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Education

2017 Master of Arts Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Graduate and Professional Programs
Master of Arts in Instruction program
Minnesota K-12 Visual Art Teaching Licence (2015)

2008 Bachelor of Fine Arts College of Visual Arts
Department of Photography

Professional & Teaching Experience

Current-2018 **Public Art Consulting**

Forecast Public Art, Minneapolis, MN

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access Leadership Development for Teachers and Professors

IDEAL (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Access, Leadership) Center, Science Museum of
Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN

Current-2015 **Japanese Cultural Arts and Language Teacher**

Minnesota Japanese School, Richfield, MN
Japanese Language and Arts instruction, PreK-12

Current-2012 **Visiting Artist Lectures/Presentations/Panels**

Lecture, University of Minnesota, Arts 1001: Introduction to Contemporary Art 2016 &
17 / 2018 & 19 Arts 1002: Art + Life, Minneapolis, MN

Public Artist Panel Discussion and *Making It Public* Workshop, Saint Paul, MN, 2019

Lecture, Minneapolis College of Arts and Design, Art In the Cities, Minneapolis MN, 2018
& 2019

Lecture, Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN, Convergence-Intersection of Art, Design
and Science in our City, Saint Paul, MN, 2018 & 2019

Artists Panel, Creative City Challenge, Hennepin Made, Minneapolis MN, 2018

Artists Panel, *Eyes Should be Washed*, Hair + Nail, Minneapolis, MN, 2018

Artists Panel, *Public Art Influence with Immigration*, Silverwood Park, Saint Anthony MN, 2018

Teaching Artists Panel, Allied Media Conference, Detroit MI, 2017

Lecture, Bangkok University, Book Art and Storytelling, Bangkok Thailand, 2017

Empowerment through Youth Programming Panel, Association of Science and Technology Centers, San Jose CA, 2017

Book Artist Panel, Minnesota Center for Book Art, Minneapolis MN, 2016

Lecture, Joshibi University of Art and Design, Contemporary Art, Tokyo Japan, 2015

Lecture, Arts in Classroom, Saint Mary's University, Minneapolis MN, 2015

Almini Artists Panel, College of Visual Arts, Saint Paul MN, 2012

- Current-2007 **Teaching Artists Residency, K-12**
 Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, MN
 Residency Teaching Artist
 Patrick Henry High School, Marcy Open School, Kenwood Elementary, Barton Open School, and Justice Page Middle
- Weaver Lake STEM Elementary, Maple Grove, MN
 Residency Drawing Teaching Artist
- 2018-2016 **Teaching Media Arts and Making Space, Teacher workshops**
 Making Space Project, Twin City, MN
 Justice Page Middle School, Obama Elementary school, Laura Jefferey Academy, Washington Tech Magnet School, Jenny Lind Elementary School
- 2018-2016 **Computation Thinking Program Manager, Teen and STEM Teacher,**
 Kitty Anderson, Youth Science Center, Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN
 LinCT (Linking Youth and Teaching to Computational Thinking) Project
- 2018-2012 **STEAM Educator, K-5**
 Lifelong Learning Center Science Museum of Minnesota, Saint. Paul, MN
- 2016-2012 **Art Teacher, High School**
 Perpich Center for Art Education, Golden Valley, MN 2016-2013
 High School Media Art teacher and Technology Equipment Technician
 WMEP FAIR school downtown, Minneapolis, MN 2014-2012

Technology and Media Art teacher

- 2014-2007 **Teaching Book Arts, K-12**
Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2012-2008 **Studio Artists Assistant**
Marcus Young, Behavioral Artists Assistant, Saint. Paul, MN, 2014-2007
- David Rich, Painting Studio, Database Assistant, Saint. Paul, MN, 2012-2009
- Petronella Ytsma, Photography Studio Assistant, Saint. Paul, MN, 2012-2009
- Paulette Myer-Rich, Printmaking Studio Assistant, Saint. Paul, MN, 2011-2008
- 2012-2007 **Community Art Programing Coordination**
Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2009-2007 **Community Arts Program Educator**
Public Art Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN

Community and Professional Activities

- 2020-2019 Artists and Designer Advisor: Larry Cohen Recognition Project, Saint Paul, MN
- Current-2017 HiAP (Health in All Policy) leadership cohort with AEDA, Saint Paul, MN
- Current-2017 Board Vice Chair: Victoria Theater Community Art Center, Saint Paul, MN
- Current-2016 Board Member: Frogtown Neighborhood Association the Thomas-Dale District 7 Planning Council Saint Paul, MN
- Current-2016 Northern Spark Program Council Member: Northern Light, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019-2016 MRAC Program Jury: Next Step and Arts Project Support
- 2019 Artist Jury: White Bear Art Center 30th Annual Art show, White Bear, MN
- 2019 Artist Jury: 2020 MCBA Jerome Fellowship Competition, Minneapolis, MN
- Artist Jury: MCAD MFA Scholarship, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Artist Jury: Creative City Challenge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Artist Jury Little MeKong Night Market Artists Selection, Saint Paul, MN

2017-2015 Artist Advisory Member: Asian Economic Development Association, Saint Paul, MN

2016-2014 Board Member: Minnesota Japanese School, Richfield, MN

2015-2014 Youth Counselor: Ink Spot!, Saint Paul, MN

Select Exhibitions, Public Art and Community Art Work

2020 *Living Room*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN (Upcoming)

2020-2019 *Arts at Rondo*, Rondo Library Public Art Project, Saint Paul, MN

2019-2008 *Don't You Feel it Too?* Public movement practice for inner and exterior self
Twin City, MN 2008 – Current; New York, NY 2010, 2013, 2016; Madison, WI 2015;
Kansas City, KA 2015; Chicago, IL 2013; Tokyo (Japan) 2013

2019 Solo Public Artwork: *Commitment to Rondo* (23 weeks *Don't You Feel It Too?* artists
residency with Rondo Library)

Speakers, Concordia College Art Gallery, Saint Paul, MN

CarryOn Home at The Saint Paul City Hall, Saint Paul, MN

My Story is My Home, Collaboration with Mobile Mia, Minneapolis, MN

HOMES, at Dialog show, New Rule Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

CarryOn Home at The Hamm Park, Saint Paul, MN

2018 *Figures*, The Grand Opening of the M, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Saint Paul,
MN

CarryOn Home at The Commons, Creative City Challenge, Minneapolis, MN

Eyes should be washed (performance), Sean Sumuda Studio, Minneapolis MN

Fearing to be Right, Eyes Should be Washed show at Pirsig Projects, Minneapolis, MN

2017 Solo Public Artwork: *Dear Earth*, all night love letter writing, reading, and radio show at
Northern Spark, Saint. Paul, MN

*FreshLo community meal for engaging neighborhood, learning about cultures, healing
and art through food*, collaboration with Asian Economic Development Association,
Saint. Paul, MN

- 2016 *Dear You*, at Jerome Book Artist Fellowship exhibition, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Solo Community Organizing: *Gather*, Design a meal with 14 participants from Hand-in-Glove conference, Saint Paul, MN
- Solo Public Artwork: *Letters to Homes*: Community art making at the Little Mekong Night Market, Saint. Paul, MN
- Dear One*, at REVERBERATIONS show, Traffic Zone and Form and Content Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Sky isn't a Limit*, at Here We are Nice! Show, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
- Strangers+Kitchen*, at 36CHMBRZ show TuckUnder, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 *Conversations*, at Chieko-Ten show Gorilla Girls Gallery, Tokyo, Japan
- Solo Exhibition: *First Dates*, at 3rd floor emergent artists show Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
- 2013-2012 Solo Exhibition: *River Watching*, Harriet Island, Saint Paul, MN
- Solo Exhibition: *Stand Still*, Public performance at Shibuya Station, Tokyo, Tokyo Japan
- Medicine*, at Booya Show, Minneapolis, MN 2011
- 2013-2008 *Wishes for the Sky*, Marcus Young lead project, Harriet Island, Saint Paul, MN
- 2008 *Never the Truth*, College of Visual Arts Graduation show CVA gallery, Saint Paul, MN

Professional Organizations

- 2019 Teaching Artists Guild member, Oakland CA
- 2018 Founder and Executive Director, Primary School of Behavioral Art, St. Paul, MN
- 2017 IDI administrator and coach, Intercultural Development Inventory LLC, Olney, MD
- 2015 Minnesota Department of Education: Minnesota K-12 Visual Art Teaching Licence
- 2010 Co-Founder of Grace Mineesota, Artist Collaborative Non Profit Organization, St. Paul, MN

Awards, Grants, Fellowships, Mentorship, Artist Residency

- 2019 Grant, MRAC Art Project
- 2020-2019 Grant, Rondo Library Renaissance
- Grant, St. Paul and Minnesota Foundation
- Grant, F.R. Bigelow Foundation
- 2018 Grant, Creative City Challenge
- Mentorship, Minnesota Association of Museum North Star Connect Mentorship
- 2018-2019 Fellowship, Groundwork BIPOC public art fellowship Forecast
- 2017 Grant, Northern Spark, Climate Generation Project Fund
- Fellowship, Neighborhood Now
- 2015-2016 Fellowship, MCBA Jerome Fellowship
- 2016 Artists Residency, Antaina Gallery, New Orleans
- 2012 Grant, Community Arts Partnership, States Arts Board

Bibliography

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Radio, June 13, 2018.

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<https://www.minnpost.com/artscape/2018/05/historical-society-names-new-director-carry-homes-grace-commons>

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<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/2018/03/16/carry-homes-wins-2018-creative-city-challenge>

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Thinking” May 14, 2017 <https://stemforall2017.videohall.com/presentations/1002>

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<https://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2017/06/10/4-things-june-10/>

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