

CV

Mehmet Kraja

Born 1968, Shkoder, Albania
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Education

2017-2018 Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Master of Arts in Teaching/Art Education
1999 Long Island University, Brooklyn, NY, Certificate for Graphic Design
1987-1991 Higher Institute of Arts, (now University of Arts) Tirane, Albania, BFA in Painting

Exhibitions

2022 *MAEA Members Exhibit*, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, MA
2022, 2021, 2020 *MassArt Auction*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
2020 *Vizatime te artisteve Shqiptare para dhe pas '90 / Drawings of Albanian artists before and after 1990*, National Historical Museum, Tirane, Albania
2019 *NAEA Member Exhibition*, NAEA Studio & Gallery, Alexandria, VA
2018 *All School Show*, Godine Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design
2016 *Colors*, Gallery 4, Rockland MA (Honorable Mention)
2011 *Presentation of Albania*: Boston City Hall, Boston, MA
2009 *A World of Watercolor*, Williamsburg Art & Historical Center, Brooklyn, NY
2008 *Arts Alive!* Front Street Gallery, Scituate, MA
2008 *Group Show*, The Gallery at North River Community Church, Pembroke, MA.
2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 *DUMBO Art Under the Bridge Festival*, Brooklyn, NY.
2005 *BWS Group Show*, Art & Sciences Building, Kingsborough College, Brooklyn, NY.
2004 *Art Display*: MTA Building, Brooklyn, NY.

Teaching Experience

2019 – Present **Boston College High School**, Boston, MA
-Teach studio art for Grades 7–8
-Teach *Introduction to Drawing, Visual Foundation* for Grades 9–12
-Lead After School Art Club

-Serve as Advisor, overseeing the academic and emotional development of a group of 12 advisees

2023, July-August **South Shore Art Center**, Cohasset

-Taught *Portfolio* Class for HS kids, and *Intro Drawing* course for adults

2022, June-July **Derby Academy** Summer Arts, Hingham MA.

-Taught *Let's Paint!* and *Arts around the Globe* five-week courses for ages 8-11

2019, March-June **Barnstable High School**, Hyannis MA, Long term substitute

-Taught Fine Art 1, 3 & 4 and Art Integration courses (Grades 9-12)

2018, September-December

Boston Latin School, Boston, MA Student Teaching Practicum

-Co-taught AP art & FVA courses (Grades 11-12), alongside educator Stephen Harris

- Designed and taught own lessons (Grades 11-12)

2017-2018 **Massachusetts College of Art and Design**, Boston, MA

2018, April-May, *Saturday Studios*

-Designed and taught an eight-week curriculum in painting and printmaking for Grades 9–12

-Curated end-of-program student exhibition at Arnheim Gallery

2018, Spring Semester, Teaching Assistant for John Thompson, *Introduction to Printmaking*

2018, Spring Semester, Teaching Assistant for Christopher Sullivan, *Drawing the Figure in Color*

2017, Fall Semester, Teaching Assistant for Christopher Sullivan, *Studio for Drawing*

2017, October, *Family Day* -Designed and led a community art activity at MassArt Museum

License / Certification Visual Art (5-12) Initial License, MA, # 481094

Professional Artistic Experience

2001-20016 *Orthodox Byzantine Holy Icons*, Woodbury, NY.

- Collaborated as a subcontracted assistant painting murals and icons

1992-1998

Byzantine Painting Workshop of Georgia Mannetta, Athens, Greece

- Painted Byzantine murals and icons full-time as a studio assistant

Affiliations

4th Floor Artists, Rockland, MA

Brooklyn Watercolor Society, Brooklyn, NY. (Former Member)