

## MIRIAM SLAGER

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### EDUCATION

2008 M.F.A. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2002 B.F.A. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI  
Philosophy Minor

### EXHIBITIONS

2010 *SMart Multimedia Art Festival*, Open Concept Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Michigan - Land of Riches*, Old Public Museum of Grand Rapids, MI (curated by Paul Amenta)

2009 *ArtPrize*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Second Stories: Artists Making Do & Fixing Up*, Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Cranbrook Video Festival 9*, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

2008 *ACTIVESITE @ International Sculpture Conference*, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Pulse of a Perfect Heart*, I-Space, Chicago, IL  
*Objects in Mirror are Closer Than They Appear*, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL  
*SMart Multimedia Art Festival*, Grand Rapids, MI

2007 *Drawings and Photographs*, Virginia Art Theatre, Champaign, IL  
*PIECED(A)part*, Springer Cultural Center, Champaign, IL

2005 *Ordinary Materials*, Farmhouse, Monee, IL

2002 *LEGO LANDMARKS*, Collaboration between Dynamite Gallery and ArtWorks,  
Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI

2002 *Bachelor of Fine Arts Graduates Exhibition*, Calvin College Art Gallery

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Making and Meaning* - Fall 2007 and Spring 2008  
UIUC

The class was an introduction to the relationship of material, method, and process to meaning in art practice. Through research, critique, and application of concepts in material studio processes, students explored a diverse range of methods to achieve meaning in an artwork. I was the instructor of record for this class.

*Intermediate Studio* - Fall 2006 and Spring 2007  
UIUC

This studio class combined painting, sculpture, and new media students. It included individual and group critiques, seminars, and demonstrations. I acted as an advisor, along with other faculty, to the junior and senior students. I directed them to essays and artists that related to their work and met one-on-one to discuss both the content and technical aspects of their artwork. I also organized two student trips to Chicago to visit galleries, project spaces, and artist studios.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- 2010 Artist Talk, Michigan-Land of Riches, Old Grand Rapids Public Museum, MI  
*Guest Critic*, Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Artist Talk*, Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Artist Talk*, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
- 2009 *Artist Talk*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2008 *Visiting Critic*, DANC 462, Dance Composition Workshop, UIUC
- 2007 *Visiting Critic*, LA 590, At Risk, UIUC
- 2007 *Visiting Critic*, LA 336, Performing Space, UIUC
- 2007 *Artist Talk*, Springer Cultural Center, Champaign, IL
- 2006 *Visiting Critic*, LA 233, Foundation Design Studio, UIUC
- 2002-2005 *Project Director and Designer*, OneFourFive Design, Grand Rapids, MI  
web and print (Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, iMovie, DVD Studio Pro, Final Cut Pro)
- 2002-2003 *Co-director of Dynamite Gallery*, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2001-2002 *Chair of Visual Arts Guild*, Calvin College
- 2001-2002 *Assistant Art Editor of Dialogue*, student literary arts magazine at Calvin College
- 2001 *Art Teacher at Peterborough School of Fine Arts*, Peterborough, Ontario
- 2000-2001 *Volunteer in the Arts Program at Heartside Ministry*, Grand Rapids, MI

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2008 Jason Foubberg, "Pulse of a Perfect Heart" (Chicago, IL: I-Space, 2008)  
Anthony Huberman, "Approximately," Objects in Mirror are Closer Than They Appear. (Champaign, IL: Krannert Museum of Art, 2008).

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2006-2008 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, School of Art & Design, UIUC
- 2005-2008 Brodie Materials Grant, awarded in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, School of Art & Design, UIUC
- 2005-2006 Fellowship, School of Art & Design, UIUC
- 2001 Sandra Bowden Art Scholarship, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1998-2001 Calvin Honors Scholarship, awarded in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

References available upon request.