Nature and Art
Child Left Outside!

- Nature and Art have been the inseparable twin roots of my life and artistic development.
- My father is an artist and art teacher.
- I spent summers camping and roaming 40 acres of woods in Wisconsin.
Art and Environment

• At 17 received a John F. Kennedy Fellowship to spend the summer working for the “Mountain Call”, on top of a mountain in West Virginia.
• Few years later, fell in love with rainforests in Chiapis, Mexico.
• Independent travels to Mexico and Central America were training me for future scientific expeditions.
Scientific Expeditions

- Roraima, Brazil- Chicago Rainforest Action Group.
Rio Pastaza, Peru

Field Museum and Conservation International
Hand Colored Monotypes
44 New Species of Fish
Peru, Amazon to Andes Biodiversity Program

• Documented new species of orchids.
Plant Forms-Biophilia

- Created a forest of glass and ceramic plant inspired sculptures
  - Based on all the plants I’ve drawn and studied on rainforests, forests and conservatories.
Ghost Fish-Ghost Forest

• Installation, Modern Art Museum, Bordeaux
“Biophilia-Biofeedback”

- CSI “Form In Flora” Sculpture Show
Public Art Projects

• Suite Home Chicago, sponsored by Garfield Park Conservatory.
• Based on plants from Rio Pastaza Expedition

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Amazon Rising - “Amazonian Arawana”

- Partnership Public Art Project between the City of Chicago and Shedd Aquarium.
Cool Globes

- Globe sponsored by Chicago Botanical Garden
Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum
“Mysteries of the Marsh”
• Created bronze and glass art for permanent exhibit.
Endangered Dragonflies

- Bronze dragonflies, Jade Clubtail, Green Darner, Dragon Hunter and Hines Emerald which is endangered.
Blanding’s Turtles

- Smaller turtles that live about 80 years!
- Captive breeding and release into the wild.
“Intelligent Heart”
Openlands - “The Soil is Alive!”
Research

• Field Museum Library
Internet Research

- Internet Images, Communications with Scientists

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Drawing and Planning
Pouring and Cutting Waxes
Transferring Drawings
Sculpted Waxes
Taking Rubber Molds
Actinomycetes Cast in Bronze
Soil Bacteria
Soil Fungi and Mycelium
Soil Mites
TardiGrades or Water Bears
Bdeloid Rotifers