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EDUCATION

- 1994 **Rhode Island School of Design** Providence, RI
Master of Fine Arts, Furniture Design
- 1990 **Iowa State University** Ames, IA
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Craft Design

TEACHING & OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2008-2010 **US Peace Corps Volunteer** - Ghana, West Africa, FPDA & Leave from ISU
Teaching visual arts at Donkorkrom SHS & several other projects
- 2006-present **Associate Professor** - Iowa State University, College of Design
- 2001-2006 **Assistant Professor** - Iowa State University, College of Design
- 1999-2001 **Lecturer** - Iowa State University, College of Design
Teaching a curriculum in wood design to beginning and advanced students.
- 1995-present **Proprietor** - *Chris Martin Furniture*
Design and create both one-of-a-kind & limited production furniture pieces.
- 1994-95 **Project Manager** - Aspen Cabinet & Millwork
Coordinated all aspects from design to production of furniture, millwork and cabinetry in a high end residence in Aspen, CO.
- 1993 **Instructor** - Rhode Island School of Design (R.I.S.D.)
Developed and implemented a curriculum for a beginning level wood design class. Focused on teaching basic hand and power tool techniques as applied toward a series of design exercises. Critiqued students' finished work.
- 1992-93 **Teaching Assistant** - R.I.S.D.
Assisted in teaching an advanced level wood design class for industrial design majors. Researched class topics, prepped demonstrations, critiqued students' finished work.
- 1992-93 **Work Study** - R.I.S.D.
Monitored the industrial design wood shop and helped students trouble-shoot on their various projects. Also designed and produced furniture used at R.I.S.D.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2010-2013 **Ames Public Arts Commission**
- 2004-2008 **Ames Public Arts Commission**
- 2010- present **Committee member – Gallery in the Round**
- 2003-2008 **Committee member – Gallery in the Round**

SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS

Solo & Two Person Shows

- 2015 **Asa Sawa, Reflections on Ghana** (solo invitational)
Delta State University, Cleveland, MS
January 22 – February 27
- 2014 **Elements & Ethos** (two person invitational)
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
Nov. 10 – Dec 5
- 2007 **Chris Martin & Hank Hall** (two person invitational)
Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, IA

- 2005 **Articulation Project, a new breed of furniture by Chris Martin**
Function + Art, Chicago, IL (solo invitational)
- 2003 **Natural & Manmade** (solo invitational)
Arts on Grand, Spencer, IA
- Elements**
Center Gallery, St. Mary's University, Winona, MN
- Forged & Finessed** (2 person exhibition)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- 2002 **Functional Works of Art** (two person exhibition)
Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
- 2001 **New Works by Chris Martin** (solo exhibition)
The Heather Gallery, Aspen, CO

Group Exhibitions

- 2014 **What Woodknot Wood Do**
Mills Gallery, Lubbers Center for the Arts, Central College, Pella, IA
- 2013 **Expanding the Digital Matrix: From Virtual Monitor to the Material Realm of the Studio Arts** Gallery 181, Iowa State University
- 2012 **Relationships Renewed**
Brunnier Art Museum, Ames, IA
- ISA Faculty Exchange Exhibition**
Lanzhou Jiaotong Technical University, Lanzhou, China
- Relationships- Spheres of Influence** (invitational)
Brunnier Art Museum, Ames, IA
- 2010 **Integrated Studio Arts Faculty Show** (invitational)
Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA
- 2007 **The Artful Home Show**
SoHo, New York City (sponsored by The Guild)
- Fine Art Furniture, A Survey** (invitational)
Minnetonka Center for the Arts, Wayzata, MN
- 2005 **Work by Gallery Committee Members**
Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
- “Lincoln Highway Artists Studio Tour”**
Story County, IA
- Art of Woodworking Invitational**
Polk County Heritage Gallery, Des Moines, IA
- 2004 **Form and Surface, Furniture II** (national invitational)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- The Box and Container Invitational**
Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA
- “Community of Artists Exhibit”** (local juried)
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- “Lincoln Highway Artists Studio Tour”**
Story County, IA
- "Diversity" Studio Furniture Part One** (national invitational)
Gallery Function & Art Chicago, IL
- Please Be Seated** (national invitational)
Meredith Gallery, Baltimore, MD
- Work by ISU Faculty & Their Students** (local curated)
Gallery in the Round
- ISU Faculty Exhibition**
Gallery 181, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- Work by Gallery Committee Members** (local curated)

- 2003 Gallery in the Round, Ames, IA
Eclectic Electric (national invitational)
 Gallery Function & Art, Chicago, IL
- 2002 **Art Etiquette Behind the Blue Door** (Group Show)
 Lilligren Studio, Ames IA
The Box and Container Invitational
 Northwest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2001 **3-D 4 Views**
 Lakes Art Center, Okoboji, IA
- Juried National & International Exhibitions
- 2014 **35th Annual Contemporary Crafts**
 MCA Museum, Mesa, AZ (Juror's Award)
21st Annual Juried Show: Cabinets of Curiosity
 The Wharton Esherick Museum, Paoli, PA (First place award)
46th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (First place award)
 Juror: Christina Chang - Curator of Engagement, Minnesota Museum of American Art
- 2013 **Wichita National All Media Craft Exhibition 2013**
 Wichita Arts Center, Wichita, KS
 Juror: Harlan W. Butt – Artist/ Regents Professor of Art, University of North Texas
45th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
34th Annual Contemporary Crafts
 MCA Museum, Mesa, AZ
Niche Awards Finalist
 Furniture (2 pieces)
- 2012 **Fine Contemporary Craft Exhibition**
 ArtSpace, Raleigh, NC
- 2009 **30 & Beyond: CoD Alumni Exhibition**
 Gallery 181 College of Design, Iowa State University
- 2007 **S.O.F.A. Chicago**
 Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
39th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- 2006 **S.O.F.A. Chicago**
 Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
Fine Furnishings Show-Milwaukee
 Midwest Airlines Center, Milwaukee, WI
Arts Scottsdale
 Scottsdale, AZ, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
- 2006 **Materials Hard & Soft** (juried international)
 Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
Niche Awards Finalist
 Furniture
Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show
 Philadelphia, PA
38th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- 2005 **Materials Hard & Soft**
 Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX *Juror's Award*
37th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition

- Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show**
Philadelphia, PA
- 2004 **"SCC Fine Craft Show 2004"**
Sedgwick Cultural Center, Philadelphia, PA
- Materials: Hard & Soft**
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- Craft Forms 2004**
Wayne Arts Center, Wayne, PA
- "Wood-o-Rama"** (juried national)
Yeiser Art Center Paducah, KY
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show**
Philadelphia, PA
- 36th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
(Best in Show)
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- S.O.F.A. Chicago** (juried international)
Navy Pier Chicago, Represented by Gallery Function & Art
- Niche Awards Finalist**
Lighting
- 2003 **10th Annual Woodworking Competition "Around the Looking Glass"**
Wharton Esherick Museum, Paoli, PA
- American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft**
St. Paul, MN
- Philadelphia Fine Furnishings Show**
Philadelphia, PA
- Ashes to Art Exhibition**
Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA
- 35th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (1st Place)
- Materials Hard & Soft**
Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, TX
- Niche Awards Finalist**
Furniture & Clocks (2 pieces)
- 2002 **Craft Forms 2002**
Wayne Arts Center, Wayne, PA
- Asian Origins**
Vermont State Craft Center, Manchester, VT
- 2002 **Artistry in Wood**
Domont Studio Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
- Crafts National 36**
Zoller Gallery, State College, PA
- The Right Stuff**
The Furniture Society, traveling exhibition
- American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft** (juried national)
St. Paul, MN
- Culture & Agriculture**
New Visions Gallery, Marshfield, WI
- 34th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition**
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA
- 2001 **Providence Fine Furnishings Show** (juried international)
Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, RI
- Chair Show 4** (juried international)

Southern Highland Craft Guild, Asheville, NC, traveling exhibition
The Art Furnishings Show (juried international)
 Pasadena Convention Center, Pasadena, CA
American Craft Council Showcase of Fine Craft (juried national)
 St. Paul, MN
Container Show (juried national)
 Gallery Function & Art, Pontiac, MI

Juried Regional

2013 **DMA Biennial Juried Exhibition**
 Dubuque Museum of Art, Dubuque, IA

2007 **Iowa Crafts 38**
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA

2005 **Iowa Crafts 37** (juried state)
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA

2003 **Iowa Crafts 36** (juried state)(Special Mention Award)
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA

Topeka Competition
 Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Topeka, KS

2002 **Topeka Competition** (juried regional)
 Alice C. Sabatini Gallery, Topeka, KS

2001 **Iowa Crafts: 34** (award winner) (juried regional)
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (Honorable Mention)

AWARDS & HONORS

2014 **Juror's Award**
 35th Annual Contemporary Crafts, MCA Museum, Mesa, AZ (juried national)

Second Place
 21st Annual Juried Show: Cabinets of Curiosity
 The Wharton Esherick Museum, Paoli, PA

First Place
 45th Annual Clay, Fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
 Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)

2013 **Juror's Award**
 34th Annual Contemporary Crafts, MCA Museum, Mesa, AZ (juried national)

House of MG Design Residency Ahmedabad, India
 6 weeks to design & produce furniture pieces with local artisans.

2008 **Faculty Professional Development Assignment (FPDA)**, Iowa State University
 Served in the US Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa where in taught
 visual arts at a rural SHS & also worked on several other projects.

2007 **Best in Metal/Wood**
 Iowa Crafts 38, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (juried regional)

2006 **Honorable Mention, Residential Furniture**
 Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards (juried national)

Artist to Artist Award and Best in Metal/Wood Award
 Iowa Crafts 37, Todd Shanafelt, Juror
 Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (juried regional)

2005 **Juror's Award**
 Material's Hard & Soft. Michael Monroe, Juror.
 Center for Visual Arts, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX (juried national)

Special Mention Award
 Iowa Crafts 36, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (juried regional)

2004 **Best in Show**

36th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)

Honorable Mention, Residential Furniture

Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards (juried national)

2003

Top winner, Institutional Furniture

Custom Woodworking Business Annual Design Portfolio Awards (juried national)
Conference table & credenza for Home Town Perry Museum

First Place Recognition

35th Annual Clay, fiber, Paper, Glass, Metal, & Wood Exhibition
Octagon Center for the Arts, Ames, IA (juried national)

Special Mention Award

Iowa Crafts 36, Charles H. MacNider Museum, Mason City, IA (juried regional)

FUNDED RESEARCH

2013

International Programs Grant ISU Council on International Programs

For the development of a study abroad program in Ghana.

CEAH Grant - Center for the Excellence in Art & Humanities, Iowa State University

Used to produce a series of “stools” based on the Asante chieftaincy stools

Miller Grant – (Co-PI) Used to explore ways to integrate digital technologies into a majority of the university's studio art courses.

2012

Foreign Travel Grant, Iowa State University,

for travel to Ahmedabad, India to take part in the House of MG Design Residency.

2011-12

Iowa Arts Council Major Grant \$9000

Sponsored by the Iowa Dept. of Cultural Affairs

I produced a series of work inspired by experiences in Ghana, West Africa

2005

Foreign Travel Grant

Iowa State University, for travel to Central Europe to research Czech Cubism

CEAH Grant

Center for the Excellence in Art & Humanities, Iowa State University

Grant was used to investigate Czech Cubism, & produce a body of work based on my research.

SELECT COLLECTIONS & COMMISSIONS

Public

Iowa State University

Brunnier Art Museum Ames, IA

Home Town Perry Perry, IA

Hotel Pattee Perry, IA

Lakes Art's Center Okoboji, IA

Private

Marcus Family Aspen, CO

Armstrong Family Aspen & Boulder, CO

Judith Lippman Palm Beach, FL

Barbara Coval Aspen & Scottsdale, AZ

Joe Caprara Family Philadelphia, PA

Joan Demetrias Philadelphia, PA

REVIEWS & CITATIONS

2014

Iowa State Daily Feb. 6, 2014 - Four faculty members, one student win awards at Ames art exhibition

Ames Tribune (on line?)

2013

Catalyst Magazine - To Ghana and Back Again

- 2008 **Woodwork Magazine** – (back cover) Autumn Desk, Dec. 2008
- 2007 **In Style Home** - Shopping (coat trees), Fall/Winter 2007
American Style - Design from Disaster, Style Spotlight, August 2007
The Chronicle of Higher Education - When a Tree Falls at Iowa State, July 20, 2007
Woodshop News - Art Form as Function, May 2007
Woodwork Magazine - Gallery, April 2007
The Crafts Report - Hotel Pattee, January 2007
- 2006 **The American Studio Furniture Movement** - Forbes Collector, November 2006
- 2005 **The Future of Furniture** - Chicago Reader, June 17
Review of "Heavy Metal" - *Metalsmith* Magazine, Fall, Authored by Polly Ullrich
- 2004 **The Movers & Shakers & How They Got There** - A Paper Presented to the Furniture Society By Dr. Oscar P. Fitzgerald
Custom Woodworking Business - Design Portfolio Awards, December
Artists Converge on Ames - Ames Tribune February 5
- 2003 **Custom Woodworking Business** - Design Portfolio Awards, December
A&D professor "furnishes" designs for a central Iowa landmark
Design News Spring 2003
Top Ten Reasons to Attend SOFA - Chicago Tribune October 12
Arts & Entertainment Beyond Ames - Ames Tribune April 9, 2003
Check In and Check This Out - Des Moines Register April 19
A Union of Contrasts - Inside Iowa State March 14
- 2002 **Prof Takes His Craft to Council Show** - ISU Daily April 10
Midwest Hot Spots - Des Moines Register April 7
Express - St Paul Pioneer Press April 10
Woodwork Magazine - June 2002 issue
- 2001 **Crafts Deluxe** - California Homes February 2001 issue
Martin Makes His Metal & Wood Furniture with Flair of Art
Ames Tribune

PUBLICATIONS (My work is represented in the following books)

- 2011 **Tables Lark Studio Series** - Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.
- 2010 **500 Cabinets** - Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.
- 2009 **500 Tables** - Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.
- 2008 **500 Chairs** - Lark Books; a division of Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.
- 2006 **Furniture Studio; Focus on Materials** - The Furniture Society
- 2005 **Materials Hard and Soft 2005** - Exhibition Catalog
- 2004 **Inside the Hotel Pattee** - Pinatubo Press
Design - Lark Books
Wood-O-Rama - Exhibition Catalog
- 2003 **Wood Art Today** - Schiffer Publishing
SOFA Chicago Catalog - Exhibition Catalog
The Right Stuff - Exhibition Catalog
The Chair Show 4 - Exhibition Catalog
- 2002 **The Custom Furniture Source Book** - Taunton Press