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Digital Artist / Researcher and Author

Visual Synopsis CV, Exposing Work Ethic and Values



EDUCATION



University of Colorado
Boulder

TEACHERS COLLEGE
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
A Graduate School of Education, Health & Psychology

5 year Bachelor of Fine Arts with an Art Education Minor, Phi Beta Kappa.

Subsequently was the art department for students 12-18 in a small rural school in Colorado.

Why this matters...

I learned that sometimes the person we are when we are small, determines who our cohort expects us to be throughout life. As the art teacher I worked with students to overcome limitations

Doctorate in Educational Leadership

Dissertation research focused on three-year action research study enhancing opportunities for students who were homeless.

Why this matters...

I value equality of educational opportunity for those who have less social and financial capital. My research was the first of many projects aimed at equalizing educational resources for those less advantaged learners .

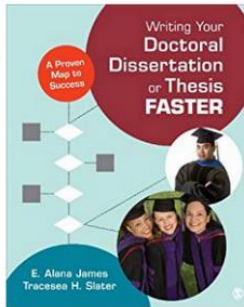
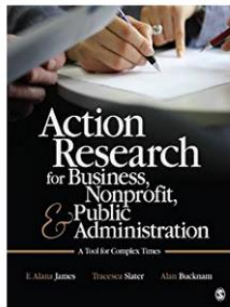
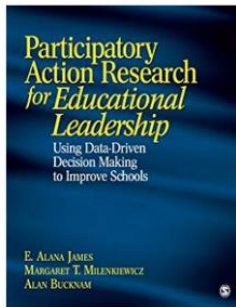
ART PRACTICE 1980s



- Quilt made out of fan underwear for rock star Frank Zappa
- Collaged prismacolor drawings of rural life
- Member of Core New Art Space Collective with multiple one woman shows

Why this matters...

Early art practice taught me about the downside of notoriety; while developing humour and an appreciation for life and all the myriad ways we can live it.



- Three textbooks published by Sage Publications,
- Numerous book chapters, and articles

Why this matters...

Action research underpins consistent formative work, whether in community development, the arts or business and humanities

RESEARCH



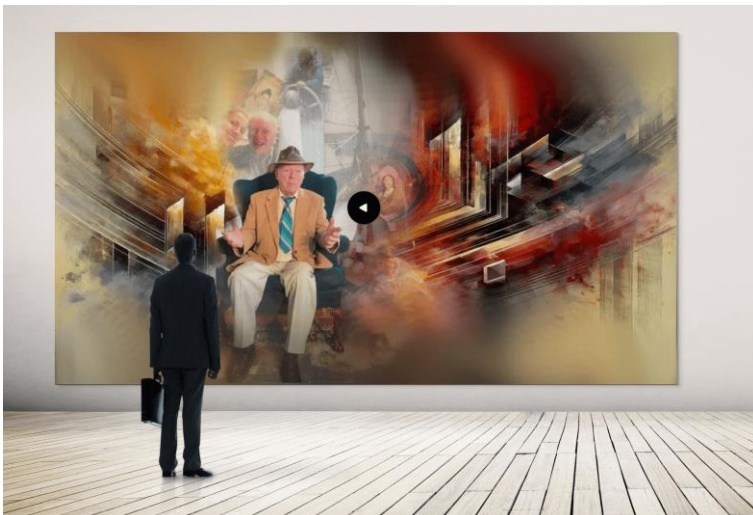
- Community Based Participatory Action Research Project on improving education for students who were disadvantaged by economic, cultural or political reasons.

Why this matters...

Facilitating community based research can be messy and this multi-year project ended with deep friendships across a global setting.

Gave me experience in bridging distance, time zones etc to build relationships

ARTWORK 2000-PRESENT DAY



Now the third round of research about life experience over 75 years and whether abstract design can capture the emotional response to these stories. Digital work and VFX

<https://ealanajames.com>

Why this matters...

This work ties my personal life as an artist and my professional life as a researcher together. In addition the rigor of learning new tools for the VFX work invigorates my current network and life experience.

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EDUCATION

EdD Teachers, College, Columbia University, NYC, USA Dissertation: “ <i>The Use of Participatory Action Research to Create New Educational Practices for Homeless and Highly Mobile Students</i> ” Committee Chair: Bob Monson, Chair	May 2005
MBA Regis University, Master of Non-Profit Management Thesis: “ <i>Studying Collaborative Process in Non-Profit Management</i> ”	May 1998
BFA Colorado University, Fine Arts Graduated Summa Cum Laude Initiate Phi Beta Kappa	May 1976

HONORS AND AWARDS

For Art Current Shortlist for Excellence -Awarded to 500 Artists on “to watch” status Given by the Global Visual Artists Association and sent to curators	October 2025
For Entrepreneurship DoctoralNet Honored as a High Potential Startup €50K award by Irish government	2014
For Faculty Excellence Award Jones International University – Department of Online Education	2006
Grant by a Group of Philanthropic and Government Agencies \$35K total donated to support research and community-based projects focused on improving education for students who were homeless or highly mobile	1996

RESEARCH

Participatory Action Research Evaluation of Graduate Digital Professional Development DoctoralNet Ltd, Cork, Ireland with 12 Universities in US and IE	2000
Colorado Participatory Action Research Principal Investigator on study for the education of homeless students	1995-1998

SELECTED ART EXHIBITIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

“What is Meaningful” A popup installation, Gallery 23 Kinsale	Jan 2026	
Summer Show Ballymaloe House	2023	
Cork Art Source	2023	
Professional Membership Visual Artist Ireland and Visual Artist Association		Current

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Actons Hotel Kinsale, Co Cork, Teach elderly citizens aqua aerobics and wellness techniques Actons Leisure Centre	2010-Present
Kinsale Atlantic Artists Active member, helping to set up and participate in shows,	2019- Present

OTHER

Dual Citizenship: United States and Ireland / European Union