

## **ABOUT**

I create landscapes of saline environments to explore the metaphor of biodiversity as neurodiversity. By using painting, drawing, and photography, I consider themes of social change and identity. I believe art is a powerful tool for expression, discovery, and change and hope my work is useful in the pursuit of a more informed and accepting world.

## **EDUCATION**

# **Whitworth University**

Class of 2012

- 3.98 Cumulative GPA
- Fine Arts Major
- Business Minor
- Phi ETA Sigma Honor Society

#### **Youth With A Mission**

A six-month volunteer program focused on art and social justice

- · Pismo Beach, CA, USA January - March 2009
- · Kolkata, India April - May 2009
- · Mae Sot, Thailand May - June 2009

# **SKILLS**

- Painting
- Drawing
- Photography
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Procreate
- Autism Advocate

# MARY **GOWEN**

## Visual Artist



### PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

San Diego, CA, USA Aug. 2006 - present

Mary Gowen Photography

Lead Photographer

- Photographed and edited hundreds of shoots
- · Created and managed website and social media
- www.marygowenphotography.com

San Diego, CA, USA Mar. 2015 - present

Gowen Household

Primary caretaker

- · Raised three children (ages 4, 6, and 7)
- Supported, researched, and advocated for two autistic children

Portland, OR, USA June 2010 - Jan. 2014 **Door to Grace** 

Design Intern and Volunteer

- Volunteered with survivors of sex trafficking
- Planned and facilitated weekly art activities
- Designed logo, invitation, and print material

Portland, OR, USA June 2012 - Aug. 2012 **Imago Art Space** 

Intern

- · Curated exhibits at gallery in the Pearl District
- · Worked with Martin French, Chair of Illustration Department at Pacific Northwest College of Art

Spokane, WA, USA Sept. 2010 - May 2012 International Justice Mission Club

Advertising Director

- Designed club logo and material for campaigns
- Donated photography prints for fundraisers

Spokane, WA, USA Sept. 2010 - May 2011

2012

Artist's Guild at Whitworth University President

- Organized artist visits and workshop events
- Presented club proposals to ASB leadership

## HONORS, AWARDS AND EXHIBITIONS

Magnolia Journal 2017 Photos of Bob Goff Featured in Fall 2017 Issue 2013 A Momentary Lapse 1st Place in Intel's International Photography Contest 2012 **Outstanding Senior Award** Whitworth University Art Department

2012 Whitworth University

Four pieces in the Permanent Collection

2012 **Beyond Borders Group Exhibit** 

Western Washington University in Bellingham, WA

**Providence Medical Group Exhibit** Providence Medical Group in Spokane, WA