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Education

MFA, School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Fiber & Material Studies

MAAE, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, K-12 Professional Certificate

BFA, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, Visual Communication

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *WE THOUGHT WE WERE COMFORTABLE*, Arrowhead Gallery, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
 BEAUTIFUL FAMILY LIVING, Merwin Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2023 *SUNDAY DINNER*, Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University, Chicago, IL, Curated: Emily Lindskoog
 TEETERING, 10-Fold Projects, Greencastle, IN, Curated: Margaret Leininger
 IMPERFECT RITUALS, Riverside Art Center, Riverside, IL, Curated: Judith Mullen
- 2020 *STRANGE ETIQUETTE*, Salon1b, Chicago, IL, Curated: Lauren Brescia & Scott Renfro
- 2019 *DOMINA DOMI*, Okay Gallery, Chicago, IL, Curated: Erin Madarieta
- 2018 *MAGNOLIAS BLOOM IN SPRING*, Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, Kankakee, IL
- 2007 *A FEVERISH PROGRESSION*, with Andrew Winship, Beacon Street Gallery, Chicago, IL Curated: Eric May
- 2006 *MONSTERS IN MY GARDEN*, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

Two Person Exhibitions

- 2023 *CRAVING STABILITY*, with Alina Sokolova, Zlati Ajngel Gallery, Verazdin, Croatia, Curated: Vida Sacic
- 2022 *REBELLIOUS FIBERS*, with Yvette Kaiser Smith, OS Projects, Racine, WI, Curated: Vera Scekic
- 2019 *VISCERAL*, Extra Projects at Basic Studios, with Frank Vega, Chicago, IL, Curated: Karen Azarnia
- 2016 *PERSPIRATION GLITZ*, with Tegan Brace, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *INSIDEOUT | OUTSIDEIN*, with Steven Meier, Gallery Pink, Oak Park, IL
- 2012 *WHAT WE SAID; WHAT WE MEANT*, with Steven Meier, Oak Park Library Gallery, Oak Park, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2026 *DRAWN TO SCULPTURE; INVENTED DECOR*, St. Kate Arts Hotel, Milwaukee, WI
 NOT NORMAL; CHALLENGING SOCIETAL NORMS, CSI Exhibition at Forum 301 Gallery, Chicago, IL
 PROMISE(D), Evoke Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2025 *NOT A SOFT THING: A GROUP EXHIBITION BY ARTIST MOTHERS*, Chicago Cultural Center,
 Chicago Rooms Galleries, Chicago, IL
 PALPABLE, O'Connor Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

TIMELESS BODIES: MIDWEST CERAMIC EXHIBITION, Oliva Gallery, Chicago, IL
AND I WILL TELL YOU MINE, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
A TALE OF TODAY: MATERIALITIES, Driehaus Museum, Chicago, IL, Curated: Giovanni Aloï
LAKEFRONT COLLAGE: A SURVEY OF RACINE AND KENOSHA ART SPACES, Emile Mathis Gallery, The Rita, Kenosha, WI
WHAT WE CARRY, Noyes Cultural Center, Evanston, IL
LET'S BE REAL, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
2024 *MAKERS IN PLACE: 50 YEARS OF ARTS/INDUSTRY*, Miami, FL, Curated: Michelle Grabner
SOFT, GAG (Garden Apartment Gallery) , Chicago, IL
THICK SKINNED, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
PHYSIOTASMAGORICAL, A.P.E. Gallery, Northhampton, MA
FIERY FURNACE, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
2023 *FEMINIST TO THE CORE*, Salonlb, Chicago, IL
ENVIRONMENT/S/TALLATIONS, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
2022 *AND THE PURSUIT OF*, Research House for Asian Art & Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
GOT SOUL, Project Onward and Salonlb, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
RESILIENT, with Monica Rezman and Jean Alexander Frater, Aurora Public Art Gallery, Aurora, IL
EMOTIONAL REPOSITORIES, Skyline Gallery, Governors State University, University Park, IL
SCALE, 3/D4/D X CSI Gallery, Chicago, IL
2021 *DO WRITE (RIGHT) TO ME*, Uncool Artists, Miami Design District, Miami, FL
FROM CONFRONTATION TO CATHARSIS, SDA International Exhibition in Print, Fall 2021
ARTIFACT - CERAMIC-BASED WORKS OF ART, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH
SECOND LIFE, 3/D4/D X CSI Gallery, Chicago, IL
LOST AND LOOKING, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN, Curator: Lora Fosberg
2020 *CHICAGO SCULPTURE INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL 2020*, Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL
ERGO, ART IN RELATION TO THE BODY, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, OH
2019 *EXTENDED SELF: TRANSFORMATIONS AND CONNECTIONS*, Kanter McCormick Gallery, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curators: Extended Practice co-founders, Sara Holwerda & Angela Lopez
OFF-CENTER, ADDS Donna, Chicago, IL
2018 *SWEET, GOLDEN, DELICIOUS*, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL Invited: Jessica LaBatte, Josephine Burke
FUGITIVE NARRATIVES, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curator: Mike Nourse
2017 *FRONT AND CENTER*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL Curator: Caroline Picard
SOFT SCULPTURE, International Museum of Surgical Science, Chicago, IL Curator: Collin Pressler
BEING ENOUGH, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL Curator: Kate Pollasch
2016 *WELCOME TO THE END*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL Curator: Edra Soto

- PITCHPOLING*, Governors State University, University Park, IL Curators: Robin Dluzen and Judith Mullen
EXHAUSTION AND EXUBERANCE, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL Curator: Sharmyn Cruz Rivera
EVANSTON ART CENTER 24TH BIENNIAL, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL Jurors: Lena Hersh, Monique Meloche, Lorelei Stewart
- 2014 *BARE BONES*, The Franklin, Chicago, IL Curator: Edra Soto
- 2013 *DIALOGUE CHICAGO, TAKING CHANCES*, Noyes Cultural Arts Center, Evanston, IL, Curator: Sarah Krepp
NEXUS 13: CONTEMPORARY SCULPTURE, University of Tennessee Gallery, Knoxville, TN Juror: Durant Thompson
- 2012 *NATIONAL EXPOSURE REVISITED*, ARC Gallery, Chicago, IL, Juror: Charles Osgood, photographer
EVANSTON ART CENTER 21ST BIENNIAL, Evanston Art Center, Evanston, IL, Juror: Shannon Stratton
- 2011 *WONDERLAND: PHOTOGRAPHIC FANTASIES*, Photoplace Gallery, Middlebury, Vermont

Publications / Articles / Reviews

- 2025 Surface Design Association, Emulate, Recreate, Translate. SDA International Exhibition in Print, Fall 2025
 I Like Your Work, Outreach. Curated by Leah Triplett. Spring Artist Catalog, Volume 17, 2025.
 Waxman, Lori. New Chicago Art in an Old Chicago Mansion. Review, chicagotribune.com, March, 30.
 Sandler, Teddy. Fabric of the House: A Review of A Tale of Materialities at the Driehaus Museum. Review, art.newcity.com, March, 26.
 Oldham, Mitchell. Driehaus Museum's Materialities Exhibit Uses Art to Reevaluate the Priorities of the Past" Review, thirdcoastreview.com, February, 24.
- 2023 Scekcic, Vera. Family is Family: a review of Bobbi Meier's Imperfect Rituals at Riverside Arts Center. Review, art.newcity.com, February, 7.
- 2021 Surface Design Association, From Confrontation to Catharsis, SDA International Exhibition in Print, Fall 2021.
- 2018 Dluzen, Robin. Magnolias Bloom in Spring, Essay.
- 2015 Waxman, Lori. Terrain Biennial makes Oak Park an art Nexus Review, Chicago Tribune, chicagotribune.com, August 26.
- 2013 Nardi, Sarah. The Tyranny of Good Taste goes high-concept and lowbrow. Review, Chicago Reader, chicagoreader.com. November, 18.
- 2013 Ghosh, Surabhi & Hunt, Robert. Bailliwik, an artists cooperative (Issue 10). Bailliwik Press, book.
- 2012 Ghosh, Surabhi & Hunt, Robert. Bailliwik, an artists cooperative (Issue 09). Bailliwik Press, book.
 Ingram Bruce. His Art, Her Art – their Show, article, Pioneer Press, August 9, Diversions, 1B.
- 2009 Studio Visit Magazine (Volume 6). The Open studios Press, article, Juror: Michael Klein.
- 2006 Sullivan, Catey. Garden of Unearthly Delights, article, Pioneer Press, April 5, Diversions, B5.
- 2005 Sullivan, Catey, Art Spotlights Village's Anniversary, article, Pioneer Press, June12, Diversions, B1.
- 2003 Petlicki, Myrna. Going to the Head of the Class, article, Pioneer Press, April 17, Diversions, B5.

2000 Petlicki, Myrna. Lines Blur for Artistudentteacher, article, Pioneer Press, September 6, Diversions, B5.

Curatorial Experience

2025 *THREADS: COMMUNITY WEAVINGS*, Terrain Biennial 2025, Gary, IN
2023 *OPEN FURROWS: NEW WORK BY LIZ CHILSEN*, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL
2021 *ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS SCISSORS: CERAMICS & COLLAGE BY AVA CARNEY AND STEFAN MEIER*, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL
SNACKTIME, curated and exhibited with 9 members of Snacktime artists group, Terrain Biennial 2021, Oak Park, IL
2019 *OFF CENTER*, curated and exhibited with, Sam Jaffe and Laura Mackin, Adds Donna, Chicago, IL
2015 *PIECES OF EIGHT; CONTEMPORARY WORK BY EIGHT MILLENNIAL ARTISTS*, curated with Linda Abrams and Gina Lee Robbins, Gallery Pink, Oak Park, IL
2000 *ARTISTUDENTTEACHER*, curated and participated in thesis show, works by K-12 Artist/Educators and their students, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Roger Brown 1926 Exhibition Space, Chicago

Awards

2023 Artadia/Chicago Awards Finalist
2022 Illinois Arts Council Agency Individual Artist Project Grant
2021 Finalist for the 2019/20 Manifest Grand Jury Prize, Manifest Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati, Ohio
2011 School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Certificate of Recognition, Leadership Award
2009-2011 School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Enrichment Scholarship
2010 School of the Art Institute of Chicago/Loretta Grellner Scholarship
2009 Illinois Art Education Association/IAEA Graduate Studies Scholarship

Residencies/Professional Development

2021/22 Uncool Artists, International Lab for Art Practices, on-line International community of **artists**, critics, curators and **art** experts.
2019 Arts/Industry Residency, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Kohler, WI
2018 Fieldwork. Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
2017 The Center Program. Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2015/16 Hatch Projects|Chicago Artists Coalition. Juried incubator for contemporary Chicago artists & curators
2014 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT/Professional Artist In Residence
2011/13/17 Ragdale, Lake Forest, IL/Professional Artist in Residence
2010 Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, Michigan/MFA Graduate Student Artist in Residence
2009 Anderson Ranch Arts Center, Snowmass Village, CO/Art Educator Institute and Residency

Public Lectures/Presentations

- 2025 *NOT A SOFT THING: A GROUP EXHIBITION BY ARTIST MOTHERS*, walkthrough and artist's talk, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago Rooms Galleries, Chicago, IL
PALPABLE, O'Connor Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, IL
TIMELESS BODIES: MIDWEST CERAMIC EXHIBITION, panel discussion, Oliva Gallery, Chicago, IL
WE THOUGHT WE WERE COMFORTABLE, Arrowhead Gallery, Waubesa Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
A TALE OF TODAY: MATERIALITIES, DECORUM, multiple artist's talks and tours, Driehaus Museum, Chicago, IL
BEAUTIFUL FAMILY LIVING, Merwin Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2024 *THICK SKINNED*, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *TEETERING*, 10-Fold Gallery, Greencastle, IN
YEARNING FOR WARM & FUZZY, panel discussion, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
IMPERFECT RITUALS, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
- 2022 *RESILIENT*, panel discussion with Monica Rezman, Jean Alexander Frater, Moderated by: Sarah Krepp Aurora Public Art Gallery, Aurora, IL
REBELLIOUS FIBERS, walkthrough and artist's talk with Yvette Kaiser Smith, OS Projects, Racine, WI
- 2019 *STRANGE ETIQUETTE*, walkthrough and artist's talk, Salon1b, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *MY PATH TO KOHLER*, presentation, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2018 *FUGITIVE NARRATIVES: STORY TIME*, walkthrough and artist's talk, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *FRONT AND CENTER: THE LANGUAGE OF FURNITURE*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *PERSPIRATION GLITZ*, artist's talk with Tegan Brace, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *ARTIST'S TALK*, resident presentation, Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI
- 2010 *TOYS, PATTERN AND PARADISE*, presentation, Illinois Art Education Association, Lisle, IL
- 2009-10 *NOON HOUR LECTURES*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

Professional/Committee Work

- 2023-2024 Terrain Biennial Committee member, Chicago, IL
- 2018-2023 Adds Donna, exhibition space and artists collective, member, Chicago, IL
- 2012-2020 Fiber and Material Studies Council, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2010-11 Exhibitions and Events Committee, student representative, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Studio Assistant for Christine Tarkowski Fall Semester, Chicago, IL