

EDUCATION

North Bennet Street School, Cabinet and Furniture Making, Boston, MA 2003

Northeastern University, Master of Science in Mathematics, Boston, MA 1998

Bloomsburg University, Bachelor of Science in Mathematics, Bloomsburg, PA 1993

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ellen Kaspern Design, Independent Custom Furniture Maker, Boston, MA 2003 - Present

Charlestown Furniture Makers, Member, Charlestown, MA 2021 - 2023

The Ellwood Shop, Member, Concord, MA 2019 - 2021

Fort Point Cabinetmakers, Cooperative Member, Boston, MA 2004 - 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

North Bennet Street School, Boston, MA

Faculty, Cabinet and Furniture Making Program 2023 - Present

Adjunct Faculty, Cabinet and Furniture Making Program 2015 - 2023

Instructor, Community Education Program 2004 - Present

Northampton Community College, Fab Lab Instructor, Bethlehem, PA 2020 - 2024

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Adjunct Faculty, Boston, MA

Furniture 1 2023

Danish Cord Footstool 2023

Mitered Boxes 2020

Intro to Table Making 2019

Florida School of Woodwork, Instructor, Tampa, FL

Intro to Cabinet Making 2022

Yestermorrow Design Build School, Instructor, Waitsfield, VT

Chair Making 2022

Peters Valley School of Craft, Instructor, Layton, NJ

Trestle Table 2023

Constructing a Frame & Panel Chest 2021

Constructing a Wall Cabinet 2019

Table Saw Techniques 2017

Boston Architectural College, Guest Instructor, Boston, MA

Furniture Design Studio 2004 - 2009

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Shop Monitor, Boston, MA 2021

Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall, Woodshop Advisor, Waltham, MA 2012 - 2018

TALKS & LECTURES

Fine Woodworking New England, Manchester, CT

Presenter, “Mastering Miters” May 2025

North Bennet Street School, Boston, MA

Guest Speaker, “In the Making: From Student to Instructor” April 2024

Eastern Massachusetts Guild of Woodworkers, Millis, MA

Guest Speaker, “Machine Maintenance and a Band Saw Tune Up” September 2022

Boston Athenaeum, Boston, MA

Guest Speaker, “Reading Craft: Understanding History Through Reproduction” December 2019

The Umbrella Arts Gallery, Concord, MA

Guest Speaker, “Breaking the Mold” October 2017

National Museum of Industrial History, Bethlehem, PA

Lecturer, Meet the Expert Series: “Furniture and Machine Woodworking” February 2017

Boston Design Week, Jamaica Plain, MA

Panelist, Talks with Artisans: “Woodworking Women” March 2016

Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA

Artists’ Talk: “Women & Wood” September 2015

DEMONSTRATIONS

Nichols House Museum, Inlay Demonstration, Boston, MA August 2019

Nichols House Museum, Carving Demonstration, Boston, MA August 2018

Fruitlands Museum, Traditional Joinery Demonstration, Harvard, MA September 2017

Penland School of Crafts, Inlay Demonstration, Penland, NC April 2017

Society of Arts & Crafts, Inlay Demonstration, Radius Exhibit, Boston, MA October 2017

Fuller Craft Museum, Inlay Demonstration, Studio Discoveries, Brockton, MA January 2016

Peabody Essex Museum, Inlay Demonstration & Workshop, Studio Discoveries, Salem, MA Nov 2014

Land’s Sake, Community Forest Outreach Event, Weston, MA October 2014

Plimouth Plantation, #CRAFT HISTORY, Plymouth, MA September 2014

The Society of Boston Architects, Urban Timber: From Seed to City, Boston, MA September 2014

Hancock Shaker Village, Woodworking Weekend, Hancock, MA September 2014

Concord Museum, Four Centuries of Massachusetts Furniture: Meet the Craftsman, Concord, MA Nov 2014

Old Sturbridge Village, Four Centuries of Massachusetts Furniture, Sturbridge, MA

Sand Shaded Fan Demonstrations, Nathan Lombard Exhibit October 2013 - April 2014

EXHIBITIONS

Joint Effort, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA, 2023

Solo Exhibition: Furniture & Decorative Objects, Moravian Hall Square, Nazareth, PA, 2021

Making Matters: Fresh Perspectives in Fine Craft, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, NJ 2021

Making Matters: Fresh Perspectives in Fine Craft, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, NJ 2020

Required Reading, Boston Athenaeum, Boston, MA 2019 - 2020

Solo Exhibition: Furniture & Decorative Objects, The Abbey Studio, Marblehead, MA 2020

Contemporary Traditions, The Umbrella Art Gallery, Concord, MA 2017

Making Matters: Fresh Perspectives in Fine Craft, Peters Valley School of Craft, Layton, NJ 2017

Women & Wood, Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA 2015

JURIED SHOWS

North Bennet Street School Exhibition: Meaningful Work, Windgate Gallery, Boston, MA 2025

North Bennet Street School Exhibition: Then & Now, Windgate Gallery, Boston, MA 2024

North Bennet Street School Student & Alumni Exhibit, Two International Place, Boston, MA 2018

Conversations in Craft, Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, MA 2017

Reclaimed, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA 2017

North Bennet Street School Student & Alumni Exhibit, Windgate Gallery, Boston, MA 2017

Radius, Society of Arts & Crafts, Boston, MA 2016

Chelsea Art Walk, Pearl Street Gallery, Chelsea, MA 2016

North Bennet Street School Student & Alumni Exhibit, Windgate Gallery, Boston, MA 2016

North Bennet Street School Student & Alumni Exhibit, Windgate Gallery, Boston, MA 2015

Summer Juried Exhibition: FOLK, Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA 2014

North Bennet Street School Student & Alumni Exhibit, Two International Place, Boston, MA 2014

North Bennet Street School Alumni Exhibit, Copley Place, Boston, MA 2005

CRITIQUES

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Guest Critic, Boston, MA 2022

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Guest Critic, Cambridge, MA 2022

PUBLICATIONS

“Contemporary Dining Chair”, *Woodcraft Magazine* Article Oct/Nov 2022, pg. 44 - pg. 51

“Mid-Century Modern Plant Stand”, *Woodcraft Magazine* Article April/May 2022, pg. 21 - pg. 25

“8-inch Joints”, *Fine Woodworking Magazine* Article February 2019, pg. 44 - pg. 49

“Machine Setup”, *Fine Woodworking Magazine* Video July 23, 2018

“Tune Your Tablesaw”, *Fine Woodworking Magazine* Article Winter 2017/2018, pg. 48 - pg. 52

“The Mighty DIY Push Stick”, *Fine Woodworking Magazine* Blog Post November 8, 2017

BLOG POSTS

“This is Woodworking: Ellen Kaspern”, *MEK Woodworks* Blog August 21, 2020

“In the Making: Ellen Kaspern”, *North Bennet Street School* Blog August 4, 2020

“The Mighty DIY Push Stick”, *Fine Woodworking Magazine* Blog November 8, 2017

RESIDENCIES

Winter Residency Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC 2020

Winter Residency Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC 2019

Winter Residency Penland School of Crafts, Penland, NC 2018

COLLECTIONS

Boston Athenaeum, Boston, MA

Fruitlands Museum, Harvard, MA

National Museum of Industrial History, Bethlehem, PA