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TO: Michael Hanlon
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FROM: Matt Tuerk 
Mayor

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SUBJECT: Authorities, Boards, Commissions Appointments

Mayor Tuerk has approved the following appointments for City Council's consideration.

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Authority/Board/Commission</u> | <u>Term to Expire</u> |
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| Jessica Ambler | Arts Commission | 1/3/2026 |
| Victoria Beck | Arts Commission | 1/2/2027 |
| Daniel Djuro-Goiricelaya | Arts Commission | 1/2/2027 |
| Kyle Edwards | Arts Commission | 1/3/2026 |
| Abigail Simmons | Arts Commission | 1/3/2026 |

Jessica Ambler, Victoria Beck, Daniel Djuro-Goiricelava, and Kyle Edwards will replace four vacant seats on the Arts Commission as artistic professionals living and/or working in the City of Allentown. Abigail Simmons will replace Max Weintraub on the Commission as representation for the Allentown Art Museum.

Victoria Beck

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Education

2016 Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, BFA Printmaking

2012 Emmaus High School Diploma, Concentration in art

Experience

2021 - Present

Printer - Raven Editions, Easton PA

Contracted by Curlee Raven Holton to print direct-lithography and intaglio editions. Artists included Faith Ringgold and Ify Chiejina.

2020 - Present

Artwork Installation - Girl on the Hill Framing, Bethlehem PA

Map out and hang/install framed pieces of art in numerous office spaces and healthcare facilities throughout eastern Pennsylvania.

2017 - 2020

Director - Inkhound Press, Allentown PA

Created and managed a collaborative print shop and gallery for print based works. Hosted children & adult printmaking workshops. Performed all aspects of running a communal print shop including shop inventory and maintenance, one-on-one instruction, event planning & memberships.

Co-Director - The Alternative Gallery, Allentown PA

Managed a nonprofit community-focused organization, exhibition space & venue dedicated to making the arts accessible to local and emerging artists. This included events planning, running live shows, coordinating/hanging art exhibitions, outreach and fundraising.

Co-Coordinator - Allentown Artsfest - Annual 3-day art & music festival at Cedar Beach Park showcasing the work of over 400 artists and musicians. In addition to setup/breakdown and general running of the festival I performed live printing demos throughout the weekend

2019-22

Live Printmaking Demo at *Art in the Park* event, Allentown PA

2019

Became member of The Printmakers Society of The Lehigh Valley

2018

Live Printmaking Demo to print curators of Allentown Art Museum.

2016 - 17

Curating Internship - The Alternative Gallery, Allentown PA

Coordinated exhibitions, managed artist relations and outreach, promoted events, hung shows and maintained the gallery space.

2013 - 16

Print Shop Monitor - Kutztown University, Kutztown PA

Duties include assisting introductory-level students, maintaining shop cleanliness, replenishing supplies and basic equipment maintenance.

2016

Photolitho Demo for Oaxaca visiting artist MK Kabrito, Kutztown PA

2016

Instructor of *Frisky DIY* - Mold making workshop, Allentown PA

2016

Attended and exhibited at Southern Graphics Conference. Participated in print exchange portfolio - Portland Oregon

2015

Attended & exhibited at Southern Graphics Conference - Knoxville TN

2015

Collaborative Print Editioning workshop, Corridor Press, Otego NY

Grant-funded research trip to study under master printer Timothy Sheesley to further explore both plate & stone with an emphasis on technical practice. Learned about editioning and collaborative printing as a career.

2014

Stone Lithography Demo to printmaking students - Kutztown PA

2014

Lithography intensive workshop, Corridor Press, Otego NY

Grant-funded research trip to study under master printer Timothy Sheesley in order to gain a better technical understanding of stone lithography chemistry & practice.

Grants / Awards

- 2022 Best Demonstration - Art in the Park Event
- 2022 People First Mural Competition
- 2015 Sharadin Artistic Achievement Award
- 2015 Marguerite Bierman Grant
- 2014 Kutztown University Undergraduate Research Grant
- 2013 Kutztown University Art Club Grant
- 2012 - 2016 Sandra Corpora Tuition Scholarship - Kutztown University
- 2012 Scholastic Art Competition: National Silver Medal
- 2011 Scholastic Art Competition: National Silver Medal

Exhibitions

- 2023 *Riot of life* show, Nature Nurture Center, Easton PA
- 2022 *Winter Show*, Midnight Gallery, Schnecksville PA
- 2022 Halloween Pop-up Show, Midnight Gallery, Schnecksville PA
- 2021 *Pancakes And Booze* Exhibition, Underground Arts, Philadelphia PA
- 2021 *Indelible*, Dual Show at The Art Establishment, Fountain Hill PA
- 2019 Printmakers Society Exhibition - The Civic Theatre, Allentown PA
- 2018 3rd Thursday event - The Hamilton, Allentown PA
- 2018 *I'm Hungry!* Truck & Depot show - Hellertown PA
- 2018 *Peasant* (tattoo flash art show) - The Alternative Gallery Allentown PA
- 2017 Inkhound Press Grand Opening Exhibition - Allentown PA
- 2016 *Suddenly Samantha* Exhibition - Suddenly Samantha Salon, Easton PA
- 2016 *2 Girls 1 Press* - Dual show at Atrium Gallery, Kutztown PA
- 2015 *Mini Print Expo* - Manhattan Graphics Center NY
- 2015 *Equine Endeavors* - Corner Gallery Kutztown PA (Solo)
- 2015 SGCI Members Exchange Portfolio - Knoxville TN
- 2015 *Ink!* - Silpe Gallery - Hartford CT (Juried)
- 2015 *Dixon Show* - Dixon University Center Harrisburg PA
- 2014 *Dixon Show* - Harrisburg PA
- 2014 Art Club Grant Exhibition - Eckhaus Gallery Kutztown PA
- 2012 Scholastic Awards Exhibition at Baum School of Art - Allentown PA
- 2012 Permanent Collection, Emmaus High School - Emmaus PA

Related Experience

- 2021 Restored antique Golding Platen letterpress (currently in use at Inkhound Press).
- 2020 - 2021 Undertook restoration of antique Fuchs & Lang lithography press (currently in use at Inkhound Press)
- 2022 People First Mural Competition
- 2018 Selected by Martin Guitar to customize artwork for a specialty guitar