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## Public Art and Private Collection

*Lighted Gator*, 8.5' x 8.5' x 8.5', Large Alligator Sculpture Commissioned by the University of Florida.  
Dec. 2019, Gainesville, FL

*Explore*, 9' x 16' x 5', Feature Wall for the Doral Glades Nature Museum.  
June 2019, Doral, FL

*Wave Bike Racks*, Three 4' x 3' x 2' wave inspired bike racks commissioned by Opus Coffee  
November 2018, Gainesville, FL

*Jungle Book*, Three large sculptural animal busts commissioned by Mellow Mushroom Inc.  
March 2018, Clemson, SC

*Out of the Woods*, Participant in Deland Sculpture Walk Exhibition.  
March 2017, Deland FL

*Gold Leaf*, Commissioned and Created for the Marriott Hotel in Gaithersburg, Maryland.  
Dec. 2017, Gaithersburg, MD.

*Branching*, Public Art Handrails for Barr Hammock Preserve through the Alachua County Forever Land Conservation Program and the Environmental Protection Program and in collaboration with artist John Patterson.  
Sept. 2016, Gainesville FL

*The Skunk Ape*, privately commissioned full scale sculpture depicting Florida's mysteries Skunk Ape,  
June 2016, Gainesville FL

*The Chase*, a large scale outdoor sculpture inspired by Florida's rich aquatic life, located at the Shands Orthopedic Pediatric Center in Gainesville, FL  
April 2016, Gainesville, FL

*Oak Tree Triptych*, Highly Forged 3-piece metal panel, featuring imagery of a live oak tree. Located at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville, FL  
January 2016, Gainesville FL

*Out of the Woods*, Participant in Gainesville Main Street Artscape 18 month exhibition.  
December 2014, Gainesville FL

*Lift*, Participant in the Belle Art outdoor sculpture exhibition in Scottsdale, AZ  
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Three site-specific sculptural sign-holder created for the City of Gainesville Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Park alongside the Art in Public Places Trust and the Gainesville Parks Department.  
August 2013, Gainesville FL

Cloud Chandeliers and Expanded Steel Lighting Pendants designed for and installed at the Pizza Fusion restaurant in Naples, FL in collaboration with paper artist Karen Tharp.  
*July 2013, Naples FL*

*Roots*, winner of the 2012 Coral Gables Benchmarks Design Competition, and located at the Coral Gables Museum.  
*Sept 2012, Coral Gables FL*

Startle, Acquired by Beltline Inc. in 2013.  
April 2013, Atlanta GA

*The Giving Tree*, an original Artwork commissioned by and in the public art collection of the City of Gainesville, located at the Senior Recreational Center.  
*June 2012, Gainesville FL*

*Cycle*, an original Artwork in the public art collection of the University of Florida, located at the Small Animal Vet Hospital.  
*May 2011, Gainesville FL*

## Awards

2019 - City of Gainesville Individual Artist of the Year Award

## Teaching and Demonstrating Experience

2020 - Owner of [Fe]ver Metal Art Center and instructor of hands on Metalworking Workshops  
2020 - Community Education Welding Instructor at Santa Fe College's Welding Certification Program  
2020 - 1 week Guest Instructor for one week at the Appalachian School of Craft in Tennessee  
2020 - 2 week Iron Studio Technician Haystack Mountain School of Craft in Maine  
2019- 2012 Beginning Blacksmithing Workshops taught out of Leslie Tharp Design's metal studio  
2019 Teaching Assistant for John Rais at Haystack School of Craft in Maine  
2018 Assisting Demonstrator Rachel David at SIMS  
2018 Assisting Demonstrator Lisa Geertsen at Annual Quadstate Conference  
2018-2019 Guest Instructor at The Maritime Museum in Cortez Florida  
2014-2018 Teaching Instructor at Florida Artist Blacksmith Association Annual Conference

## Education

2016 Journeyman Certification for Blacksmithing  
2008, University of Florida Bachelor's in Fine Art Degree