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EDUCATION

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| 2010 – 2013 | Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts (Transdisciplinary Arts)
University of South Florida, College of the Arts, Tampa, FL |
| 2004 – 2008 | Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Arts (Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking)
Cornell University, School of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Ithaca, NY |

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

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| 2012 | Beijing Program (in Studio Art)
University of South Florida, College of the Arts, Beijing, China |
| 2006 | Rome Program (in Studio Art)
Cornell University, School of Architecture, Art, and Planning, Rome, Italy |

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 2022 | Hold Me Down
SPAACES Gallery and Project Space, Sarasota, FL |
| 2015 | Carry the Fire
Gallery 221, Tampa, FL |
| 2015 | Hound on the Moor
Art and History Museum, Maitland, FL |
| 2015 | The Triangles Through the Leaves
Marlin and Regina Miller Gallery, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA |
| 2014 | Eye on the Hypotenuse
Alternative Exhibition Space, Tampa, FL |
| 2014 | Open Windows
Alternative Exhibition Space, Tampa, FL |
| 2012 | Day One- A Curated Exhibition in Painting and Sculpture
William and Nancy Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL |

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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| 2025 | 39th International Print and Drawing Exhibition
Heuser Art Gallery and Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL |
| 2024 | Drawing from Perception and Memory
Stein Galleries, Wright State University, Dayton OH |

2024	39th Annual International Exhibition University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX
2024	<i>Journeys of Interdependence: Portraits of First Generation Identity in Higher Education</i> Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ
2023	92nd National Juried Exhibition National Arts League, Douglaston, NY
2022	<i>Drawing Discourse: Exhibition of Contemporary Drawing</i> Tucker Cooke Gallery, University of North Carolina at Asheville, Asheville, NC
2021	Paint2021 Silvermine Arts Center, New Canaan, CT Curated by Michele Y. Loh
2021	Transformation Connecticut Academy of Fine Arts (CAFA+), Mystic, CT
2019	<i>Into the Shining World</i> Mindy Ross Gallery, State University of New York, Orange Community College (SUNY Orange), Newburgh, NY
2018	<i>Made Here</i> Guttenberg Arts, Guttenberg, NJ
2017	COLOR:CODED The New Art Center, Boston, MA
2016	Campsite Samuel Dorskey Museum of Art, New Paltz, NY
2016	Florida Biennial Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton FL
2015	The Florida Prize in Contemporary Art Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
2015	Boundary Lines: Crafting Personal Space Florida CraftArt Gallery, St. Petersburg, FL
2014	63rd All-Florida Exhibition Boca Raton Museum of Art, Boca Raton, FL
2014	A Different Frame of Mind Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
2014	Ghost in the Machine Kirk Ke Wang Gallery, Tampa, FL
2014	The Triumph of Detritus 1310 Gallery, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
2014	One World Art Center Sarasota, Sarasota, FL

2014	LaGrange National Exhibit XXVIII LaGrange Museum of Art, LaGrange, GA
2013	Rough and Tumble The Projects- North Warehouse, Fort Lauderdale, FL
2013	Tampa Bay Lightning Juried Exhibition Tampa Bay Times Forum, Tampa, FL
2013	We Didn't Come Here to Make Friends Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
2013	37th Annual Juried Exhibition William and Nancy Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL Best in Show Award winner
2012	Marks of Existence: Artists Contemplate China Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL
2012	36th Annual Juried Exhibition William and Nancy Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL
2012	We Came Here to Hoard Center Gallery, Tampa, FL
2011	Pulchritudinous West Tampa Center for the Arts, Tampa, FL
2009	Phoenix Spark Contemporary Art Gallery, Syracuse, NY
2008	Juried Art Showcase Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Ithaca, NY Best in Show Award winner
2008	Things to Remember, Things That Are Gone Tjaden Gallery, Ithaca, NY
2007	Run Rabbit Run Hartell Gallery, Ithaca, NY
2007	Rome Exhibition Palazzo Lazzaroni, Rome, Italy
2007	David R. Bean Prize Exhibition Tjaden Gallery, Ithaca, NY

ANIMATED PAINTINGS AND DRAWINGS

Selected screenings of hand-painted animated films developed directly through my studio practice in painting and drawing.

2026	74th Columbus International Film and Animation Festival Columbus, OH
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2025	<i>Electronic Currents</i> Gallery 130, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
2025	<i>Film Invasion Los Angeles</i> Sherman Oaks, CA
2025	<i>CURRENTS 2025 Art & technology Festival</i> Santa Fe, NM
2025	<i>Ridgefield Independent Film Festival</i> Ridgefield, CT
2025	<i>The New Jersey International Film Festival</i> Rutgers Film Co-Op, New Brunswick, NJ Awarded Best Animation
2025	<i>Resistance</i> Single Channel Video Festival Burlington, VT
2024	<i>20/92 Video Festival</i> Icebox Projects Space, Philadelphia, PA
2023	<i>Portland Festival of Cinema, Animation, & Technology</i> Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Portland, OR
2023	<i>Counting the Seconds Between Lightning and Thunder</i> Wassaic, NY Curated by Eve Biddle, Bowie Zunino, Jeff Barnett-Winsby, and Will Hutnick.
2023	<i>26th NewFilmmakers NY</i> New York, NY, Spring Series, April 2023.
2022	<i>70th Columbus International Film and Animation Festival</i> Columbus, OH
2022	<i>Through These Eyes</i> Target Gallery (at Studio 9 of the Torpedo Factory Arts Center), Alexandria, VA
2022	<i>Poetic Pictorialism</i> (with Film Maudit 2.0 Film Festival) HIGHWAYS Gallery and Performance Space, Santa Monica, CA
2022	<i>25th NewFilmmakers NY</i> New York, NY, Fall Series, November 2022.
2022	<i>Bizarre Panoramas</i> TShorts Animation Festival, Virtual Format, based in Riga, Latvia
2022	<i>Mohino Cine Fest</i> , 4th Edition Porto, Portugal
2021	<i>Audio Visual Frontiers</i>

University of California, Riverside and UCR ARTS, Riverside, CA
Curated by Paulo C. Chagas and Nikolay Maslov

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| 2021 | <p><i>London Independent Film Festival (LIFF)</i>
Genesis Cinema, London, United Kingdom</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>San Francisco Independent Film Festival</i>
Roxie theater (and Online format), San Francisco, CA</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>International Short Film Festival, Canton</i>
1895 Film Society, GuangZhou, China</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Sydney Underground Film Festival</i>
Sydney Australia</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Buffalo International Film Festival</i>
Buffalo, NY</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Berlin International Art Film Festival</i>
Berlin, Germany
Awarded Best Animation</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Venice Shorts Film Festival</i>
Venice, CA
Awarded Best Animation</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Los Angeles Independent Film Channel Festival</i>
Los Angeles, CA
Awarded Best Animation</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Cannes International Cinema Festival</i>
Cannes, France</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>New York Independent Cinema Awards Film Festival</i>
New York, NY
Awarded Best Animation</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Amsterdam Short Film Festival</i>
Amsterdam, Netherlands
Awarded best Animation</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>ARTS x SDGS Festival</i>
Online through New York, NY</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>T-Shorts Animation Film Festival</i>
Virtual Format, based in Riga, Latvia</p> |
| 2021 | <p><i>Ionian Contemporary Animation Festival (ICONA Animation Festival)</i>
Ionian University, Ionian Islands, Greece</p> |
| 2020 | <p><i>Los Angeles Animation Festival</i>
Los Angeles, CA</p> |
| 2019 | <p><i>Director's Circle Festival of Shorts</i>
Erie, PA</p> |

AWARDS

2019	Los Angeles International Film Festival's Indie Short Fest Los Angeles, CA
2025	Best Animation New Jersey International Film Festival
2025	Outstanding Animated Short Ridgefield Independent Film Festival
2025	Programmer's Prize for Exceptional Filmmaking Film Invasion Los Angeles
2025	Semi-Finalist – Renegade Film Festival Atlanta, GA
2024	Fellowship - Artist in Residence Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
2022-2023	William L. Clements Research Fellowship University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
2023	Yaddo The Corporation of Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY
2023	Joshua Tree National Park Artist in Residence (Unscheduled) Joshua Tree National Park, CA This was awarded, but cancelled.
2022	Fellowship - Artist in Residence Millay Arts, Austerlitz, NY
2022	Mid-Atlantic Arts Creative Fellowship Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation, in partnership with Millay Arts
2022	Work and Families Fellowship and Honorarium - Artist in Residence Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
2022	Fellowship - Artist in Residence Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
2021	Fellowship - Artist in Residence Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA
2021	Best Animation Berlin International Art Film Festival, 7th Edition, Berlin, Germany
2021	Best Animation Venice Shorts, 15th Edition, Venice Beach, CA
2021	Best Animation New York Independent Cinema Awards, 5th Edition, NYC, NY
2021	Best Animation Amsterdam Short Film Festival, 1st Edition, Amsterdam, Netherlands

2021	Best Animation Los Angeles Independent Film Channel Festival, Los Angeles, CA
2019	Award Nominee, Best Audio Mixing Los Angeles International Film Festival's Indie Short Fest, Los Angeles CA
2019	Finalist, Meyer Family Award for Contemporary Art Main Line Arts Center, Haverford, PA
2018	Award Nominee, American Academy of Arts in Letters The American Academy of Arts and Letters, NYC, NY
2018	Vermont Studio Center Merit-based Grant Vermont Studio Center, Johnston, VT
2018	Space and Time Artist Residency (S.T.A.R.) and Honorarium Guttenberg Arts, Gutenberg, NJ
2017	Curatorial Opportunity Project Winner The New Art Center, Newton, MA
2016	NURTUREArt's National Curatorial Open Call Finalist NURTUREART, NYC, NY
2016	Award Nominee, American Academy of Arts in Letters The American Academy of Arts and Letters, NYC, NY
2015	Florida Prize in Contemporary Art, Finalist The Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
2014	Carolyn Heller Memorial Award Arts Council of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL This award was given to the top scoring applicant in the grant pool.
2014	Individual Artists Grant Arts Council of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL This award was a \$2,000 grant to support making new artwork.
2008	Strategic Opportunity Stipend New York Foundation for the Arts, Brooklyn, NY

REVIEW PANELS AND JURYING

Winter 2025	Scholastic Juror Southeast PA Regional, Kutztown PA
Spring 2024	Millay Arts Review Panel - Screenwriting Discipline Millay Arts, Austerlitz, NY
Spring 2024	Advanced Placement Portfolio Rater - Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design Educational Testing Services, The College Board.
Fall 2023	Millay Arts Review Panel - Screenwriting Discipline Millay Arts, Austerlitz, NY

Winter/Spring 2022 **Reading FilmFest - Film Discipline**
Reading, PA

GRANT ACQUISITIONS

2025 – 2026	University-wide Grant for Research and Creative Activity Kutztown University Faculty Professional Development Committee, Kutztown, PA
2023 – 2024	State-wide Grant for Research and Creative Activity Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, (PASSHE) Faculty Professional Development Committee, Harrisburg, PA
2022 – 2023	State-wide Grant for Research and Creative Activity Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, (PASSHE) Faculty Professional Development Committee, Harrisburg, PA
2021 – 2023	University-wide Grant for Research and Creative Activity Kutztown University Faculty Professional Development Committee, Kutztown, PA
2021 – 2022	Center for Enhancement of Teaching Pedagogical Grant
2021	Travel Assistance Grant for Research and Creative Activity Professional Development Committee, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
2021	Professional Development Grant Dean's Office, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Kutztown University.
2018	Travel Assistance Grant for Research and Creative Activity Professional Development Committee, Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

2024	The New Media Caucus Showcase , College Art Association (Virtual Presentation Series), College Art Association Annual Conference 2024, Chicago IL
2019	Art and the Working Class Session Title: “Hybrid Practices in Drawing” Foundations in Art Theory and Education (F.A.T.E) 17th Biennial Conference “Foundations in Flux”, Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH

LECTURES/INTERVIEWS/PRESS

2025	Discover Indie Film (DIF) - Filmmakers Interview Film Invasion Los Angeles and Sherman Oaks Film Festival
2025	Shared Inquiry on Collaboration College Art Association (CAA): Conversations Podcast
2025	Filmmaker Q&A Panel New Jersey International Film Festival, Rutgers New Brunswick, NJ

- 2024 **New Media Caucus Showcase**
College Art Association Annual Conference, New York, NY
- 2024 **Artist Talk** (In Progress Work, Becoming an Oyster)
Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (VCCA), Amherst, VA
- 2022 **Literary Reading**
Tanja Grunert, Hudson, NY, in partnership with Millay Arts, Austerlitz, NY
In Person, August 14, 2022
- 2022 **Filmmaker Q & A Panel Discussion**
"Poetic Pictorialism", hosted by Film Maudit 2.0 Film Festival), Highways
Gallery and Performance Space, Santa Monica, CA
Virtual session, January 12, 2022
- 2022 **Open Studio Artist's Talk**
Virginia Center for the Creative Arts (V.C.C.A), Amherst, VA
In Person, January 12, 2022
- 2021 **Open Studio Artist's Talk**
Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts and Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA
In person, December 3, 2021
- 2021 **Filmmaker Q & A Panel Discussion**
"Shorts 1: In My Secret Life", San Francisco Independent Film Festival, San
Francisco, CA
Virtual session on February 4, 2021
- 2021 **Filmmaker Q & A Panel Discussion**
"BIFF Shorts: Time Stands Still", Buffalo International Film Festival, Buffalo,
NY
Virtual session on September 29, 2021, aired during festival October 7-11,
2021
- 2018 **Cyanotype Workshop**
July 18, 2018
Guttenberg Arts, Guttenberg, NJ
- 2018 **Open Studio Artist's Talk**
Vermont Studio Center (VSC), Johnston, VT
In Person, August 1, 2018
- 2016 **Artist's Lecture - Exhibiting Artist**
Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL
This was awarded to me as an individual.
- 2016 **Artist's Lecture - Invitational**
City University of New York (CUNY) Brooklyn, Brooklyn, NY
This was awarded to me as an individual.
- 2016 **Artist's Lecture - Invitational**
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ
This was awarded to me as an individual.
- 2015 **Artist's Lecture - Exhibiting Artist**

Howard Blake School of the Arts, Tampa FL

- 2015 **Artist's Lecture - Invitational**
Hillsborough College, Tampa, FL
- 2014 **Artist's Lecture - Exhibiting Artist**
Kirk Ke Wang Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2014 **Artist's Lecture - Exhibiting Artist**
Contemporary Art Museum (CAM), Tampa, FL

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2026 ongoing **Professor of Painting and Drawing**
Department of Art & Design, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA
- 2023 - 2026 **Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing**
Department of Art & Design, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA
- 2018 - 2023 **Assistant Professor of Art, Tenure-Track**
Department of Art & Design, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA
- 2017 - 2018 **Assistant Professor of Art, Temporary Full-Time**
Department of Art and Art History, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania, Kutztown, PA
- 2016 - 2017 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Painting, Drawing, and Printmaking,**
Department of Art and Art History, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ
- 2016 **Adjunct Professor of Drawing,**
Department of Visual Arts and Design, Hillsborough County Community College, Tampa, FL
- 2013 - 2016 **Adjunct Professor of Painting, Drawing, Printmaking**
School of Art and Art History, College of the Arts, The University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2011 - 2013 **Instructor of Record, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking**
School of Art and Art History, College of the Arts, The University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2010 - 2011 **Graduate Assistant, Painting, Drawing, Printmaking**
School of Art and Art History, College of the Arts, The University of South Florida, Tampa, FL