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**Education:**

1997 Certificate: 3 year Post-baccalaureate Metals Degree, Oregon College of Art and Craft (OCAC), Portland, OR

1993 B.A. Design, University of California, Los Angeles. Summa Cum Laude

**Solo Exhibits:**

2014 TrashTara : It Starts with an Inhale, The IMC LAB +Gallery, New York, NY

2013 Reef re-FORMed, multimedia pop-up installation at The Creators Collective PreviewPOD, The Shops, DUMBO, NY

2012 Project Snip: TEDGlobal Crowdsourced Haircut, Edinburgh, Scotland

2012 Biorock coral restoration simulation, Emerson Space Case, Portland, OR

2011 Biorock coral restoration simulation, RED Rover Mobile Art gallery, Portland, OR

2011 Biorock coral restoration simulation; multimedia, Knit Purl, Portland, OR

2010 Slideways - A Sideward Pushing Puzzle Streaming Time and Space in Confinement, good: a gallery, Portland, OR

**Select Group and Juried Exhibitions:**

2013 Maker Faire NYC, Participatory coral restoration installation, Queens, NY

2012 mini Maker Faire, Participatory coral restoration installation, Portland, OR 2012

OCAC Alumni Show: Featuring Works of Wood and Fiber, Hoffman Gallery, Portland, OR

2012 intermix, Tria Gallery, Chelsea, NY

2012 The LOVE Show, Gallery Homeland, online and Portland, OR

2011 Life Underwater, good gallery, Portland, OR

2011 West Coast Biennial, Turtle Bay Exploration Park, Redding CA

2009 Gluttony, good: a gallery, Portland, OR

2009 Preserved, good: a gallery

2009 Look at Me!, good: a gallery

2009 Bee Meadow Project, Gossamer Fiber Arts, Portland, OR

2009 September Featured Member, Art and Science Collaborations Inc., [online@asci.org](mailto:online@asci.org)  
2009 Resurrection, good: a gallery, Portland, OR  
2008 Warm Fuzzies, good: a gallery, Portland, OR  
2008 The Art of Tango, Onda Gallery, Lake Oswego, OR  
2008 After Hours, A Celebration of LAIKA Artists, Goldsmith Building, Portland, OR  
2008 ARTundressed Tour, Miami, Montreal, Berlin  
2007 Green-er Sessions: Sketching Solutions for Climate Changes, Venice, CA  
2006 Food as Activism, multi-media installation +perf, The LAB, San Francisco, CA  
2005 Sculpture Within Doors, Winfield Gallery, Carmel, CA  
2005 Seattle Erotic Art Festival, Consolidated Works, Seattle, WA  
2004 Politics, "Diablo Valley College Art Gallery, Concord, CA. co-curator, participant  
2004 1st Night, kinetic installation for New Year's Eve, Double Tree Hotel, Monterey, CA  
2003 Sound and Vision, Diamond and Tanita Gallery, Portland, OR  
2002 Amalgamate:A National Gathering of Metalsmiths, Slocumb Galleries,TN  
2002 American Craft Council Banquet, Portland OR  
1999 Inquisitive Object: Biennial Review, Hoffman Gallery, Portland, OR  
1999 Feminine Products 2-good girls don't..., Mercury Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
1999 Spiritual in Metals, Visual Arts Center, Mt. Hood Comm. College, OR  
1999 Nature and Wildlife, City Hall Visual Arts Gallery, Gresham, OR  
1999 Surface Design, City Hall Visual Arts Gallery, Gresham, OR  
1998 Fruits and Vegetables, Guardino Gallery, Portland, OR  
1998 Metamorphosis in Metals, Visual Arts Ctr., Mt. Hood Comm. College, OR  
1997 Feminine Products-no strings attached, Zeitgeist Gallery, New Orleans, LA  
1997 Creative Metal Arts Guild Show, Portland, OR

**Public Art:**

2012 Brain Storm, permanent multimedia exhibit at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Portland  
2011 Living Sea Sculpture: Contemporary Art as Coral Refuge, Cancun, Mexico (ZOE)

2009, 2004 "Coral Skirt," "Liku Liku" underwater Biorock® sculptures, Karang Lestari, (Coral Protection Project) Pemuteran, Bali

2008 Community Crocheted Reef and Biorock exhibit, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Portland, OR

2005 Commission, interactive welded sculpture for Randall Museum, San Francisco, CA

2000-2001 Artist-in-Residence, Children's Museum, 2nd Generation (cm2), Portland, OR  
\$9.9 million museum; 50,328 sq.ft., Portland Rotary Charitable Trust. 1 of 4 artists hired from national search. Design, create interactive exhibits/installations to meet childhood development criteria; manage staff, 15 volunteers, production team; solicit material donations; implement youth art programs; unify museum aesthetic.

**Performance, Public Speaking:**

2015 TEDxGalapagos, Santa Cruz Island, Ecuador. Speaker, Participatory art installation

2014 TrashTara: Compassionate Deity of the Dregs. Butt Brigade leader for cigarette recycling, Manhattan, NY

2006-present Amphitrite: Goddess of the Sea. Coral reef restorer, ocean collaborator

2014 TEDxSpence, New York, NY. Speaker, Participatory art installation/Biorock

2012 Speaker, Making Waves - Inland Ocean Symposium, Boulder, CO

2012 Speaker, Innovation Stage, mini Maker Faire, Portland, OR

2012 Speaker; Interactive reef installation, American Museum of Natural History, NY

2012 Interactivist, TheBlu (app) launch in Times Square, NY

2012 Speaker; Licensee; Exhibitor, TEDxMonterey "Sea Change", CA

2012 Speaker, TED U, TED Conference, Long Beach, CA

2012 Speaker, Nature Matters: Where Culture and Nature Intersect, Astoria, OR

2011 Speaker; Exhibitor, TEDxWoodsHole, WoodsHole, MA

2011 Speaker; Exhibitor, OMSI Science Pub, Mission Theater, Portland, OR.

2011 Speaker; Panelist, Secondline conference, New Orleans, LA

2010 Eco-performer, TEDxRanier, Seattle, WA

2010 Featured Artist, Organizer, Alberta Art Hop, Coral Conservatory Zone, Portland, OR

2009 Nokia Responsiveness campaign featuring TED Fellows, OMSI, Portland, OR

2009 Speaker, Fellows Talk, TED conference, Long Beach, CA

2008 Collaborator/Presenter: art exhibit/ "Reef Reborn" screening fund-raiser for the Global Coral Reef Alliance, Gossamer, Portland, OR

2008 Wolf Hilbertz memorial service, Austin, TX (Wolf invented Biorock®)

2007 Slow Food Feast By the Sea by the Sea by the Beautiful Sea, counterPULSE, SF, CA

2004-present Miss Snail Pail: A Healthy Alternative to Pesticides. Snail abatement specialist, "chef"

2011 TED conference LongBeach, CA

2009 10th Annual Alberta Art Hop, interactivist/conceptual performance, Portland, OR

2006 Performer/Chef, A Fall Harvest Slow Food Feast of Fools and Friends, Fundraiser for alternative performing art space - counterPULSE, SF, CA

2006 Maker Faire, San Mateo, CA

2004-05 ReadyMade magazine Holiday Party, San Francisco, CA

Official screenings/festivals: "On the Trail with Miss Snail Pail" doc. by Golden Bear Casting, 2009 (12 min.)

2012 - Monarch Film Festival, Pacific Grove, CA

2011- 9th Annual Wild and Scenic Film Festival, Official Selection, Nevada City, CA

2009- Colorado Environmental Film Festival, Official Selection, Golden, CO

Modesto Reel Food Film Festival, Official Selection, CA

Tucson Slow Food Film Festival, Official Selection, AZ

### **Awards, Grants, Residencies:**

2015 Reef Rehab artist-in-residence experiment, Inapesca, Puerto Morelos, Mexico

2015 ReefxRehab, Natalie Jeremijenko's XClinic, New York University (NYU), NY

2014 Co-create Art/Tech Residency at The IMC Lab + Gallery, New York, NY

2014 Donors Trust unrestricted grant through Fractured Atlas fiscal sponsor

2014 Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Grant, New York, NY (TrashTara)

2013 Sapling Foundation grant, live stream webcams for ZOE, Cancun, Mexico

2013 Metanexus grant for ZOE

2013 Vesper Foundation grant for ZOE

2013 John Anson Educational Kittredge Fund Project Grant for *Respire: The Coral Corollary* 2012 Brain Storm Honoree, 1 of 8 Oregon innovators selected from 130 nominees.

Featured in Portland Monthly, permanent multimedia exhibit at OMSI, presenter/  
interviewee at Wieden+Kennedy by Randy Gragg  
2012 Metanexus grant for ZOE  
2011 Harnisch Foundation grant for ZOE  
2011 Bertha Philanthropies grant for ZOE  
2011 Kickstarter campaign: Living Sea Sculpture - Contemporary Art as Coral Refuge  
2011 People's Choice, West Coast Biennial, Redding, CA  
2010-2012 TED Senior Fellow. 1 of 20 from 65 candidates. Inaugural class.  
2010 Regional Arts and Culture Council Project Grant for "Slideways"  
2009 Self-directed residency, Pemuteran, Bali. Created a new coral reef sculpture,  
R&D for *Respire - The Coral Corollary*  
2009 TED Fellow. 1 of 40 from international search.  
2006 The World's Greatest Erotic Art of Today, Vol. 1 (proceeds to HIV/AIDS  
research) 1999 "Exhibition in Print", Metalsmith Magazine  
1999 Honorable Mention, "The Inquisitive Object", Hoffman Gallery  
1996 SNAG National Educational Endowment Scholarship  
1996 OCAC Certificate of Merit Scholarship, Portland, OR  
1995 Glass fusing workshop, Bull's Eye Glass, Portland, OR  
1990 Boronda Art Scholarship, Budapest, Hungary

**Animation, Jewelry, Teaching:**

2015 Guest Lecturer: Universidad Autonoma de Mexico, Puerto Morelos, Quintana Roo.  
Presentation + invitation for coral researchers to monitor and co-develop ZOE experiments  
2015 Speaker, instructor, One Campus One Book-Merging Art with Environmental Science,  
University of Alaska Southeast: Sitka; Juneau  
2014 Sila Connection New York, Advisor to NYU students for waste mitigation project pitches  
2014 Guest lecturer: New York University Visual Arts, Natalie Jeremijenko's Class on Agency  
School of Visual Arts BioArts Lab, Brandon Ballengee's class on BioArt  
2014, 2013 Instructor, Etching with Electricity through Seawater, Pioneer Works, Brooklyn, NY  
2012 Story, Producer: "The Home the Ocean Built," Toaster Dog Productions, Portland, OR  
2012-2012 Armaturist/puppet fab: Sony; Reynolds Wrap commercials, HK 3, Planters Peanuts,  
LAIKA House, Portland, OR  
2011 Sculpture Instructor, U.A.E. Sheika, Bad Ragaz, Switzerland  
2006-2008 Armaturist/puppet fab: "Coraline," 3-D animated feature film, LAIKA, Hillsboro, OR  
2005 Enrichment Specialist, 21st Century After School Program, Soledad High, CA  
2005 Monterey Museum of Art, Visitor Services, Monterey, CA  
2003 Instructor, The Crucible, Girl's Inc., torch cutting workshop, Oakland, CA  
2003 Blacksmith assistant, Black's Ironworks, Spreckels, CA  
2002 Blacksmith assistant, Whitesavage and Lyle, Seattle, WA  
2002 Armaturist, Skyler Entertainment (animation), Portland, OR

1998-2000 Armaturist, Will Vinton Studios, Inc., The PJ's; Gary and Mike; 3 Musketeers, Portland, OR

1999-2001 Jewelry/Metals Instructor, Multnomah Art Center, Portland, OR

1997-1999 Jewelry/Metals Instructor, Mt. Hood Community College, OR

1998-2003 Instructor, Saturday Academy (accelerated high school after school program), OR

1998-2003 Instructor, Arts-in-Libraries, OR

1999-2003 Artist-in Residence, Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC), Portland, OR

Portland Jewish Academy (kindergarten), Foam and fabric fence for classroom

Laurelhurst School (K), Cement mosaic fish

Montclair Elementary (K-5), Metal birds outdoor installation; metal hawk lobby sculpture

Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN), Mosaic cement stepping stones for garden

Riverdale Elementary (K-8), Permanent outdoor cement sculpture; steel sculptures Eastwind

Center- La Razita (ages 8-18), Memorial sculpture; artwork for Childrens' Museum

Peninsula Year-Round Elementary (3rd, 4th), Mardi Gras sculptures, parade Boeckman

Creek Schl (2nd-5th), Permanent outdoor installation - steel/wire sculptures

Janus Youth Group (homeless teens), Wood and steel trellis for community garden

1997-present Commissions: Commercial and private metalwork, jewelry. 1996, 1997

Instructor Assistant, metal/jewelry, Mendocino Art Center, CA 1995 Instructor, Federal

Social Work Study, Forest Grove, OR, Art programming for children of migrant farmworkers

1993, 94 Colleen Flanigan Art Jewelry, Los Angeles, CA

### **Private Collections:**

The Walker Library of the History of Human Imagination

Colleen Keegan; Sunny Bates; Gerry Ohrstrom; Kirk Kelley; James & Carrie Elston-Tunick

### **TV:**

2004 Dave Egbert's The Coastal Gardener: Miss Snail Pail - Healthy Pest Control

### **Affiliations:**

Ocean Artists Society Member

2009 - present TED-Technology, Entertainment, Design (TED.com)

The Streaming Museum

MOMA, member

Art Science Collaborations, Inc (asci) member

Global Coral Reef Alliance (GCRA)

International Sculpture Center: Performance and Technology, Pittsburgh, 2001;

Halloween in New Orleans, 2004

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Randy Gragg, "Brain Storm 2012: 8 innovators changing our world," *Portland Monthly*, September 15, 2012.

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<http://blog.ted.com/2012/07/17/colleen-flanigan-on-crowdsourcing-her-haircut-at-tedglobal/>

David Rowan, "Ten off-stage highlights at TED Global 2012," *WIRED.CO.UK*, July 5, 2012.

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Karen Eng, "Sculpting Coral Gardens: Fellows Friday with Colleen Flanigan," *TED Blog*, March 9, 2012.

<http://blog.ted.com/2012/03/09/sculpting-coral-gardens-fellows-friday-with-colleen-flanigan/>

Julie Stein, "From Shore to Seafloor: Interview with TED Fellow and Biorock Artist Colleen Flanigan," *Wild Things* (blog). Feb 13, 2012.

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Maria Popova, "Underwater Art Helps Coral Thrive," *brainpickings* (blog), March 30, 2012. <http://www.brainpickings.org/index.php/2011/03/30/colleen-flanigan-underwater-biorock/>

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