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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/Two Person Exhibitions

- 2025 *BEAUTIFUL FAMILY LIVING*, Merwin Gallery, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL
- 2023 *SUNDAY DINNER*, Carlson Tower Gallery, North Park University, Chicago, IL, Curated: Emily Lindskoog
CRAVING STABILITY, with Alina Sokolova, Zlati Ajngel Gallery, Verazdin, Croatia, Curated: Vida Sacic
TEETERING, 10-Fold Projects, Greencastle, IN, Curated: Margaret Leininger
Imperfect Rituals, Riverside Art Center, Riverside, IL, Curated: Judith Mullen
- 2022 *REBELLIOUS FIBERS*, with Yvette Kaiser Smith, OS Projects, Racine, WI, Curated: Vera Scekic
- 2020 *STRANGE ETIQUETTE*, Salon1b, Chicago, IL, Curated: Lauren Brescia & Scott Renfro
- 2019 *DOMINA DOMI*, Okay Gallery, Chicago, IL, Curated: Erin Madarieta
VISCERAL, Extra Projects at Basic Studios, with Frank Vega, Chicago, IL, Curated: Karen Azarnia
- 2018 *MAGNOLIAS BLOOM IN SPRING*, Gretchen Charlton Art Gallery, Kankakee, IL
- 2016 *PERSPIRATION GLITZ*, with Tegan Brace, Roots & Culture Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *INSIDEOUT | OUTSIDEIN*, with Steve Meier, Gallery Pink, Oak Park, IL
- 2012 *WHAT WE SAID; WHAT WE MEANT*, with Steve Meier, Oak Park Library Gallery, Oak Park, 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

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *A Tale of Today: Materialities*, Chicago, IL, Curated: Giovanni Aloï
Lakefront Collage: A Survey of Racine and Kenosha Art Spaces, Emile Mathis Gallery, the Rita, Kenosha, WI
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 Art Apartment Gallery), Chicago, IL
THICK SKINNED, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
PHYSIOTASMAGORICAL, A.P.E. Gallery, Northampton, MA

- FIERY FURNACE*, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA
- 2023 *FEMINIST TO THE CORE*, Salon1b, Chicago, IL
ENVIRONMENT/S/TALLATIONS, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *AND THE PURSUIT OF*, Research House for Asian Art & Co-Prosperty Sphere, Chicago, IL
GOT SOUL, Project Onward and Salon1b, 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

- 2023 Scekic, 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.

Curatorial Experience

- 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

- 2024 *THICK SKINNED*, artist's talk, Epiphany Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2023 *TEETERING*, artist's talk, 10-Fold Gallery, Greencastle, IN
- YEARNING FOR WARM & FUZZY*, Panel discussion, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
- IMPERFECT RITUALS*, artist's talk, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
- 2022 *RESILIENT*, artist's panel 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*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2018 *FUGITIVE NARRATIVES: STORY TIME*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *FRONT AND CENTER: THE LANGUAGE OF FURNITURE*, artist's talk, 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