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Education

2023 MFA School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

2015 BA Anthropology, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

2015 BA Studio Art, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

Professional Experience

2018-20 Art Instructor, ArtsCenter Live, Carrboro, NC

2018 Freelance Gallery Technician, Heather Gordon, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC

2017-18 Artist Mentor, Creative Mentorship Program, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC

2016 Gallery Technician + Media Manager, Haus Collective Gallery, San Antonio, TX

2016 Freelance Fabricator, Toxey McMillan Exhibition Enterprises, San Antonio, TX

2015-16 Director of Admission + Recruitment, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX

Awards + Grants

2020 Durham Arts Council Ella Fountain Pratt Emerging Artists Grant

2019 Anderson Ranch Presidential Workshop Scholarship

2019 Duke University Featured Artist (*in*) *Visible Organ*

2018 Torpedo Factory Art Center Honorarium

2018 2nd Place *64th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC

Juror: Leslie Mounaime, Curator of Exhibitions, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA

2018 Orange County Arts Commission Artist Project Grant

2018 Penland School of Craft Windgate Merit Scholarship

2017 Vermont Studio Center Artist Grant

2017 Flux Factory Artist Honorarium

2015 Honorable Mention, *InspireD Gala*, San Antonio, TX

2014 Trinity University Award for Excellence in Art and Sculpture, San Antonio, TX

Residencies + Workshops

2019 Hambidge Center Creative Residency, Raburn Gap, GA

2019 *Fabric of Fabrication with Duane McDiarmid*, Anderson Ranch, Snowmass Village, CO

2019 Creative Community Residency, Perkins + Will, Durham, NC

2019 Afterschool Artist Residency, ArtsCenter Live, Carrboro, NC

2019 Emerging Regional Artist Residency, Artspace, Raleigh, NC

2018 Post-Graduate Residency, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA

- 2018 *Ideation with Christine Lee*, Penland School of Craft, Bakersville, NC
- 2018 Afterschool Artist Residency, ArtsCenter Live, Carrboro, NC
- 2017 *Iron Forming with Dan Neville*, Penland School of Craft, Bakersville, NC
- 2017 Vermont Studio Center Residency, Johnson, VT

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 *We Decided We Belong*, Artspace, Raleigh, NC
- 2019 *Body Without Organs*, Perkins + Will, Durham, NC
- 2018 *The Studio*, Studio 319, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
- 2018 *Incidence*, SunTrust Gallery, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC
- 2018 *Cultural Techniques*, Vibehouse 405, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2018 *Adorable Violence*, Golden Belt, Durham, NC
- 2017 *Blind Field*, Cameron Gallery, Durham, NC
- 2016 *Obsolescence*, 3RD Space, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Ephemera*, Flax Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 *Shored Fragments*, R Space, San Antonio, TX

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020 *2020 North Carolina Artists Exhibition*, Raleigh Fine Arts Society, Contemporary Art Museum, Raleigh, NC
Juror: Nat Trotman, Curator, Performance and Media at the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York
- 2020 *66th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC
- 2019 *Homecoming*, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
- 2019 *Think Small 10*, Artspace Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2019 *Empirical Evidence*, Town of Carrboro Century Center, Carrboro, NC
- 2019 *The Last Community Show*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
- 2019 *Place Setting*, Politits at The Yards Collective, Rochester, NY
- 2019 *(in)Visible Organ*, Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2018 *Post-Graduate Residency Exhibition*, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
- 2018 *En Masse*, Visual Art Exchange, Raleigh, NC
- 2018 *64th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC
Juror: Leslie Mounaime, Target Gallery Director, Torpedo Factory Art Center
- 2018 *Come Out and Play*, JimGin Farm, Carrboro, NC
- 2018 *FRESH*, Artspace, Raleigh, NC
Juror: Jennifer Dasal, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC
- 2018 *Bull Meets the Bayou II*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
- 2018 *Red Dot*, Bluestar Contemporary, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 *Enviro-Art Exhibition*, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2018 *Bad Kitty Show*, The Fruit, Durham, NC
- 2018 *2018 North Carolina Artists Exhibition*, Raleigh Fine Arts Society, Raleigh, NC
Juror: Jennifer Dasal, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC

2018 *Bull Meets the Bayou I*, The Warehouse, New Orleans, LA
2018 *Community Show*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
2017 *Unbound: Documentary as Art*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
2017 *Members Showcase*, SunTrust Gallery, Durham Art Guild, Durham, NC
2017 *Lessons from Our Grandmothers*, San Francisco Central Library's Jewett Gallery, Women Eco Artist Dialogue, San Francisco, CA
2017 *Disaster Congress Art Show*, World Assn. of Disaster and Emergency Medicine, Toronto, Canada
2017 *Red Dot*, Bluestar Contemporary, San Antonio, TX
2017 *Ephemera*, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA
Juror: Pam Rogers, painter/sculptor, Boulder, CO
2017 *Good Work*, Audrey Berry Gallery, Barbara White Institute, Johnson, VT
2017 *Durham Art Guild Mentor Pop-Up*, Golden Belt, Durham, NC
2017 *Endless and Mobile Beautiful Collapsable Labyrinth*, Flux Factory, Queens, NY
2017 *Nasty Woman*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
2017 *The Carrack Community Show*, The Carrack, Durham, NC
2016 *25th Anniversary Show*, Cameron Gallery, Durham, NC
2016 *Sweet Peach Collective*, K23, San Antonio, TX
2016 *3RD Coast National*, K Space, Corpus Christi, TX
Juror: Sharon Kopriva, painter/sculptor Austin, TX
2016 *Marine Debris Juried Exhibition*, Artist Boat Office, Galveston, TX
Jurors: Artist Boat & Galveston Island Park Board of Trustees
2016 *Red Dot*, Bluestar Contemporary, San Antonio, TX
2016 *Garden Art Show*, EcoCentro, San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX
2016 *Art Sip and Stroll*, Yountville, CA
2016 *Unreal*, Rising Sun, Austin, TX
2015 *50/250*, French & Michigan Gallery, San Antonio, TX
2015 *Featured Artist*, Chalk It Up, Artpace, San Antonio, TX
2015 *Artisan Showcase*, Dicke Smith Building, San Antonio, TX
2015 *Movable Art Party*, San Antonio Artist Foundation, St. Paul Square, San Antonio, TX
2015 *Edward's Aquifer Benefit Gala*, Freetail Brewing Co., San Antonio, TX
2015 *Inspired Gala Winners Exhibition*, The Tobin Center, San Antonio, TX
2015 *Inspired Gala*, Inspire Gallery, San Antonio, TX
2015 *First Annual Art Contest*, Jerry's Art-a-Rama, San Antonio, TX
2014 *Real People*, The Old Courthouse Figurative League, Woodstock, IL
2014 *All School Exhibition*, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX
2014 *MAXIMUM CAPACITY Senior Thesis Exhibition*, Michael and Noemi Neidorff Gallery, TrinityUniversity, San Antonio, TX
2014 *Are You from Here?*, FLIGHT Gallery, San Antonio, TX
2014 *Collegiate Exhibition*, San Antonio Art League Museum, San Antonio, TX
2014 *Rising Eyes of Texas*, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX
2014 *14.1*, Mellon Initiative, Coates Library Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
2013 *Pancakes and Booze Underground Art Show*, December, Elysium, Austin, TX
2013 *Open Floor*, Anarte Gallery, San Antonio, TX
2013 *Color Wheel Performance*, King William Parade, San Antonio, TX

- 2013 *Pancakes and Booze Underground Art Show*, February, Elysium, Austin, TX
- 2012 *The Mini*, Michael and Noemi Neidorff Gallery, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
- 2012 *Lost Pines Wildfire Relief Exhibition*, Bastrop Center for the Performing Arts, Bastrop, TX
- 2012 *Art from the Ashes*, Starr Building, Austin, TX
- 2011 *Rising Eyes of Texas*, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX

Press

- 2018 *The Carrack Yearbook*, The Carrack Modern
- 2018 *Bluestar Contemporary Presents: Red Dot 2018*, Bluestar Contemporary
- 2018 *2018 North Carolina Artists Exhibition*, Raleigh Fine Arts Society p 39
- 2017 *An Exercise in the Strength of Imagination: The Endless and Mobile Beautiful Collapsible Labyrinth*, The New Heroine Blog, March 14
- 2017 *Not Random Art Contemporary Art Review*, March, pp 124-131
- 2016 *Kinetic: Part II*, Shabby Dollhouse, August
- 2016 *Almost Real Things*, June, Volume 3 & 4
- 2016 *This is Art Meat* April, Volume 2
- 2016 *Going Full Frontal Flax Studio Drops a Different Kind of F Bomb*, San Antonio Current, August 27
- 2016 *Local Art Gallery R Space Opens the Door and Bids Farewell to "Shored Fragments"*, San Antonio Current, May 25
- 2014 *Emerging Artist Thrives*, Trinity University News Center, March 26
- 2014 *Pearl Eateries Bank Off Social Media*, San Antonio Express News, March 22
- 2014 *Glass Mountain Spring*, Volume 12

Artist Talks + Panels

- 2020 *How the Soul Clicks*, Artist Presentation, University of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2020 *We Decided We Belong* Artist Talk, Artspace, Regional Emerging Artist Residency Solo Exhibition, Artspace, Raleigh, NC, May
- 2018 Post-Graduate Artist Talk, Post-Graduate Residency, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA, December
- 2018 *Incidence* Artist Talk, Durham Art Guild, Durham NC, October
- 2017 *Ephemera* Exhibition Panel, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, VA, April

Collaborative Projects

- 2018 *A # @ The Door*, Swain Studio 6 Series, University of Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Artist Collectives

- 2017 Liberty Arts, Durham, NC