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EDUCATION: **CORNELL UNIVERSITY – College of Art, Architecture, and Planning**
Bachelor of Architecture, 1981
CORNELL UNIVERSITY – College of Human Ecology
Bachelor of Science in Design, Fine Arts and Architecture, 1977

REGISTRATIONS & ASSOCIATIONS:
REGISTERED ARCHITECT, State of NY, 1993

EXHIBITIONS:

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| Garrett Club , Buffalo, NY, Exhibition and lecture | Mar–Apr, 2022 |
| Buffalo Art Movement(BAM) , one-woman show, 54 works Pierce Arrow Building, Buffalo, NY | Feb–Mar, 2022 |
| 24th Annual Juried Members Exhibition , WNY Artists Group Gallery | Apr–May, 2022 |
| Hauptman-Woodward Medical Reserarch , exhibition of 9 works | Nov 2021–May, 2022 |
| MOOG, East Aurora, NY , exhibition of 11 works | Feb–Jun, 2022 |
| Buffalo Soc. Of Artists 125th Catalogue Exhibition Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, 2 pieces selected | Sep–Oct, 2019 |
| 29th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition WNY Artists Group Gallery, Dennis Kois, juror, One piece, 1 st Place | Mar–Apr, 2020 |
| 20/20 Vision: Women Artists in WNY Castellani Art Museum, Niagara University, 1 piece | Feb–Aug, 2020 |
| 24th Annual Juried Members Exhibition , Prof. Xia Jiang, juror WNY Artists Group Gallery, “bethlehemrose”, 1 st Place | Feb–Mar, 20202020 |
| Buffalo Soc. Of Artists 124th Catalogue Exhibition Sisti Gallery North, Margaret Muto, Juror, 2 pieces | Sep–Oct, 2019 |
| 28th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition , John Opera, juror WNY Artists Group Gallery, One piece | Aug–Sep, 2019 |
| Trilogies XXIX – The Work of Three Artists WNY Artists Group Gallery, Buffalo | April–May, 2019 |
| Members Exhibition - WNY Artists Group Gallery, Buffalo | Mar–Apr, 2019 |
| Buffalo Soc. Of Artists Catalogue Exhibition WNY Artists Group Gallery, Martin Kruck juror, One piece | Oct–Nov, 2018 |
| 27th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition , Scott Propeack, jur. WNY Artists Group Gallery, “tunnelvision”, 2 nd Place | Aug 24–Sep, 2018 |
| Betty’s Restaurant , One-woman show | Jan–Mar, 2017 |
| ECHO ART FAIR , Juried Art Fair, Buffalo, NY Painted Works | May, 2016 |
| BLUEHOUSE STUDIO , Opening of house and Painted works | May 2012 |
| STUDIO VISIT MAGAZINE , Painting selected, Distribution in galleries nationwide, 2013 | |
| ALLENTOWN DRESS SHOP , Buffalo, NY “Recent Works”, One-woman show in collaborative display during Allentown Arts Festival | Jun–Jul, 2009 |
| FULLERCRAFT MUSEUM, Brockton, MA “The Perfect Fit”, Juried Travelling Exhibit, One piece of work selected | Jun, 2009–Jan, 2010 |
| BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS , 1 piece selected each show Betty’s Restaurant, Juried | May–Jul, 2009 |
| Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Carriage House, Buffalo, May 30 – Jun 30, 2009 | |
| BURCHFIELD-PENNEY ART CENTER Members Exhibition, <i>Guth Barn II</i> , oil | Dec–Mar, 2008 |
| BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS, Keenan Center for the Arts Members’ Exhibition, Juried, 1 piece selected | |
| ARTS COUNCIL IN BUFFALO AND ERIE COUNTY “Imagining Buffalo”, Recent Works in Oil | Jun–Jul, 2004 |
| AUTOHAUS VOLKSWAGON, Phaeton Unveiling Reception Installation of painted works on scaffolding with lighting, to create urban atmosphere in automobile showroom Formal reception. Temporary installation | 2004 |
| SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS “Finding Space”, An Installation of Recent Works in Oil | Jan–Feb, 2004 |

Painted works were hung to create space and to study the relationship of the painted work to the wall.

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"*All Buffalo*", Exhibit of Recent Work Jun-Sep, 2003
"Mesmerized By Architecture", Exhibit of Recent Work Jun-Aug, 2002
SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS Feb-Mar, 2001
"A Different Light", Recent Works in Oil, 2-Person Show

ARTIST RESIDENCIES:

VERMONT STUDIO CENTER RESIDENCY, Johnson, Vt. Mar-Apr, 2020
[cancelled due to pandemic]

CURATED EXHIBITIONS:

ALBRIGHT-KNOX ART GALLERY, Buffalo, NY April, 2006
"Paint & Experience", an exhibit of paintings done by architectural students and hung in the Museum's educational wing, Conceived, facilitated, and lead workshop.
UB CENTER FOR THE ARTS, Buffalo, NY Mar-Apr, 2003
"Occupied Walls", An installation of drawings and constructs by the Junior Design Studio, School of Architecture and Planning, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, Conceived and facilitated.

SET DESIGN:

"Henry V" Summer 2014
Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY
"The Fairy Queen", "Macbeth", "Falstaff" Summer 2014
D'ellArte Opera Ensemble, NY, NY
"Hamlet" Summer 2013
Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY
"Rumors" Winter 2007-08
Siena College, Department of Creative Arts

WORK EXPERIENCE:

ARTIST, Paintings in oil on canvas [primarily], mixed media works ongoing
PRINCIPAL, Karen JS Tashjian, Architect, East Concord, NY, Nov. 1993-Present
Owner of Architectural Design Firm doing residential, small commercial, and community work, as well as planning and feasibility studies.
Focus on design and creation of space, as well as green and sustainable practice.
"bluehouse", Residential Reclamation, Buffalo, NY Sep 2009-Sep 2011
Comprehensive design/renovation/reclamation of urban structure, Buffalo, NY
Waterman Professional Office, Passive Solar Design, East Concord, NY
Hoffman Residence, 1997
Complete Passive Solar House Design, Springville, NY
Tashjian Residence, 1995
Complete Passive Solar House Design, East Concord, NY
ASSISTANT CLINICAL PROFESSOR
UNIV. at BUFFALO, Dept. of Architecture 2001-2018
VISITING CRITIC, University at Buffalo, School of Architecture. (prior to Fall 2000)
BUFFALO REUSE, Architectural Salvage & Neighborhood Action
Designed "Grand Theatrical Reading Stair", a stairway encouraging at-risk kids to read.
SHAKESPEARE IN DELAWARE PARK
Collaborated in creating master plan for performance space in Delaware Pk, 2006-2016
HOLT Architects, PC, Ithaca, New York Feb 2010-2011
ARCHITECT, consultation and marketing/PT
PROFESSOR, Monteverde Institute, Monteverde, Costa Rica Summer 2008
Community-Based Sustainable Architectural Design and Living, Experiential, Hands-on.
Mentor-Architect role in Studio, also created + directed exercises in Cultural Studies.
URBAN DESIGN COMPETITION, Providence, R.I. 1998
Team Captain of 4-Person team, Architect, City Planner, Recreational Management Consultant, Architectural Student, Honorable Mention
PRINCIPAL, Middlebury Design Studio, Middlebury, Vt. 1986-1993
Owner of Architectural Design Firm.
PROJECT DESIGNER & PRODUCTION 1981-1984

HOL&T Architects, PC, Ithaca, New York

TEACHING:

STUDENT EXHIBITS, Departmental Exhibitions, Dept. of Arch., University at Buffalo
STUDIO INNOVATIONS,

Freshman Design Studio Collaborative Teaching Model

“**Slow, Open, + Imperfect**”, Paper on Collaborative Teaching Approach,

Co-wrote and presented to **Beginning Design Conference**, Cincinnati, OH

Mar 2018

Comprehensive Freshman Studio Experience, From conception to full-scale build

Reflection Spaces (10), at Silo City, Buffalo, NY

Heavenly Marks, A book of Sensational Rendered Axonometric drawings

by freshmen students

2016

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, “Communications”

A studio course for grad. students, new to the field of architecture, which teaches them to see,

evaluate, craft, and communicate visually

2005-2008

“**BRACKETS**”, A survey course studying an array of architects who paint, ie who work in

both 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional formats

2005 Fall

“**PAINT & EXPERIENCE**”, Painting studio for architects

2006 Spr.

PUBLICATIONS: **Book, “Frank Lloyd Wright’s Gardeners Cottage at the Martin House Complex”, 2010**

Conceived, wrote and took all photographs; Image-driven book documenting building

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS & COMMUNITY SERVICE:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BUFFALO SOCIETY OF ARTISTS

Nov 2019–2022

Chairman, Education Committee (2019 - 21)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SACRA

April 2017

Society for the Advancement of Construction-Related Arts, Buffalo, NY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dec 07–Dec 17

Shakespeare in Delaware Park, Buffalo, NY

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Jan 2005–Jun 2007

Springville-Griffith Institute Central School District

Springville, New York 14141

WELLNESS COMMITTEE, SGI Central School District

2007–08

SPRINGVILLE CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Summer 2000–2003

Board of Directors, Vice President

2001–2002

Board of Directors, President

2002–2003

SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE

1998–2003

Springville-Griffith Institute Middle School,

Spearheaded a mentoring program for students.

GIFTED & TALENTED SDM SUBCOMMITTEE

1999–2002

Chairman, Presented proposal for a district-wide K-12

Gifted and Talented Program in the Springville Griffith Institute school district.

DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD, Middlebury, Vermont 05753

1990–1993

Professional Board serving in advisory capacity to town’s Zoning Board.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD, President

1982–1984

Ithaca, New York 14850

PERSONAL:

Married to Joseph J. Tashjian, Jr., DVM, Four grown children.