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Threshold of Assent (Primitive Man and the Invisible Hand)" 2025, Oil on linen, 92 x 112 cm, 36 x 44 in

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CV

Education

Water St. Atelier, New York City, NY
Art Students League, New York City, NY
MFA in Painting, New York Academy of Art, New York City, NY
BFA in Illustration, Ringling School of Art and Design, Sarasota, FL
El Camino Community College, Torrance, CA.
Mesa Community College, Mesa, AZ

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2025

Club Tropicana – New Art from New York and Other Places Part XVI, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Art Herning 2025, Gallery Poulsen, Denmark

2021 Kwan Fong Gallery

2014 John Pence Gallery

2010 John Pence Gallery

2006 John Pence Gallery

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024

The Last Judgement - New Art from New York and Other Places, Part XV, Gallery Poulsen, Copenhagen, Denmark

Within the Hearts of Man, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

Big Stories, New York Academy of Art, NYC, NY

2023

Big Stories, Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA

Los Angeles Art Fair, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

2022

Natural Habitat, Copro Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Pandemic, Sol Art Gallery, Dublin, IE

Folly, Figure/Ground Gallery, Seattle, WA

2021

Los Angeles Art Fair, Copro Gallery, LA, CA

2019

Narrative Painting in Los Angeles, Craig Krull Gallery, Santa Monica, CA

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2018

Movement + Narrative, Sp[a]ce Gallery, Pasadena, CA

Paint It Black, Black Anchor Collective, Los Angeles CA

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2017

New Baroque, Paul Booth Gallery, NYC, NY

Poets and Artists, Arcadia Gallery, NYC, NY

Black Friday, Maxwell Alexander Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2016

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Nexus, Abend Gallery, Denver, CO

2015

The Human Figure, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Still Life and Florals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2014

Drawings, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Still Life, Florals, and Trompe l'Oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2013

Recent Arrivals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Still Life, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2012

Wil Wilson Curates, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Persons of Interest, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Still Life and Tromp l'Oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2011

Recent Arrivals, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Size Matters, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2010

Francisco, CA

The Human Figure, John Pence Gallery, San

4 Man, SixMoreVodka Gallery, Berlin, Germany

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2009

Cityscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2008

Beyond the Likeness, Triton Museum of Art, Santa Clara, CA

Water St. Atelier, Meredith Long Gallery, Houston, TX

Cityscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2007

Drawings, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Small Landscapes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Small Still Lifes, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Summer in San Francisco, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2006

Interiors, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Summer in San Francisco, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Portrait of the Artist Shooting Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2005

Paint What You Want, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

Valentines, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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Food, Glorious Food, Zenith Gallery, Washington D.C.

2004

Realism, Anderson Fine Art, St. Simons, GA

Landscapes- Varied Views, Apex Gallery, Washington D.C.

Tromp l'oeil, John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, CA;

New York Realists, Apex Gallery, Washington D.C.

2003

Paintings of Balleroy, Forbes Museum, New York; NY

Publications

"New Works: Within the Hearts of Man", Beautiful Bizarre Magazine 2024

"The Blind and the Tattooed", American Art Collector 2024

"New Surrealism: The Uncanny in Contemporary Painting", Robert Zeller, Monacelli Press 2033

"The Angeleno Imagination", American Art Collector 2021

"Prophet of the West", MutualArt 2020

"Narrative Painting in Los Angeles", LA Times, 2019

"Narrative Painting in Los Angeles", Art and Cake, 2019

"Lively Works in Dead Heat", Artillery, 2019

"Narrative Paintings at Craig Krull Gallery", THE ARTBLOG 2019

"Carl Dobsky's Realistic Narratives", Hi-Fructose 2018

"The Easy Guide to Post Contemporary Philosophy", Art Babel 2015

"Ship of Fools", Huffpost, 2015

"Making Connections" American Art Collector 2015

American Art Review

"Best of the West: West Coast" Southwest Art 2010

Teaching Experience

2022-Present California State University Long Beach
Fine Art Department (Foundations and Drawing and Painting)
Drawing and Painting Instructor/Lecturer

2018-2022 Laguna College of Art and Design
Fine Art Department
Painting Instructor/ Lecturer

2015-2018 Safehouse Atelier
Founder and Director
Full-time Faculty
Drawing and Painting Instructor

2014-2015 Los Angeles Academy of Figurative Art
Full-time Faculty
Drawing and Painting Instructor

2008-2014 Safehouse Atelier
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Full-time Faculty

Drawing and Painting Instructor

2006-2008

Next-Gen Atelier

Full-time Faculty

Drawing and Painting Instructor

Workshops

2022. Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting

2020

Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting

Teaching Studios, Narrative Figure Composition

Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Portrait Painting

Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective

Warehouse Workshops, Narrative Figure Composition

2019

Rome Art Workshops, Narrative Figure Painting

Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective

Warehouse Workshops, Narrative Figure Composition

Warehouse Workshops, Figure Drawing

2018

Massive Black Workshops, Figure Drawing

Massive Black Workshops, Portrait Painting

Warehouse Workshops, Figure Drawing

Warehouse Workshops, Linear Perspective

2014

Sadie Valeri Atelier, Figure Painting

Atelier De Bresoles, Portrait Painting

Golden Gate Atelier, Linear Perspective

2013

Sadie Valeri Atelier, Linear Perspective

Massive Black, Figure Painting

Massive Black, Linear Perspective

2010

Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Portrait Painting

SixMoreVodka, Portrait Painting

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Bay Area Classical Artists Atelier, Figure Painting

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Atelier De Bresoles, Figure Painting

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