrating elements from the Common Core Curriculum into a sculpture and book making project a the Kindergarten at the Falls school. Art Education Grant awarded through the Putnam Arts Council, Mahopac NY. This project was partially funded through the New York State Council on the Arts.
- 2013 *Thousands of Feathers.* Youth project integrating elements from the common core curriculum into a sculpture and book making project a the Kindergarten at the Falls school. Art Education Grant awarded through the Putnam Arts Council, Mahopac NY, 10541. This project was funded in part throught the New York State Council on the Arts.
- 2013 *The Arts of Storytelling.* Famliy and youth puppet project with shows and projects at Patterson and Bewster library. Putnam Arts Fund Grant awarded throught the Putnam Arts Council, Mahopac, NY 10541. This project was funded in part throught the public funds from Putnam County.

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## GRANTS continued

- 2004 *We Are All Leaves on the Tree of Life.* Youth and adult mosaic tile mural project with the Wesley Community Centers. Weave-A-Dream grant awarded through Cultural Affairs, Savannah, GA
- 2004 *Tompkin's Poets.* Youth Spoken Word and poetry book program with the Savannah Department of Leisure Services. Weave-A-Dream grant awarded through a Cultural Affairs and local businesses; Savannah, GA
- 2004 *My World.* Youth photography program with Saint Mary's Home, a home for youth. Weave-A-Dream grant awarded through Cultural Affairs, Savannah, GA.

## PROJECT DIRECTOR

- 2004 *A Celebration of Life.* Family based program of sculpture with the Chatham County Victim-Witness Assistance Program. Funded through several Chatham County organizations and local businesses, Savannah, GA
- 2004 *Renaissance at the Rocks.* Interdisciplinary show in river area through Evans County Park and Recreation; Swainsboro, GA. Grassroots Arts program grant of the GCA, partially funded through the National Endowment for the Arts.

## PUBLIC ART

- 2004 Wesley Community Centers; Savannah, GA  
*Growth.* Figurative bronze sculpture for court yard  
*We are all Leaves on the Tree of Life.* Mosaic tile mural created by local artists and volunteers utilizing hand made tiles created by children and adult recipients of the community center's services. Weave-A-Dream grant from the Department of Cultural Affairs; Savannah, GA
- 2004 *Falling Rock Woman.* Bronze sculpture, Georgia Southern University; Statesboro, GA
- 2004 *Yamacraw Project.* Assisted sculptor Jerome Meadows with detail wax working on two life-sized children figures for a bronze sculpture; Savannah, GA
- 1996 - 1999 Whatley Elementary School: Birmingham, AL  
Wall mosaic for courtyard created by local artists with children in the school's summer program begun as part of Sloss Furnaces Association: *Landscape Learning Project*  
Stepping stones for garden stage: Sloss Furnaces Association: *Landscape Learning Project*
- Birmingham Museum of Art: Inner City Mural Project  
Murals painted with local children in their own communities
- 1998 Birmingham YWCA; *A Week Without Violence* Local artists and homeless children.  
1997 Luvman's Village Community Center; Basutu style mural painted with community children  
1996 Avondale Library; Pre-Columbian Ball Game project. Mural painted with local children,  
1996 Collegeville Community Center; Pre-Columbian Art. Mural painted with community children  
1995 Collegeville Community Center; Figurative Painting. Mural painted with community children  
1994 Legion Field Fire Station Wall; Jacob Lawrence project. Mural painted with community youth

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## PRIVATE MURALS

2012 Girls bedroom  
2012 Kidz Country: repaired several murals; Mahopac, NY  
2009 - 2010 Ocean scene in Kozy Korner Childcare; Mahopac, NY  
2008 - 2009 Country scene in the hallways of Thom Thumb Prschool; Mohegan Lake, NY  
1994 - 2000 Various murals for businesses and residences; greater Birmingham area, AL

## EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS

### New York

2013 *The Art of the Pumpkin*; Sculpture show; The Museum of the Pumpkin at the Great Jack 'O Lantern Blaze, Van Courtland Manor, Croton-on-the-Hudson, NY  
2013 Ossining in 3-D; Outdoor sculpture show for the Ossining Bicentennial; Ossining, NY  
2013 *Visions for White Plains*: exhibiting sculptor, show of public art proposals, White Planes, NY.  
2010 - 2013 *The Farm Project*; Annual outdoor sculpture exhibition; Saunder's Farm, Garrison, NY  
2012 *Scarecrow*; Outdoor sculpture show; Lyndhurst, Tarrytown, NY  
2010 *Evolution*; Juried theme based exhibition; Belle Levine Art Center, Mahopac, NY

### Massachusetts

2012 - 2013 *Appearances*; Provincetown Conservation Trust Art Show; Provincetown, MA

### Connecticut

2010 *Art to the Avenue 2010*; Selected artist displays in stores; Greenwich, CT

### Texas

2006 *Rhythm: UTA*; University of Texas at Arlington; Arlington, TX  
Installation of cast aluminum sculpture in the Fine Arts studio courtyard.

### Georgia

2004 *Wading Trees*; George L. Smith State Park; Twin City, GA. Solo exhibition.  
Installation of cast aluminum sculpture into Cypress lake area. Audience interaction included  
2004 *Ebb and Flow*; Back Tybee; Tybee Island, GA. Solo exhibition.  
Arts event: cello, spoken word, performance, sculpture, landscape, and audience interaction  
1996 *Miniatures*; Coastal Center for the Arts; St. Simmons Island, GA. Juried show.

### Alabama

1996 - 2000 *The Magic City Art Connection*; Lynn Park; Birmingham, AL  
Annual national outdoor juried exhibition of Fine Arts and Fine Crafts  
1998 - 2000 *Thomas Project Presents*; Member artists group shows; Birmingham, AL

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## Alabama continued

- 1998 *Power, Grace, and Rhythmic Flow*; Barehands Gallery; Birmingham, AL  
One person exhibition of mixed media figurative sculpture
- 1998-1999 Gallery artists group shows; Barehands Gallery; Birmingham, AL
- 1988-1999 Gallery artist shows; Naked Art; Birmingham, AL
- 1997 *Balancing the Table*; Artomotive Gallery; Birmingham, AL  
Two person exhibition of sculpture and photography
- 1997 *Birmingham Botanical Society Benefit Auction*; Birmingham, AL  
National invitational by-annual auction
- 1995 *Cashe of Jewels*; United Negro College Fund benefit auction; Birmingham, AL
- 1995 *The Alabama Family: Historic Images and Contemporary Comments*; Alabama Artist's Gallery; Montgomery, AL. Invitational exhibition; Alabama State Council of the Arts
- 1994 *Kissing the Moon*; Birmingham Art Association; Birmingham, AL. Multi media, group invitational show. Grant funded by the Alabama State Council of the Arts

## Florida

- 1995 "BAA Exchange Show," 621 Gallery; Tallahassee, FL. Invitational exhibition.

## PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHY

- 1995 *Wooden Back*; Photographic image featured in *Altered States*, arts publication; Birmingham, AL
- 1994 *Images in Stone*; Installation mural featured in "The Best of Birmingham" article; Birmingham Magazine; Birmingham, AL
- 1994 *Good Bye*; Photographic image featured as cover of *Salon*, arts publication; Birmingham, AL

## ARTIST MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Member of Collaborative Concepts
- Putnam Arts Council
- MoMa

## REFERENCES

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