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Harold J. Sikkema, MA

Visual Artist, Communicator, Educator

EDUCATION / DEGREES



Master of Arts –With Distinction

McMaster University (2016)

A study in the crossings between panoramic photography, choral music, & mobile phones.

WINNER: Elder Family Graduate Award.

Communications and New Media

📍 HAMILTON, ONTARIO



Honours B.A. –Summa Cum Laude

McMaster University (2009)

Dean's Honour List (2003–2009); BMO Humanities Multimedia Scholarship (2005 & 2006); Women's Art Association Scholarship (2005); Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship (2003–2006)

Multimedia and Fine Art

📍 HAMILTON, ONTARIO

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY



Sheridan College

Professor - Part Time (2018)

Interaction Design | sheridancollege.ca

📍 OAKVILLE, ONTARIO



Hamilton Conservatory for the Arts

Innovation & Technology Specialist (2017–2018)

HCA | hcarts.ca

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Culture for Kids in the Arts

Innovation & Technology Specialist (2017)

CKA | ckarts.ca

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Pulse Lab

Research Assistant (2017–2018)

pulselab.humanities.mcmaster.ca

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ICLC

Research Assistant (2015–2016)

International conference on live coding | iclc.livecodenetwork.org/2016/

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McMaster University

Teaching Assistant (2015–2016)

Design & Code; Time-based media | mcmaster.ca

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ICASO | until we end AIDS

Communications & Design Consultant (2009–2015, 2018)

HIV/AIDS advocacy network | icaso.org

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Community World Service

Communications & Design Consultant (2014–2015)

Humanitarian Network | communityworldservice.asia

📍 KARACHI, PAKISTAN



Canadian Scientific & Christian Affiliation

Communications & Design Consultant (2012–2016)

Reconciling science & faith | cscs.ca

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ECHS

Emmanuel Christian High School | echs.ca

High School Teacher (2008—2009)

 FERGUS, ONTARIO



ACT International

Humanitarian network | actalliance.org

Webmaster and Communications Assistant (2007—2008)

 GENEVA, SWITZERLAND



nsitu.ca

Site-specific creative solutions | nsitu.ca

Owner; Communications & Design Consultant (2003—present)

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Created communications products in print & digital media; Developed impactful brands; advised management on strategy; Designed award-winning reports & graphics; Built websites for business, non-profit, & education sectors; Increased stakeholder engagement; Employed design & accessibility standards to build client credibility (e.g. envisionlandscapes.ca, horlings.ca, icad-cisd.com, unaidspcbngo.org, mcmasterchoir.ca, netaccess.ca)

Visual Artist (2003—present)

 INTERNATIONAL

Maintained photography-based art practice; Produced, marketed, & executed art exhibitions; Consulted with art buyers; Illustrated books; painted murals; Leveraged creative exchange between fine-art & consulting work

EXPERIENCE, SKILLS, AND VOLUNTEERING



Volunteering & Community Engagement

Factory Media Centre (2016-2018) Board of Directors

EarthStock (Oct 2016) Chippewas of the Thames Benefit

Exhibition Jury (2014-2015) Youth art competition

Youth Arts Workshops (2013-2014) Photoshop & Photography

PeaceWeave (Apr, 2016) Multimedia work to commemorate peacebuilding


Reptile Choir (Jun, 2016) Installation with smartphones, turtles, & youth


Creation Care Seminar (Apr, 2015) Art exhibit on ecological stewardship

Silver Lake Camp (Jul, 2014) Arts week sculpture workshop

Overtones (Oct, 2013) Pastels & Photos - colouring event for youth

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 WATERLOO, ONTARIO

 FLAGSHIP GALLERY

 RECREATE/ARTFORMS

 MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

 FACTORY MEDIA CENTRE

 WATERLOO, ONTARIO


 KINCARDINE, ONTARIO


 FLAGSHIP GALLERY



Languages

 English (EN) – Fluent; complete mastery

 Dutch (Nederlands) – Fluent; mother-tongue

 French (Français) – Basic conversational



Memberships

Hamilton Artists, Inc (2013-2018)

Factory Media Centre (2015-2018)


Flagship Gallery (2013-2014)


Strata Vocal Ensemble (2015)


CIVA - Christians in the Visual Arts (2010-2016)


McMaster University Choir (2006-2009; 2015-2016)

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 GLOBAL

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Competencies

HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript, AJAX (since 2009) Code insights from the ground up

JQuery, Bootstrap, node.js, Processing (since 2014) An artful & evolving arsenal of tech know-how

WordPress (since 2009) Theme & plugin development, workflow strategy, design

PHP, MySQL (since 2007) Proven database solutions

Photoshop, Illustrator (2007-2018) Mastery in imaging, graphics, layout

InDesign (2007-2018) Publishing prowess for print & digital

Adobe Premiere & After Effects (since 2009) Astute video production, editing & effects

Microsoft Office (since 2003) Prowess in Excel, Access, Word, & more.



Content Creation

Selected writing & filmmaking (2010-present)

 CANADA & USA

Documentary short (Nov, 2016) "entanglements", screened at Factory Media Centre

Bay Area Restoration Council (Jul, 2016) "Sketch Out Your Hamilton"

Deepening Community (May, 2013) "Ellie is a Doorstopper"

Comment Magazine (2010 & 2014) "Pentecost" & "Burning Bush" with poetry
 Urbanicity (Jan, 2014) "The Patriarch" with poem
 God and Nature Magazine (2013-2014) "Landscapes" six-issue poem/image series
 Prelude Courseware (2010-2013) "Fall; Rise" as cover art, Calvin College, Grand Rapids
 Writing Without Paper (May, 2010) "Interview with Harold Sikkema", Maureen Doallas

EXHIBITIONS / PERFORMANCES / PUBLICATIONS



Cloud Storage

Solo Exhibition (Oct 2017)

Hamilton Public Library (HPL) | functionkeys.ca

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I Have A Right / J'ai Un Droit

Culture for Kids in the Arts at the AGH | artgalleryofhamilton.com

Interactive and Printed Media elements for exhibition (Nov 2017)

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Rock Bands

Solo Exhibition (Nov 2016)

Hamilton Audio Visual Node (HAVN)

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Choral Interventions

Function Keys 3: Conf. of new Technology & Digital Culture | functionkeys.ca

Street Song: Collective acoustic traversal of processed video (Nov 2016)

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Sing, Pan, Code

CNM MA Symposium at the University Club of McMaster

Enhancing audience engagement through choral, algorithmic, and photographic crossings (Sep 2016) HAMILTON, ONTARIO



Sedimentary

International Conference on Live Coding | iclc.livecodenetwork.org/2016/

Participatory performance with panoramics and mobile devices (Oct 2016)

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Reptile Choir

HCA Kid's Crawl at Factory Media Centre | factorymediacentre.ca

Interactive Installation with Mobile Devices and Projection (May 2016)

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Series10db at LIVELab

Cybernetic Orchestra + Guests | livelab.mcmaster.ca

Livcoding with C.O. & Performance of Sedimentary (Apr 2016)

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Peace Initiative Showcase

With the McMaster University Choir | mcmasterchoir.ca

Choral Visualizations with Conductor BioMetrics (Apr 2016)

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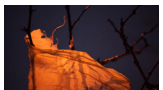


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Group Exhibition (Jan 2016) –featuring Kultur Bot

You me gallery

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Entanglements

Starring the (dis)contents of embroiled plastic. (2015)

Short Film | youtube.com

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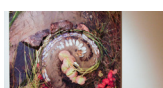


I Am Curious

Art Installation (Oct 2014) –Awe and oddity in the otherverse

Dordt College

SIoux CENTRE, IOWA



Devotions

Art Installation (May-Jun 2014)

"remarkable more for its religious reticence, than fervour." –Bryce Kanbara

Glenhyrst Art Gallery of Brant

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Sous Sol

Art Installation (**Feb-Mar 2014**)

Series of seven 12-foot vertical banners featuring ink on transparent acetate.

Redeemer University College

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Domestic Incidents

Solo Art Exhibition (**Oct 2013**)

Flagship Gallery

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LANDSCRAPES

Solo Art Exhibition (**Jan 2013**)

Less like cut & paste collage, and more like weaving on a sophisticated loom.

You Me Gallery

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Other Exhibitions and Engagments

1940s Radio Hour (**Feb 2015**)

Introspection (**Oct 2013**)

Memento Mori (**Sept 2013**)

Simcoe Street Event (**Aug 2013**)

Chagall's Feature (**2013-2014**)

play nice (**2009**)

Various Venues

📍 THE LITTLE THEATRE , SIMCOE, ONTARIO

📍 O-MA-NOOT GALLERY AT BETH JACOB, HAMILTON ONTARIO

📍 PROJECT GALLERY, TORONTO ONTARIO

📍 MUMFORD AND SONS TOUR, SIMCOE ONTARIO

📍 SHERATON HOTEL, HAMILTON ONTARIO

📍 McMASTER MUSEUM OF ART, HAMILTON ONTARIO