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Degrees

Teachers College, Columbia University	ED.D Art Education
Pratt Institute	M.F.A. Studio Art
New York University	M.S. Art Education
The Cooper Union	B.F.A. Studio Art
High School of Music and Art	

Teaching:

<u>University of Kentucky</u>	
Professor and Area Head	1990 - 2022
Associate Professor and Area Head	1979 - 1990
Director of Graduate Studies	1981 – 1998
Director of Student Teaching	1977 - 1989
Director and Founder, the Adopt-a-School Project	1975 - 2019
City University, New York	1973 - 1979
Assistant Professor, Program Chair	
Hunter College, New York	
Adjunct Lecturer	1975 - 1978
Pratt Institute, New York	
Adjunct	1974 - 1975
Elementary and Junior High School Art	1969 - 1971
Teacher - New York City	

National Art Education Association

Editorial Roles:

- **Editorial Board** of *The Journal of Art Education* from **1986 to 1998**.
- **Editor** for the Museum Education Segment of *Art Education* from **1988 to 1998**.
- **Editorial Advisory Board** for *Art Education*.
- **Editorial Review Board** for *The Elementary School Journal*.
- **Editorial Advisory Board** for *Arts and Activities* magazine.
- **Advisory Board** of the International Child Art Foundation.

Leadership Roles:

- Elected President
- Vice President
- Board of Directors Member
- Coordinating Board of Delegates Assembly
- Southeastern States Director for the Higher Education Division
- National Student Chapters Director
- Nominations and Awards Committee
- NAEA President's Council on Elementary and Early Childhood Education Member

Awards

The Marion Quin Dix Leadership Award
2007

Distinguished Fellow
2006

The Viktor Lowenfeld Award
2004

The Lowenfeld Lecture
2004

National Art Educator of the Year
2003

The Manuel Barkan Award
2000

National Treasure
2000

Kentucky Art Education Association (KyAEA)

- President
- Vice President
- Higher Education Chair
- Bluegrass Region Chair
- State Awards Chair
- Journal Founder and Editor
- Newsletter Editor – KyAEA
- State Convention Coordinator 1978, 1985, 1990, and 2000
- State High School Art Show - Founder and Organizer
- Spring Regional Conferences - Founder and Organizer
- Creator classroom posters: Art History for Children (American lunch box, pencil case, cereal box, play blocks, and pull toy history)
- Creator of Public Service Television and Radio announcements: How Parents Can Support Home Art

State Leadership

- KET/Kentucky Educational Television, program writer, producer
- Kentucky Council of Art Education Professors (KCAE) - Founder and Director
- Annual Art Education Professor's Exhibit - Founder and Organizer
- Kentucky State Education Department Consultant -Kentucky Educational Reform Act

State Awards

Kentucky Higher Educator of the Year	2011
Kentucky's First Distinguished Art Teacher	2009
Kentucky Art Teacher of the Year	2000-2001

Lectures and Keynote Presentations

Arkansas Art Education Association, Little Rock
Colorado Art Education Association, Breckenridge
Colorado Art Source, Eagle Rock
Florida Art Education Association, Miami
Georgia Art Education Association, Savannah

Kentucky Art Education Association, Lexington
Maryland Art Education Association, Baltimore
Michigan Art Education Association, Dearborn
Montana Art Education Association, Whitehall
National Elementary Principals Association, Baltimore
New York State Art Education Association, NYC
Ohio Art Education Association, Columbus
South Carolina Art Education Association, Myrtle Beach
South Dakota Art Education Association, Keynote, Aberdeen
Tennessee Art Education Association, Nashville, TN
Wisconsin Art Education Association, Milwaukee
Illinois Private Schools Convention, Chicago
Illinois Art Education Association Convention, Carbondale
National Private Schools Convention, Louisville

University Lectures

Asbury College, Asbury, KY
Bank Street College of Education, New York, NY
Columbia University, Teachers College, New York, N.Y
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY
Florida Mid-Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
John Hopkins University, The Creative Brain Conference, Baltimore, MD
Kent State University, Kent, OH
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN
Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ
Morehead State University, Morehead, KY
New York University, New York, NY
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Falls, KY
Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, NS
Queens College, City University of New York, NY
UCLA, Los Angeles
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
University of Helsinki, Finland

The University of Louisville, Louisville, KY
University of Northern Colorado, CO
University of Rome, Italy
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
The University of Toronto, The Percy Tacon Lecture, Toronto, ON
The University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WI
The State University of New York, New Paltz, NY
Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
Tennessee Arts Academy, Nashville, TN
Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Museum Lectures

Arkansas Art Museum, Little Rock, AR
The Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati, OH
Columbus Museum of Art, Keynote for Opening New Education Wing
Contemporary Art Center, Cincinnati, OH
Institute of Contemporary Art, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
The Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.
The Sam Francis Foundation, Pasadena, CA
Knoxville Art Museum, Knoxville, TN
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA
Nashville Art Museum, Nashville, TN
University of Kentucky Art Museum, Invited Lecture
Toledo Art Museum, Toledo, OH

Journals and Publications

- Design for Arts in Education
- School Arts
- Canadian Journal of Art Education
- Canadian Art Teacher
- Art Education Australia
- Ohio State Journal of Art Education
- Kentucky Journal of Art Education

- Arts in Kentucky
- Childhood Education
- Elementary School Journal
- The Elementary Principal
- Hong Kong Journal of Art Education
- The Teacher Educator
- Gifted Child Quarterly
- Roeper Review
- Improving College and University Teaching
- Technological Trends
- Educational Technology
- Teaching K-8
- Journal of Offender Counseling
- Michigan State Art Education Journal
- Ontario Society of Education and Counseling
- Ontario Society of Education and the Arts
- Nova Scotia Papers in Art Education
- Wisconsin Journal of Art Education
- The Maryland Art Teacher
- The Irwin Book Club of Canada

- Arts & Activities Magazine:
 From 2002-2015, George Szekely wrote a monthly column called “Children's Art Diary” in *Arts & Activities*, the nation’s leading magazine for art teachers. The widely read and celebrated column discusses children’s play and art outside of school and how children’s timeless creative activities can shape a unique art program. Art from Szekely’s classes illustrates each column.

Sample Book Chapters:

Authored 18 book chapters and monographs, and over 100 articles, including chapters in eleven NAEA anthologies and TAB Anthologies for T.C. Press

Assessment Practices in Art Education

Taylor and Francis

Anthology Editors: Dr. Richard Siegesmund and Dr. Cathy Smilan

2023

Engaging Learning Through Art Making: Choice-Based Art Education in the Classroom Editors: Douglas and Jaquith
Teachers College Press
2009

New Trends in World Art Education Research
Shanghai Educational Publishing House
Anthology Editor: Dr. Yichien Cooper
2004

Books

Encouraging Creativity in Art Lessons
Columbia, Teachers College Press 2004

From Play to Art
Heinemann 2006

The Art of Teaching Art
Pearson Education 2000

The Art of Teaching Art (Chinese Language Edition)
Pearson Education 2003

A Retrospective 1973-2003 Writing for Art Teachers
Pearson Education 2003

The Video Art for the Classroom
National Art Education Association 2007

How Children Make Art: Lessons in Creativity from Home to School
*Columbia, Teachers College Press and National Art Education Association
2001*

Toys for Art Teaching
International Association of Play and Art 2008

Art Teaching: From Elementary to Middle School
Routledge 2010

Play, Creativity and Art Teaching
Routledge 2012

Art Rooms as Centers for Design Education
Taylor and Francis 2015

Design Inspired Art Teaching
International Association of Play and Art 2017

Teaching to Support Children’s Artistic Independence

Rutledge 2019

A Study of Community: Staten Island Architecture and Environment

Staten Island Museum Press 1980

Film and Video

1998-2002 _Supporting Young Artists, Public Service Announcements

Dr. Szekely has created six public service announcements advocating parental recognition and support for young artists and their creative plays at home. The announcements ran on commercial television stations from 1998-2002 and are available on DVD.

2002 Victor Lowenfeld Award Lecture

This one-hour, animated video is a biography of an artist-teacher, presented as an imaginary conversation between Victor Lowenfeld, the founder of modern art education, and Dr. Szekely. The film highlighted the education of young independent artists and was prepared for the 2002 Victor Lowenfeld Award Lecture.

2007 Keynote at Los Angeles County Museum of Art

A one-hour film reveals the role of narratives in artmaking and art teaching. The film was initially prepared in 2007 for Dr. Szekely's keynote lecture at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). The film highlights images from Szekely's art and teaching from 2001-2007, narrated by the artist.

Kentucky Public Television (KET)

Three programs are available from Kentucky Public Television (KET), including *Art to Heart* and *the Visual Arts Toolkit*. *Art to Heart* is a documentary about early childhood art, and the *Visual Arts Toolkit* is a model elementary school art program. A new film about Szekely’s art and art teaching premiered on Kentucky Educational Television (KET) in November 2014.

Artist Exhibits

Szekely’s drawings and paintings from 25 one-person exhibits in Soho, New York, and numerous solo shows in the United States, Europe, and Canada can be seen in exhibition brochures and books on PORTFOLIO---georgeszekely.org. Art exhibits

have been Reviewed in *Art Forum*, *Art News*, *And the New Yorker*, and art books sold on Amazon or Barnes and Noble bookstores.

Community Arts

Co-Founder of the International Association of Play and Art - IAPA 2015- Present

Emphasizing Play-Based Art Teaching approaches: the organization has a Facebook Site, A website, and a weekly program an active Facebook group.

Community Arts Program Models 1973 - 2018

Developed various community art programs in the US, State and Federal Prisons, Child and Spouse Abuse Centers, Group Homes, and Adult Community Centers. Founded and participated in developing model projects such as Art on Wheels, art education presented from a train and a School Bus, Community Murals, Art Celebrations, Playground Designs that Enhance Creativity, Art Based Mall Playgrounds, and model Urban and small-town Art Education Centers have been started by Szekely and his students.

Founder: The Adopt-a-School Program 1973 - 2019

The Adopt-a-School program is a model for field-based art teacher education nationwide. Dr. Szekely first introduced the program in New York City in 1971, and he continues to direct it at the University of Kentucky. The Adopt-a-School program was the first program to move the preparation of future art teachers from the university classroom to public school sites. The program emphasizes future teachers working with children in different school settings at all stages of education. Many newspaper and journal articles have been written about this award-winning program. Also, the program has been the subject of several dissertations. Several films have been created about the Adopt-a-School project, explaining the program's structure with views of classroom situations.

Co-Founder Center of Creative Art Teaching - CCAT 2020 – Present

Founder and director of the National Center for the Study and Support of Creative Art Teaching. The center works on a variety of projects in the U.S. and abroad. CCAT creates and disseminates literature and films and provides public performances and presentations.

