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Education

2003 Memphis College of Arts, Memphis, Tennessee
MFA in Studio Art

2001 Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi
Bachelor of Fine Arts: Studio Art Painting and Drawing

1993- 1998 Mimar Sinan University, Istanbul, Turkiye
Studied Painting and Drawing

Leadership Strengths and Philosophy

I am a dedicated academic leader with a strong background in higher education administration, specializing in critical areas such as curriculum review and development, fundraising, program accreditation, budget management, marketing, student recruitment, and personnel management. My expertise in these areas enables me to drive initiatives that enhance both the academic and operational aspects of the institution.

I am deeply committed to staying informed about the latest trends, technologies, and best practices in higher education. This commitment ensures that the programs and strategies I implement are not only current but also forward-thinking, positioning the institution for long-term success.

My leadership style is both persistent and collaborative. I work closely with colleagues, faculty, and stakeholders to foster an environment of mutual respect and shared goals. My focus is always on organizational growth and development, ensuring that the institution thrives and continues to meet the needs of its students and community.

Professional Accomplishments

- National Association of School of Arts and Design (NASAD) Visiting Evaluator (2023-Present); Conducted interviews with administrative leadership, faculty members, staff, and students.
- Serving as the NASAD liaison for Delta State University.

- Leading a successful NASAD self-study re-accreditation effort, affirming the department's commitment to maintaining the highest academic standards.
- Receiving approval from NASAD to create an MFA in Studio Art (low residency) program, one of only three terminal degrees ever offered at DSU- and only low residency MFA program in Mississippi.
- Completing the NASAD final listing for accreditation of the BFA in Studio Art (Animation) and the MFA in Studio Art (low residency) degrees.
- Collaborated with a team of faculty to develop the MFA in Studio Art (low residency) program.
- Authored the Delta State University Art Department Optional Response Report for accreditation (2023).
- Japan Studies Institute Fellow (June 6-19, 2016) Participated in seminars at San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, USA.
- Japan Studies Institute Seminar Fellow (July 2-14, 2017). Participated in seminars in Tokyo, Kyoto, and Beppu, Japan.
- Presented at the 2017 Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, "Japanese Calligraphy Inspired Abstract Expressionist Paintings" in Dallas, TX, USA.
- Taught at Shangqiu Normal University in Summer of 2017 and 2018.
- Arranged and supported study-abroad trips to Turkiye, Brazil, and Austria.
- Acquired over \$500,000 in donations and grants as chair.
- Created Studio 230 Art Gallery/ Artist Studio in 2014.
- Created Cooper- Oguz LLC
- Over 50 exhibitions, awards and honors in the visual arts.
- Completed over 20 training courses related to teaching, advising, and course design.
- Arranged and supported study-abroad trips to various countries including Turkey, Brazil, and Austria.

Work History

2003 to Present	DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY – CLEVELAND, MISSISSIPPI
2022 to Present	Graduate Program Coordinator, MFA in Studio Art (low Residency)
2020-2024	Department Chair
2019-2020	Faculty Senate President
2022-2024	University Curriculum Committee Member
2017 to Current	Professor of Art
2010-2016	Associate Professor of Art
2003-2009	Assistant Professor of Art

Exhibitions

Solo Exhibitions

2021	Blurry Clarities, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Biloxi, MS
2020	Blurry Clarities, University of North Alabama Art Gallery, Florence, AL
2011	Memphis College of Arts Alumni Gallery, Memphis, TN
2010	University of North Alabama Art Gallery, Florence, AL

Group Exhibitions

2003 to Present	Delta State University Art Department Faculty Exhibition
2024	32nd Annual Emerald Coast National Juried Art Exhibition, Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, FL Southside Gallery Summer Exhibition, Oxford, MS 50th Annual Bi-State Competition and Exhibition, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS Abstraction: Forms, Lines, Colors – International, Juried (Exhibition and Publication)
2023	Biafarin 3rd Annual Awards International, Juried (Grant, Publication and Exhibition) Abstract Zone 2023, international, juried Rebellion 2023, International, Juried
2021	Greenville Art Council Group Exhibition, Invitational, Summer 2021
2020	Lauren Rogers Museum of Art, Invitational, Laurel, MS
2018	A Miracle on Court Street, Studio 230 Art Gallery Cleveland, MS
2017	Get Sm-ART, Studio 230 Art Gallery Group Exhibition, August 26- November 28, Cleveland, MS Spring in a Small Town, Studio 230 Art Gallery-April 1-May 20, 2017, Cleveland, MS
2016	Art of the South, Juried Art Competition, Memphis & Nashville, TN
2013	Flight 2020: The Vision of Cleveland, Ellis Theatre, Cleveland, MS Ride the Line, Performance Art, Cleveland, MS
2012	Artists by Artists, Invitational, curated by David Lambert, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS Flight 2020: The Vision of Cleveland, Ellis Theatre, Cleveland, MS WORLDS APART, Two-man Show, Mattie Kelly Arts Galleries Center, Niceville, FL
2011	Bi-State Art Competition, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS Merigold Arts Cooperative Exhibition, Jackson, MS
2010	Delta Connection, Adam Miller's Gallery, Concord, NC Cottonlandia Museum Invitational, Greenwood, MS
2009	Two Man Show, January 3-31, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS
2008	“Feast For the Eye”, Juried, Indianola, MS Bi-State Art Invitational, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS
2007	Bi-State Art Invitational, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS “Delta Connection”, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS
2005	“Art Miniature”, Cleveland, MS.
2004	Warehouse Group Exhibition, Cleveland, MS.
2003	Memphis College of Arts, Drawing Show, Memphis, TN MFA Thesis Exhibition, Interception, Memphis, TN
2002	Tipton Community College, Group Exhibition, Covington, TN
2000	First Street Gallery Group Show, Grenada, MS
1998	The Others, Group Exhibition, Installation: Yuzucu , Istanbul, Turkiye

Professional Engagements and Artistic Development

2023	Artistonish Magazine 36th Issue - July 2023
2022	We Met in Memphis: Vol. 2, Artworks published
2020	We Met in Memphis: Vol. 1, Artworks published
2018	Between the Lines, presentation, Shangqiu Normal University Teaching Residency, Shangqiu Normal University, Henan Province, China, May 11-28 Flight 2020: A Community- Based Art Project, Winning the Race Conference, March 26-27, presentation, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
2017	Japanese Calligraphy Inspired Abstract Expressionist Paintings, Southwest Conference on Asian Studies, presentation, Dallas, TX, U.S.A. Japan Studies Institute Seminar Fellow, July 2-14, Tokyo, Kyoto, and Beppu, Japan Shangqiu Normal University, Teaching Residency, May 6-19: taught drawing and painting Shangqiu Normal University, Personal Journey, presentation
2016	Japan Studies Institute, Fellowship, June 6-19, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
2015	Flight 2020: The Vision of Cleveland, presentation, during the Mississippi Art Education Conference, Cleveland, MS
2012	FATE- Foundations of Art Conference, attendee Portland, OR
2010	What is International Communication Dialog?: Notes from Istanbul, Turkiye, panelist, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
2008	Lecture and slide presentation on Turkey, Cleveland Exchange Club, Cleveland, MS Meet us in Turkey, presentation, Cleveland, MS Delta to Istanbul, presentation, Cleveland, MS The Delta Connection, gallery talk, Meridian, MS
2005	SECAC- Southeastern Collegiate Art Conf., attendee, Little Rock, AR Looking Forward Through the Arts: A Celebration of the Arts on the theme Alternative to the Sword, Division of Languages and Literature, presentation, Cleveland, MS
2004	Looking Forward through the Arts: In celebration of the inauguration of Dr. John Hilpert, presentation, Cleveland, MS

Collections

Mississippi Institution of Higher Learning, Jackson, MS
Wiley Community Garden, mural and sculptures, Cleveland, MS
Museum of the Mississippi Delta, Greenwood, MS
Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS
Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
Shangqiu Normal University, Shangqiu, China
ENKA Corporation, Istanbul, Turkey
Viking Range Corporation, Greenwood, MS
Sanders Corporation, Cleveland, MS

Awards and Honors

2017	Delta State University Faculty Research and Grant Award Daughters of American Revolution Americanism Award: This award is given to a naturalized citizen who has shown extraordinary contributions to the society.
2016	Kappa Pi International Fraternity Grant Dulce Fund Faculty Development Grant American Associations of Colleges and Universities Japan Studies Institute Travel Grant: Travelled to Tokyo, Kyoto, and Beppu, Japan
2013	Best in Drawing, Crosstie Arts Festival, Cleveland, MS
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2010	Mary Jayne Whittington Purchase Award Best in Show, Cottonlandia Bi-Annual Art Competition
2008	Bi-State Juried Art Competition, Best in Show
2007	Delta Newsletter, Interview, Cleveland, MS Bi-State Art Invitational Merit Award, Meridian Museum of Art, Meridian, MS
2006	Kent and Janice Wyatt Faculty Development Project Grant
2001	Memphis College of Art, Graduate Studies Scholarship Award of Excellence, Zen Series, Mississippi Collegiate Show, Jackson, MS Interview on Recent Paintings, Delta News Leader, Cleveland, MS

Philanthropy Projects

THE COOPER-OGUZ ART FIELD STUDY FUND

This was established by Cetin and Carmen Cooper Oguz in 2014 to fund travel and/or expenses incurred by student/students participating in field arts study trips of Delta State University as determined by the Chair of the Department of Art.

CETIN OGUZ AND CARMEN COOPER OGUZ ANNUAL SWIMMING & DIVING SCHOLARSHIP

The scholarship was created in 2018 in recognition of Cetin Oguz, native of Istanbul, Turkiye. This scholarship supports and highlights the mutual journey of international students who swim/may swim for Delta State University as Cetin Oguz did. All gifts will be made payable to the Delta State University Foundation, Inc. to fund the Cetin Oguz and Carmen Cooper Oguz Swimming & Diving Scholarship.

Memberships

Southeastern Collegiate Art Conference annual membership
FATE- Foundations in Art Theory and Education annual membership
SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
Public Arts Commission Member, Cleveland, MS
Cleveland Heritage Commission, Commissioner, Cleveland, MS
International Rotary Club Member