

ROBERTA S. BENNETT

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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy in Art Education

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (August 2024 - Graduation expected May 2026)

Syracuse University (August 2014 - May 2015)

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (January 2012 - August 2013)

Master of Arts in Art Education

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (August 2010 - December 2011)

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education & Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (August 2003 - December 2007)

K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visual Arts Certified, K-12

Illinois State Board of Education, Certificate Number
1949321

Art Teacher August 2017-Present

Urbana High School, Urbana, IL

Art Teacher August 2015-May 2016

J.W. Eater Junior High School, Rantoul, IL

Art Educator January 2012- January 2013

Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, Urbana,
IL

Instructor December 2010- December 2011

University of Illinois After School Arts Program
Franklin Middle School, Champaign, IL

Education Coordinator August 2009- May 2010

Orpheum Children's Science Museum, Champaign, IL

Substitute Teacher January 2008- May 2009

Champaign Public Schools, Champaign, IL

Student Teacher October 2007- December 2007

Holy Cross School, Champaign, IL

Student Teacher August 2007- October 2007

Garden Hills Elementary School, Champaign, IL

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor Fall 2014

ART 103 Essentials of Art | Cornell University Prison
Education Project

Instructor Spring 2012 & Spring 2013

ARTS 250 Writing with Video | University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

Co-Instructor Fall 2012- Spring 2013

ARTE 301 Early Field Art Teaching | University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant Fall 2012

ARTF 101 Contemporary Issues in Art | University of
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Instructor Fall 2011- Spring 2012

ART 202 Art in the Elementary Grades | University of
Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant Fall 2010- Spring 2011

ARTE 201 Saturday Art School | University of Illinois at
Urbana-Champaign

RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Bennett, R. (2021). *Teaching Web Design at Urbana High School*. Presentation at the Preservice Teacher Conference at University of Illinois, Champaign, IL

Bennett, R. (2014). *Writing with Video*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. Co-Presenters: Jones, M., O'Connor, J., & Olsen, B.

Bennett, R. (2013). *The Evolving Face of Art Education*. Presentation at the Illinois Art Education Association, Lisle, IL. Co-Presenters: Conn, M., Horwat, J., & Lucero, J.

Bennett, R. (2013). *Culture and Agriculture: Art Education and Socially Engaged Art*. Presentation at the American Education Research Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Bennett, R. (2013). *The Changing Culture of Agriculture: Agricultural Practices as Visual Art Medium*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Conference, Forth Worth, TX.

Bennett, R. & Scott, R. (2013). *Empowerment through Art of Underrepresented Students, Overrepresented in a Juvenile Correctional Facility*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Conference, Forth Worth, TX.

Bennett, R. (2012). *Searching for Anti-Racist Art Education*. Presentation at the National Art Education Association Annual Conference, New York City, NY.

PUBLICATION

Bennett, R. (July 2014). *T-Shirts*. *Visual Arts Research*, 39(77).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Assessment in Visual Art Education
- Standards Based Grading
- Hyper Local Economies
- Ecological Thinking & Object Oriented Ontology
- Plant Husbandry for Home Consumption
- Cultural Representations of Agriculture & Farming
- Domesticity & Unpaid Labor
- Class

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member 2012-present *Illinois Art Education Association*

Member 2010-present *National Art Education Association*

GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Guest Lecturer December 2014

The Art Institute of Chicago, Teen Lab Program, Chicago, IL

Guest Lecturer October 2013

The Art Institute of Chicago, Teen Lab Program, Chicago, IL

Workshop Facilitator February 2012

Making & Meaning, University of Illinois School of Art & Design, Champaign, IL

Camp Facilitator July 2011

Lori Catterini's Youth Arts Camp, SoDo Theatre, Champaign, IL

Workshop Facilitator September 2010, June 2009

City of Urbana Art Workshop, Farmers Market at the Square, Urbana, IL

Workshop Facilitator October 2009

Formulating Your Aesthetic Agenda Skill Share, Independent Media Center, Urbana, IL

ART EXHIBITIONS

IAEA 75th Anniversary Show June 2023 | Norris Cultural Arts Gallery, *St. Charles, IL*
Boneyard High April 2023 | The Crow, *Champaign, IL*
Art Educator Exhibition July 2022 | Bridgeport Arts Center, *Chicago, IL*
Around the Block June 2015 | Giertz Gallery, *Champaign, IL*
Food, Art, & Ecology May 2015 | Huntington Hall, *Syracuse, NY*
Feminist Film Festival May 2013 | Art Theatre, *Champaign, IL*
Art Chicago April 2011 | The Merchandise Mart, *Chicago, IL*
Boneyard Arts Festival April 2010 | 34 East Main Street, *Champaign, IL*
Untitled Solo Exhibition September 2009 | Café Kopi, *Champaign, IL*
Boneyard Arts Festival April 2009 | Grand Prairie Friends' Space, *Bondville IL*
Independent Media Center, *Urbana IL*
Self Describing Show March 2009 | Independent Media Center, *Urbana, IL*
Boneyard Arts Festival April 2008 | Iron Post, *Urbana, IL*
Bachelors of Fine Arts Exhibition May 2007 | Krannert Art Museum, *Champaign, IL*
The Space Between April 2007 | Bennett Building, *Urbana, IL*
P.S. Painting & Sculpture March 2007 | Link Gallery, *Champaign, IL*
George Brecht's Water Yam Box September 2006 | Krannert Art Museum, *Champaign, IL*
Postcards from Traveling Friends June 2006 | OpenSource Art Gallery, *Champaign, IL*
Over[site] Relocation & the Site-Specific April 2005 | OpenSource Art Gallery, *Champaign, IL*

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, **Career Awareness Grant Recipient**, 2024
Advanced Placement Summer Institute, **Scholarship Recipient**, 2022
Illinois Art Education Association, **Professional Development Scholarship Winner**, 2021
Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, **Competitive Grant Recipient** 2021
Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, **Career Awareness Grant Recipient**, 2019
Urbana Arts and Culture Arts in Schools, **Grant Recipient**, 2019
Champaign Urbana Schools Foundation, **Attach Grant Recipient**, 2017-2023
Urbana Arts and Culture Arts in Schools, **Grant Recipient**, 2017
Syracuse University, **Dean's Fellow**, 2014-2015 School Year
Feminist Film Festival, **Best Documentary Film**, Spring 2013
Illinois Art Education Association, **Graduate Student Scholarship**, Fall 2012
Writing Across the Curriculum **Workshop Attendee**, Spring 2012
Departmental **Fellowship**, Spring 2012
Graduate College Conference Travel **Grant**, 2011 & 2012
Center for Teaching Excellence, **Excellent Teachers List**, Fall 2011

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Indianapolis Art Center 2021

Studied Metalworking/Jewelry, *Indianapolis, IN*

Haystack Mountain School of Craft 2015

Studied Relational Creation, *Deer Isle, ME*

Illinois Master Gardener Training 2010

Studied Horticulture, *Champaign County, IL*

School for Designing a Society 2008-2009

Studied Permaculture, Cybernetics & Art, *Urbana, IL*

Regenerative Urban Sustainability Training (R.U.S.T.) 2007

Studied Permaculture, Aquaculture, Compost & Mycology, *Austin, TX*

SERVICE

School Improvement Committee, Equity Committee, 2023-25 Academic Years

Urbana High School, Urbana, IL

University of Illinois Cooperating Teacher 2017-2025

Urbana High School, Urbana, IL

University of Illinois & Parkland College Observers Host 2017-present

Urbana High School, Urbana, IL

Art Club Sponsor 2017-present

Urbana High School, Urbana, IL

School Improvement Committee 2015-2017

J.W. Eater Junior High School, Rantoul, IL

Art Club Sponsor 2015/16 Academic Year

J.W. Eater Junior High School, Rantoul, IL

Visual Arts Judge Summers of 2013, 2012, 2010

Champaign County 4-H Fair, Urbana & Champaign, IL

Art Educator January 2012- January 2013

Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, Urbana, IL

Vegetable Gardening Instructor Summer 2011

Master Gardener Volunteer, Champaign County Juvenile Detention Center, Urbana, IL