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EDUCATION:

2001 **MFA**, **Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY. Major: Photography
1997 **BFA**, **Cleveland Institute of Art**, Cleveland, OH. Major: Photography

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2024 -present **Department Chair, Visual Arts, Laurel School**
2020 -present **Visual Arts Faculty, Laurel School**, teaching courses in introductory and advanced level darkroom and digital photography, as well as video and AP 2-D art classes
2002 -2020 **Part-Time Assistant Professor, Kent State University**, Courses in Introductory, Digital, and Advanced Photography, maintenance of the darkroom facilities and supervision of darkroom staff.
2019 -2020 **Lecturer, Case Western Reserve University,** intermediate level photography
2018 - 2019 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Oberlin College,** photography and studio art
2013 - 2014 **Adjunct Professor, Cleveland Institute of Art**, special topics photography courses
2004 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Oberlin College,** Courses in Introductory Photography
2001- 2003 **Adjunct Professor, Lorain County Community College**, Introductory, Intermediate Photography
2001- 2002 **Assistant Lecturer, University of Akron**, **Myers School of Art**, Intermediate-Advanced Photography

ONE AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS:

2026 Constructed Futures, **William Busta Projects**, Cleveland, OH
2024 Vignettes, **William Busta Projects**, Cleveland, OH
2023 Shifting Ground, **McDonough Museum of Art**, Youngstown, OH
WBp Pop-Up Exhibition, **William Busta Projects**, Cleveland, OH
2022 **Shifting Ground**, Akron Soul Train, Akron OH
The Edge of Things, **Photocentric**, Cleveland, OH [Catalog]
2021 *Lori Kella: Passion and Promise*, **William Busta Projects**, Cleveland, OH
2020 *Erie: Lost and Found, Rosewood Gallery*, Kettering, OH [Catalog]
Vanishing Shoreline, **Photocentric**, Cleveland, OH [Catalog]
2019 **Groundswell,** Cleveland Clinic Foundation's Lakewood Family Health Center Main Gallery, OH
2017 **Vignettes:** *Lori Kella and Mark Schatz*, **Sally Otto Gallery**, University of Mount Union, OH
2016 *Scale3*, **The Cleveland Print Room**, Cleveland, OH
2015 *Strange Crossings*, **William Busta Gallery**, Cleveland, OH [Catalog]
2014 *Artificial Worlds*, **Shaker Historical Society**, Shaker Heights, OH
2013 *Looking West*, **William Busta Gallery**, Cleveland, OH
As Above, So Below, Eells Gallery at Blossom Music Center, OH
2012 *Unnatural Narratives*, **Dragonfly**, Cleveland, OH
2010 *Birds of Ohio*, **Groveland Studios**, Cleveland, OH
2009 *Lori Kella*, **Galerie Drei**, Dresden, Germany
Elbe, By Michael Loderstedt and Lori Kella, **Kent State University Downtown Gallery**, Kent, OH

2008 *Lori Kella and Annette Gaspers*, ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus OH
2006 *New World Views: Photographs by Lori Kella & Michael Loderstedt*, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH
2004 *Geographies of Intelligence: The Recorded Image, Imagination, and Identity*, Heights Arts, Cleveland Hts
Recent Work, The Cleveland Foundation, Cleveland, OH
2002 *Lori Kella: Coordinates,* the *Wendy L. Moore Emerging Artist Series,* Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH [Catalog]
2001 *Cartesian Sets,* Olive Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
2000 *False Index,* Olive Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
1997 *BFA Thesis Exhibit,* Cleveland Institute of Art Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland, OH

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2026 *Haunting, Columbus College of Art and Design's Beeler Gallery,* Columbus, OH
2025 *2025 Biennial Juried Exhibition,* Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH
LENS 2025 International Juried Photography Exhibition, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
Open Yards III Yards Projects, Cleveland, OH
In Process, Lake Erie College BK Smith Gallery, Painesville, OH
Holding up the Mirror, Cleveland Institute of Art Alumni Exhibition, Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Loving the Local: The Collection of David Burke, Yards Projects, Cleveland, OH
2024 Great Expectations, William Busta Projects, Cleveland, OH
Water, Lake Erie College BK Smith Gallery, Painsville, OH
Liminal Spaces: Art and the Environment, Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
Life Out of Balance, Emily Davis Gallery, Akron, OH
Eclipsing the Photoshere, Foothills Galleries of the PhotoSuccesion, Cleveland Heights, OH
2023 Cleveland Institute of Art Alumni Exhibition, Reinberger Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Mobile Home, Waterloo Arts Gallery, Cleveland, OH
2022 State of the Art: Constructs, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
State of the Art: Constructs, Sarasota Art Museum, Sarasota FL
PHOTOH2: Other Photographers from the Heartland, Iris Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
LENS 2022 International Juried Photography Exhibition, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL
2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition, Medici Museum, Warren OH
10th Anniversary Show, Maria Neil Gallery, Cleveland, OH
You are Here: An Excavation of Sorts - CAN Triennial 2022, William Busta Projects, Cleveland, OH
2021 Continuum, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
2021 Biennial Juried Exhibition, Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH
Waterloo Arts Juried Exhibition 2021, Waterloo Arts & Photocentric, Cleveland, OH
Selections 2021 Photocentric, Cleveland, OH
Summer is Fun, William Busta Projects, Cleveland, OH
Fauna, SE Center for Photography, Greenville, SC
Open Yards II, Yards Projects, Cleveland, OH
2020 State of the Art 2020, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR [Catalog]
Homegrown, Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS
we like small things v.3, Filter Photo, Chicago, IL
Evolution, Heights Arts, Cleveland Heights, OH
Art Made in the Shutdown, Yards Projects, Cleveland, OH
2+3x18, The Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, Lancaster OH
Collinwood Now, PhotoCentric, Cleveland, OH
A Show of Talent, Foothills Gallery, Cleveland Heights, OH
2019 Hopeful, PhotoCentric, Cleveland, OH [Catalog]
AutoUpdate, The Carnegie, Covington, KY [Catalog]

Seeing the Familiar for the First Time, Filter Space, Chicago, IL
The Peer Show, Cleveland Print Room, OH
Pushing Paper, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, IN
Challenging Borders, Bowman~Penelec~Megahan Gallery, Allegheny College, Meadville PA
Resident's Select, Yards Projects at Worthington Yards, Cleveland
Image Ohio, ROY G BIV Gallery, Columbus, OH

2018 **Contemporary Photography 2008-2018**, Site:Brooklyn, Brooklyn NY
CAN Triennial, Installation, 78th St. Studios, Cleveland OH
The Peer Show, Cleveland Print Room, OH
2018 Alumni Exhibition, Cleveland Institute of Art, OH
Open Yards, Worthington Yards Project Space, Cleveland, OH

2017 **Serial Intent**, Akron Art Museum, Akron OH
Balancing Work, Family, and Creativity: Mother Artists, Shaker Community Gallery, OH
Spaces to SPACES, SPACES, Cleveland, OH

2016 **Across the Pond**, Urban Arts Space, Columbus, OH
Art + Environment: A Delicate Balance, Cleveland Clinic Main Campus Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Nowhere Everywhere, Thompson Gallery, Weston MA
Art Now, Photography 2016, Ann Arbor Arts Center, Ann Arbor MI
90th Annual International Competition, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA (Fish/Pearce Award)
Fandom 216, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
Things that Fly, Heights Arts, Cleveland Heights, OH
The Peer Show, The Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH

2015 **Across the Pond** – Uber den Teich, Galerie 2, Rathaus, Dresden, Germany
A Tenuous Balance, Gallery 249, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH
Wild at Heart, Artspace, Raleigh, NC
The Peer Show, The Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH
Riffe Gallery Juried Exhibition, Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH

2014 **NOADA**/William Busta Gallery, Transformer Station, Cleveland, OH
The Big Show, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH

2013 **Small Worlds**, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
Photography's Back to the Future, Ohio Arts Council's Riffe Gallery, Columbus, OH
The Digital Divide, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH, and Brecksville Center for the Arts, OH
Homegrown, The Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH
A Vanishing Wildness: Works from the 2012 Wyoming Artist Expedition, William Busta Gallery, Cleveland
End of the World, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

2012 **DIY: Photographers and Books**, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
86th Annual International Competition: Photography, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA
Artists Books 2012, William Busta Gallery, Cleveland, OH

2011 **Wild Kingdom**, Texas State University's Art Gallery, San Marcos, TX
Image Ohio 10, Ft. Hayes Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH (juried) (Best Photography Award)

2010 **84th Annual International Competition: Photography**, The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA
Lake Effect, Heights Arts, Cleveland Heights, OH

2008 **Geometry**, Flux Space, Philadelphia, PA
Re-Return, Kent State University Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH

2007 **Global Anxieties**, College of Wooster Art Museum, Wooster, OH [Catalog]
OAC Celebration of Creativity, Riffe Gallery, Columbus OH, Weston Art Gallery, Cincinnati OH [Catalog]

2006 **SUPERvision**, Foster Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI. (Juried) [Catalog]
Image Ohio 7, Ft. Hayes Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH (juried)

2005 **NEO+ONE**, Murray Hill Galleries, Cleveland, OH. (Juried)
Structures of Experience: an exhibition in response to Robert Smithson, The School of Art Gallery at Kent State University, Kent, OH. [Catalog]
Man and Beast, Emily Davis Gallery of the University of Akron Myers School of Art, Akron OH

2004 **Strange Affinities: Models of Representation/Visual Perception**, Seigfred Gallery, Ohio University, Athens OH
Six State Photography Exhibition, FAVA, Oberlin, OH. (juried)
Image Ohio, Ft. Hayes Shot Tower Gallery, Columbus, OH (juried)
2002 **The Contemporary City: Northeast Ohio Photographers View Urban Spaces**, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH
2001 **Verge**, Olive Tjaden Gallery, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Second Ohio Print Biennial, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood, OH
Southern Graphics Council Exhibition, Young Harris College, GA; Southeast Louisiana Univ., Hammond, LA; Eastern New Mexico Univ., Portales, NM; College of the Sequoias in Visalia, CA.
2000 **Reading Visual\Text: Regional Volumes**, Brewhouse Space 101, Pittsburgh, PA
Juried Works on Paper, Erie Museum, Erie, PA
The Poetic Image, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
Works on Paper, McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, OH (juror's award)
Great Lake Erie: Imagining an Inland Sea, Spaces, Cleveland, OH
Southern Graphics Council Exhibition, Univ. of Miami, FL; Las Cruces Museum of Fine Art, NM; Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY; Furman Univ., Greenville, SC.

CURATORIAL WORK

2016 **Programming and Selections Committee Member, SPACES, Cleveland, OH (2008 – 2018)**
2015 **Juror, Shaping New Worlds, Sweetwater Center for the Arts,** Sewickley, PA
2013 **Spotlight: Emerging Photographers,** Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, OH
2010 **Aspect Ratio,** The Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
2004 **Observation: Photographic Inquiry and Notation,** School of Art Gallery at Kent State University, Kent, OH

GRANTS AND AWARDS:

2025 **Creative Impact Fund recipient,** Assembly for the Arts,
2025 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Excellence Award
2024 **Appleseed Travel Grant,** Laurel School
2023 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Excellence Award
The Virginia Beidler Neff Award, Laurel School
2019 **Satellite Fund Recipient,** distributed by SPACES and funded through the Andy Warhol Foundation
2018 **Vermont Studio Center,** Ohio Arts Council Fellowship
2017 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Excellence Award
2016 **Ballot Box Project** Community Arts Grant, Northeast Shores Development Corporation, ArtPlace America
2015 **Nesnadny & Schwartz Visiting Curator Program**, MOCA Cleveland, Studio visit with Naomi Beckwith, Curator at the Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago
2013 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Excellence Award
2009 **Creative Workforce Fellowship,** Community Partnership for Arts and Culture & Cuyahoga Arts and Culture
2006 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Artist Fellowship
2003 **Ohio Arts Council** Individual Artist Fellowship
2002 **Wendy L. Moore Emerging Artist Award,** sponsored by the Moore family and MOCA Cleveland

COMMISSIONS

2019 **Cuyahoga Community College Metropolitan Campus**, Campus Center, permanent art installation
2018 **INTER/URBAN** in partnership with LAND Studios, the City of Cleveland and RTA

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2025 **Thinking about Photography (spring 2025)** artist feature on art and the environment
2023 **Canvas Magazine -** artist feature story and interview
2022 **Lenscratch -** artist feature story
2020 **Hyperallergic** & **Artnet** (Mar 2020) review of State of the Art at Crystal Bridges
2019 **Lenscratch - The States Project: Ohio**, artist feature story
2018 **Now You Don't: Photography and Extinction,** The In Between, Journal of New Media Photography

SELECTED RESIDENCIES, WORKSHOPS, AND LECTURES:

2025 **Ohio Arts Council's Artist Talk with Lori Kella, 2025 Biennial Juried Exhibition,** Columbus, OH
2024 **ArtHouse Community Culture Night, Artist's Lecture,** Cleveland, OH
2023 **Artist Lecture, McDonough Museum of Art**, Youngstown, OH
2022 **Akron Soul Train Residency,** Akron, OH (June 2022)
State of the Art: Constructs – Conversation with Lori Kella, Artist Lecture, Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
2020 **Artist Lecture, Cuyahoga Community College,** Cleveland, OH
2020 **Artist Lecture, Texas A&M University, Commerce,** Commerce, TX
2018 **Residency, Vermont Studio Center,** OAC fellowship, Johnson, VT
2017 **Artist Lecture, Akron Art Museum,** Akron, OH
2016 **Panelist, Green Printmaking Symposium, Zygote Press,** Cleveland, OH
2016 **Artist Lecture, Scale3, Cleveland Print Room,** Cleveland, OH
2013 **Panelist, Homegrown, Cleveland Print Room,** Cleveland, OH
2013 **Panelist, A Vanishing Wildness, William Busta Gallery,** Cleveland, OH, discussion art and the environment
2010 **Visiting Artist Lecture, Cleveland State University,** Cleveland, OH
2007 **Visiting Artist Lecture,** *Global Anxieties*, **College of Wooster Art Museum**, Wooster, OH,
2006 **The Cleveland Clinic Foundation,** Cleveland, OH, Artist Lecture
2004 **Cleveland Foundation,** Cleveland, OH, Artist Lecture
2002 **Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland**, Public dialogue with Mary Jo Toles
Panelist *The Contemporary City*, Beck Center for the Arts
2001 **Visiting Artist Lecture, University of Akron, Myers School of Art**

COLLECTIONS:

Akron Art Museum, Akron, OH
Baker Hostetler, Columbus, OH
Case Westen Reserve University, Putnam Collection, Cleveland, OH
Fred and Laura Ruth Bidwell Collection, Cleveland, OH
B.F. Goodrich Headquarters, Charlotte, NC.
The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Cuyahoga Community College, Metropolitan Campus, Cleveland, OH
Hahn Loeser and Parks LLP, Cleveland, OH
Hahn Loeser and Parks LLP, Akron, OH
Metro Health Hospitals, Cleveland, OH
Southwest General Hospital, Middleburg Hts, OH
Summa Healthcare, Akron OH
Tinnerman Lofts, Cleveland, OH
Worthington Yards, Cleveland, OH