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CV

Education:

2019	Fulbright Researcher affiliated with the University of Fortaleza, Fortaleza, Brazil and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2016	University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York, Master of Fine Arts, Media Study: Emerging Practices
2004	University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, Bachelor of Science, Major in Art

Solo Exhibitions:

2026	The True Artist, ACADIANA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, Lafayette, Louisiana
2025	Mirror Stage, BATON ROUGE GALLERY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2025	Ways To Be True, GOOD CHILDREN GALLERY, New Orleans, Louisiana
2023	illegible seeks same, BATON ROUGE GALLERY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2022	Somatic perMutants, THE FRONT, New Orleans, Louisiana
2020	Relational Objects Project, VISARTS, Rockville, Maryland
2018	<i>Call and Response,</i> HONFLEUR GALLERY, ANACOSTIA ART CENTER, Washington, D.C.
2017	The Stray Mizzling Hour, RHIZOME, Washington, D.C.
2015	<i>Appetites/Anxieties,</i> BIG ORBIT GALLERY, CENTER FOR EXPLORATORY AND PERCEPTUAL ART, Buffalo, New York
2013	<i>Liz Lessner,</i> UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO VISUAL STUDIES GALLERY, Center for the Arts, Buffalo, New York
2003	Honey, ERIC WASHBURNE GALLERY, Eugene, Oregon

Two Person Exhibitions:

2023	Secretions Screening (as Yes We Cannibal), CULTIVATE, Washington D.C
2022	no, Thing -nothing (i know you hate that mystic shit), YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2019	<i>Knowledge Transmission/ Circuitos de Conhecimento,</i> CROSSLAB FOR INNOVATION AND PROTOTYPING, UNIVERSITY OF FORTALEZA, Fortaleza, Brazil
2018	commonwealth & Lux, BUFFALO ARTS STUDIO, Buffalo, New York
2016	<i>The Apology Machine,</i> in collaboration with R.E. Katz, BOX GALLERY, Buffalo, New York

2015	Installation + Performance, OPEN AIR STUDIO, Buffalo, New York
2007	Common China, 3 RD WARD, Brooklyn, New York

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2024	What are dreams if not hostage situations? (as Yes We Cannibal), SPRING BREAK ART FAIR, New York, New York
2024	LANDscape[s]: Artworks from the MAPSA Collection of Contemporary Art, UNIVERSITY OF THE FREE STATE SCAENA GALLERY, Bloemfontein, South Africa
2023	Capitol Offense, GOOD CHILDREN GALLERY, New Orleans, Louisiana
2022	Phantasma, ART CONSCIOUS, New Orleans, Louisiana
2022	BRG Exhibition, BATON ROUGE AIRPORT, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2021	Recent Work: LSU School of Art Faculty Exhibition, GLASSELL GALLERY, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2021	Fulbright 75 Art Exhibit, FULBRIGHT, Online
2019	Corporeal Imaginations, DARTMOUTH UNIVERSITY, Hanover, New Hampshire
2018	Intimate Gathering, WAS GALLERY, Bethesda, Maryland
2017	Smokey Signals from the Groot Karoo: Connecting Spaces, MODERN ARTS PROJECTS SOUTH AFRICA, Richmond, South Africa
2017	Smokey Signals from the Groot Karoo: Connecting Spaces, CIRCA GALLERY, Cape Town, South Africa
2016	We Do Us, CHERYL, Hudson, New York
2015	Amid/In WNY, HALLWALLS, Buffalo, New York
2015	<i>Dirty Thirty,</i> in collaboration with Laura Curry, SQUEAKY WHEEL, Buffalo, New York
2015	Salon at the Second Empire, SECOND EMPIRE, Buffalo, New York
2015	<i>Fluid Bodies,</i> GUAPAMACÁTARO CENTER FOR ART AND ECOLOGY, Michoacán, Mexico
2015	Transmaterial, ANDERSON GALLERY, Buffalo, New York
2015	Unplanned Interdependencies, GUAPAMACÁTARO CENTER FOR ART AND ECOLOGY, Michoacán, Mexico
2014	<i>City of Night,</i> TECHNE TREKKER, INSTITUTE FOR ARTS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, SILO CITY, Buffalo, New York
2014	True Defective, ARTISTS AND MODELS, HALLWALLS, Buffalo, New York
2014	<i>DSM-404: Pathological Transmissions</i> , CENTER FOR THE ARTS, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2013	Tempus Fugit, HI-TEMP FABRICATION, Buffalo, New York
2010	The Man I Wish I Was, A.I.R. GALLERY, Brooklyn, New York

2008	Side by Side, BROOKLYN ARTISTS GYM, Brooklyn, New York
2007	Sweet Nothings, PROSPECT PARK, Brooklyn, New York
2006	Infix, ART IN ODD PLACES, New York, New York
2006	Fine Art and Performance Art, COLLISION MACHINE, Brooklyn, New York

Awards and Grants:

2022	La Baldi Residency Award, LA BALDI, Montegiovvi, Italy
2022	CERF Get Ready Grant, LOUISIANA DIVISION OF THE ARTS, Baton Rouge, LA
2021	Individual Artist Relief Grant, LOUISIANA DIVISION OF THE ARTS, Baton Rouge,
2019	<i>Fulbright Fellowship,</i> UNIVERSITY OF FORTALEZA, Ceará, Brazil & FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2018	VisArts Studio Fellowship, VISARTS, Rockville, Maryland
2018	Fellowship, EYEO, Minneapolis, Minnesota
2018	Scholar of Excellence, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2016	<i>Starter Grant,</i> DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA STUDY, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2016	<i>GSEU Professional Development Grant</i> , UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2015	<i>GSEU Professional Development Grant</i> , UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2015	Morris Grant, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2015	Research Grant, MARK DIAMOND RESEARCH FUND, Buffalo, New York
2014	<i>Starter Grant,</i> DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA STUDY, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New York
2014	<i>Chamberlin Grant</i> , AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, Buffalo, New York

Teaching:

A portfolio of student work can be seen here: <u>https://lizlessner.com/student-work/</u>

2023-2024 Nadine Carter Russell Endowed Chair, School of Art, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Fall 2024 ART 2210, Creative Coding
Spring 2024-25 ART4059, Digital Media Capstone
Fall 2023 ART 2220, Moving Image
Fall 2023 ART 4270, Digital Art Studio Capstone

2021-2023	Instructor, School of Art, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Baton Rouge, Louisiana		
	Fall 2022	ART 7000, Grad Seminar	
	Fall 2021-22	ART 2220, Moving Image	
	Fall 2020-21	ART 1012, 3-D Design	
	Spring 2022-23	ART 2055, Digital Arts II	
	Spring 2022-23	ART 4020, Digital Arts Concepts	
2021- 2022	Instructor, Departmen OF SAN MARCOS, San I	t of Art, Media, and Design, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY Marcos, California	
	Spring 2021-22	AMD 104, Intro to Digital and Media Art	
2020-2022	Instructor, Robert Rei UNIVERSITY, Baton Ro	ch School of Landscape Architecture, LOUISIANA STATE ouge, Louisiana	
	Fall 2022	LA 7101, Drawing – Seeing by Hand	
	Spring 2021	LA 7021, Design Studio - Site Systems II	
	Spring 2021	LA 1021, Design Studio -Landscape Representation II	
	Fall 2020	ART 1012, 3-D Design	
	Fall 2020	LA 7001, Design Studio - Site Systems I	
	Fall 2020	LA 1011, Design Studio -Landscape Representation	
2018	Instructor, School of A	Art, George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia	
	Fall 2018	AVT 104, 2-D Design	
	Fall 2018	AVT 262, Sculpture I	
2013- 2016	Instructor, Departmen York	t of Media Study, UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, Buffalo, New	
	Spring 2016	DMS 121, Basic Digital Arts	
	Spring 2016	DMS 499/599, 3-D Printing Workshop	
	Fall 2015	DMS 216, Wearables and 'Soft' Computing	
	Summer 2015	DMS 213, Immigration and Film Online	
	Spring 2015	DMS 216, Wearables and 'Soft' Computing	
	Spring 2014	DMS 215, Creative Technology Workshop	
	Fall 2013-14	DMS 213, Immigration and Film	

Workshops:

Fall 2019Computação Vestiveis (Wearable Computing), STATE UNIVERSITY OF CAMPINAS,
Campinas, Brazil & FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Spring 2019	Lygia Clark, Sensory Perception, and Lived Experience, UNIVERSITY OF FORTALEZA, Fortaleza, Brazil
Winter 2018	Laser Cutting and 3-D Printing, NONSTOP ARTS MAKERSPACE, Washington, D.C.
Spring 2017	<i>Soft Control Wearable Computing Workshop</i> , GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY MAKERHUB, Washington, D.C.
Spring 2017	Soft Sense Wearable Computing Workshop, RHIZOME, Washington, D.C.
Spring 2014	<i>Arduino Workshop</i> , Buffalo Emerging Art Practices, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York

Residency Developed:

Spring 2018-17 SoftWEAR A WEARABLE COMPUTING RESIDENCY, ARTSCAPE GIBRALTAR POINT, Toronto, Canada

Residencies Awarded:

2022	Artist in Residence, LA BALDI, Montegiovvi, Italy
2019	<i>Visiting Artist/ Scholar in Residence</i> , CROSSLAB RESEARCH GROUP, UNIVERSITY OF FORTALEZA, Ceará, Brazil
2018	Artist in Residence, VISARTS, Rockville, Maryland
2018	Artist in Residence, BUFFALO ARTS STUDIO, Buffalo, New York
2017	Artist in Residence, NON STOP MAKER SPOT, Washington D.C.
2017	Artist in Residence, SMOKY SIGNALS FROM THE GROOT KAROO, Modern Arts Projects- South Africa, Richmond, South Africa
2015	Artist in Residence Summer Session, GUAPAMACÁTARO CENTER FOR ART AND ECOLOGY, Michoacán, Mexico
2015	Artist in Residence Winter Session, GUAPAMACÁTARO CENTER FOR ART AND ECOLOGY, Michoacán, Mexico
2010-2007	Artist in Residence, SUPPORTING WOMEN ARTIST PROJECT, Brooklyn, New York
2003	Psychogeography Artists Workshop, ASSOCIAZIONE CANOVA, Oira, Italy

Commissions:

2018	commonwealth, BUFFALO ARTS STUDIO, Buffalo, New York
2015	Rain Box, ANDERSON GALLERY, Buffalo, New York

Collections:

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana Modern Art Projects South Africa, Richmond, South Africa

Organizations and Research Groups Founded:

Ongoing since 202	20 Co-Director with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
	Art collective producing and programming experimental art, performance, and social research with monthly gallery shows and weekly salon series featuring local, national, and international artists including Clarissa Ribeiro, Tunde Wey, Jeremy Toussaint-Baptiste, Francis Summers, Louisa Minkin, Cesar & LOIS.
2021 to 2018	<i>Director,</i> SENSORY ENGAGEMENT LAB, Mt. Rainer and Rockville, Maryland & Baton Rouge, Louisiana
	Community-based research platform that probes how novel combinations of materials and embedded electronics contribute to sensory experience.
2013 to 2015	<i>Co-Director with Laura Curry, Derek Curry and Jennifer Gradecki</i> , TEMPUS FUGIT, Buffalo, New York
	Curatorial group that produced exhibitions and publications.

Publications:

Peer Reviewed Articles:		
2022	Keel, Mat and Lessner, Liz. "Yes We Cannibal Panel Discussion: Reading, Unearthing and Eating Anthropocentrism with Cesar and LOIS." <i>Anthropology of</i> <i>Consciousness</i> . (Forthcoming)	
2020	Lessner, Liz, "Sensory and Spatial Koans." ISEA 2020: Why Sentience?, Montreal, Canada 19-24 May, 2020	
2019	Lessner, Liz, "Sensation as Strategy for Restructuring Consciousness: Lygia Clark and Carnaval." <i>Fulbright Mid-Year Western Conference Proceedings 2019</i> , Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12-16 August, 2019	
Articles:		
2024	Keel, Mat and Lessner, Liz. "We Were Never Alone." <i>Emptiness Ecologies Catalogue</i> .	
2024	Keel, Mat and Lessner, Liz. "How many ways to look at a tree?: Vegetal reflection and distance in Steven L. Anderson's Entropy Plan for the Western Fam." <i>Catalogue Essay</i>	
2021	Keel, Mat and Lessner, Liz. "On Freak Space, the Risk of the Subject, and the Deferral of Philip Guston." <i>REFUSE: A Journal of Iconoclasms</i> , vol.1, issue1.	
2021	Keel, Mat and Lessner, Liz. "Foraging Wild Mushrooms" <i>Earthbound Almanac</i> . Lobelia Commons. vol. 1. 2021	

2019	Dra. Clarissa Ribeiro, Guilherme Ximenes, Diego Paim, Elizabeth	
	Lessner."Sarradismo em Arquitetura: a proposição de um manifesto	
	desconstrutivista como estratégia de design a partir de estudos de obras de Lygia	
	Clark nas aulas de Elementos de Composição Tridimensional." XI Encontro de	
	Práticas Docentes Universidade de Fortaleza, Fortaleza, Brazil, 2019	
2015	Lessner, Liz, "a Block and Tackle of lures, reels, and rods," Caramel Obscura:	
	<i>Burnt Media,</i> A TEMPUS FUGIT - DEPARTMENT OF MEDIA STUDY PUBLICATION, Buffalo, New York, 2015, pp52-53	
Featured Artwork	:	
2020	Lessner, Liz, Featured Artist , <i>Cybernetics & Human Knowing A Journal of Second Order Cybernetics, Autopoiesis & Cybersemiotics</i> , vol. 27, no. 1, 2020.	
2016	Gould, Declan, Featured Artwork , <i>Model Figure, Shirt Pocket Press</i> , Grand Rapids, MI, 2016.	

Bibliography:

Fontenot, Jordan Lahaye, 5 Baton Rouge Artist You Should Know, COUNTRY ROADS, April 2024.

Fontenot, Jordan Lahaye, <u>A Guide to Baton Rouge's Gallery Scene</u>, Country Roads, April 2024.

Turner-Neal, Chris, Can-I-Ball?, Country Roads, June 2023.

Crooks, Nyx, <u>Yes We Cannibal Turned Into High-End Restaurant Where Guests Couldn't Speak For</u> <u>Art Exhibit</u>, Reveille, May 2023.

Evans, Bryn, Yes We Cannibal in Baton Rouge, LA, Burnaway, June 2022.

Pinotek, Zane, <u>Yes We Cannibal's New Ecology-Themed Exhibit Its 'Most Ambitious' Yet</u>, 225 Magazine, December 2022.

Roedel, Jeff, *The Creatives: Fine artists and curators Liz Lessner and Mat Keel of Yes We Cannibal,* inRegister, June 2022.

Farranto, Emily, *<u>The Map, the Territory: Four Hours in Baton Rouge</u>, New Orleans Review, May 2022.*

Leo, Christina, No Humans Were Eaten in the Writing of this Story, COUNTRY ROADS, July 2020.

- Vidales, Carlos, "Logical Systems, Social Systems and Behavior," Cybernetics and Human Knowing, Vol.27 (2020), no.1, pp 5-9.
- Eberhardt, I'Jaz, *Lux and Interstitial Castings Buffalo Arts Studio Premieres Two New Artists,* BUFFALO VIBE, July 30, 2018.

Jenkins, Mark, In the Galleries: Art that Expresses the Feel of Foggy Bottom, THE WASHINGTON

POST, June 28, 2018.

- Hope, Eric, *East City Art Reviews: INTIMATE Gathering at WAS Gallery*, EAST CITY ART, June 20, 2018.
- Jenkins, Mark, *In the Galleries: Art that Thrives in Natural Light*, THE WASHINGTON POST, June 1, 2018.
- Modern Art Projects South Africa, *Smoky Signals from the Groot Karoo*, EXHIBITION CATALOG, MAy 1, 2017.

Kyle Butler, John Massier, Rebecca Wing, Amid/In WNY, EXHIBITION CATALOG, January 13, 2017.

- Alicia Marvan, *Transmaterial Material Explorations in Art, Design and Architecture,* EXHIBITION CATALOG, January 10, 2016.
- Jack Foran, Battle of the Sexes, ARTVOICE, October 15, 2015.

Liza Grobler, Art, Ecology and Mexican Pink, ART AFRICA, September 1, 2015.

Buffalo Rising, Tony Billoni on the History of Artists & Models, BUFFALO RISING, June 8, 2014.

Jack Foran, Works by Past and Current UB Media Study Faculty and Students at Hi-Temp Fabrication, ARTVOICE, May 2, 2013.

Ryan Bornheimer, From Trash to Craft, THE DAILY EMERALD, April 30, 2002.

Lectures and Presentations:

2023	Ctrl C+ Ctrl V Art and Appropriation in the 21st Century
	LSU MUSEUM OF ART, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2021	More than Earth Mutiny Ecologies (as Yes We Cannibal with Mat Keel)
	WORLD ECOLOGY RESEARCH NETWORK, online
2020	Sensory and Spatial Koans
	INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTRONIC ART, Montreal, Canada
2020	Mental Ecologies: Consciousness as an Emergent Phenomena
	INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ELECTRONIC ART, Montreal, Canada
2020	Socially Engaged Art in a Pandemic World
	LABORATORIO INDISCIPLINARIO, Monterrey, Mexico
2020	Objects and Interactions
	SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY, Hammond, Louisiana
2019	Knowledge Transmission/ Circuitos de Conhecimento
	Leonardo Art and Science Evening Rendezvous, University of Fortaleza, Fortaleza, Brazil
2019	The Relational Objects Project- Interactive Objects Inspired by Lygia Clark's

	Sensory Koans
	NANO LAB- FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
2019	Relational Objects and Techno-Qualia as Machines for Restructuring Consciousness
	Consciousness Reframed- Sentient States: Bio-mind and Techno-nature, Porto, Portugal
2019	<i>Transcending the Binary- Sensory and Spatial Koans in the Land of 1s and 0s</i> FEMEETING, Vila Milfontes, Portugal
2019	<i>Oneiric Transductions</i> Leonardo Art and Science Evening Rendezvous, University of Fortaleza, Fortaleza, Brazil
2018	Gesture, Responsiveness, and Interactivity HONFLEUR GALLERY, ANACOSTIA ART CENTER, Washington, D.C.
2018	Sculptural Wearables INTERACCESS GALLERY, Toronto, Canada
2016	<i>ARTy</i> TECHNE INSTITUTE FOR ARTS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES, Buffalo, New York
2015	Appetites/Anxieties BIG ORBIT GALLERY, CEPA, Buffalo, New York
2013	Here + Now Artists Showcase SQUEAKY WHEEL, Buffalo, New York
Selected Exh	nibitions Curated and Events Programmed:
2024	Going to See a Man About a Horse, Jeremy Toussaint-Baptiste Yes We Cannibal Gallery Exhibition, LSU Lecture, YWC Performance, and Cross Disciplinary Academic Symposium Programmed with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2023	Can I Ball? with Tunde Wey
	Programmed with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2023	Capitol Offense
	GOOD CHILDREN GALLERY, New Orleans, Louisiana
2022-23	<u>Emptiness Ecologies</u> Featuring Art and Writing from John Clark, Dawn DeDeaux, Emily Vey Duke and Cooper Battersby, Chihiro Ito, Laura Marris, Clarissa Ribeiro, Anna Scime, Courtney P. Taylor, and Monique Verdin
	Curated with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2021	Eat the Anthropocene with Cesar & Lois, Mycelia and Friend Entities
	Curated with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2021	An Unexpected Discussion of Objects and Ontology with Graham Harman, Bruce Sterling and Vinay Gupta
	Programmed with Mat Keel, YES WE CANNIBAL, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
2019	Guest Lecture Chair, Knowledge Transmission/ Circuitos de Conhecimento

	LEONARDO ART AND SCIENCE EVENING RENDEZVOUS, UNIVERSITY OF FORTALEZA, Fortaleza, Brazil
2019	<i>Guest Lecture Chair, Porous Borders/ Bordas Porosas</i> Leonardo Art and Science Evening Rendezvous, University of Fortaleza, Fortaleza, Brazil
2018	Lecture Chair, SENSORY ENGAGEMENT LAB, Rockville, Maryland
2016	Event Organizer ECHOES, Honfleur Gallery, Anacostia Art Center, Washington, D.C.
2015	<i>Co-producer & Editor</i> CARAMEL OBSCURA: BURNT MEDIA, A TEMPUS FUGIT PUBLICATION, Buffalo, New York
2013	<i>Co-producer</i> TEMPUS FUGIT (But Airplanes Crash and Drones are Forever), Buffalo, New York

Grants in Support of Curated Exhibitions and Programming

2024	Louisiana Project Grant
2024	Everett G. Powers Fund for Creativity
2023	Louisiana Project Grant
2023	Visit Baton Rouge Grant

Professional Service

2024	Jury Member, Real-Life Experience, Baton Rouge Gallery
2023-24	Digital Design and Emergent Media Pathways Coordinator
	Outreach to secondary education institutions around LSU DDEM courses, programs and degree pathways; Grant Writing, DDEM Curriculum development and Review, Curriculum and program assessment, Teacher recruitment
2023-24	Faculty Senate Policy Committee, Louisiana State University
2022	Creativity and Cognition Peer Reviewer