

## Antonia Gurkovska

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*\*2015-2016 were spent in research and secluded studio practice*

### EDUCATION

2011 - The School of the Art Institute of Chicago - Master of Fine Arts - Painting and Drawing

2008 - National Academy of Art, Sofia, Bulgaria - BFA Painting/Mural Painting

2005 - 2006 - University of Hertfordshire, England - Painting and Drawing - Erasmus Exchange

2003 - City of Bath College, England - Painting

### SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2014 - *Troubled Ground*, Bania Starinna, Center for Contemporary Art, Plovdiv, Bulgaria

2013 - *Void and Compensation*, The Fridge, Sofia, Bulgaria

2013 - *The Skin I live In*, Kavi Gupta, Berlin

2012 - *Appendix*, TPP, Puerto Rico 2012 - *Index*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL

2010 - *Untitled*, Autumn Gallery Space, Chicago, IL

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

2012 – *Art Miami Basel*

- *Did You See Heaven: WYSIWYG*, Peregrine Program, Chicago, IL

- *Art Expo Chicago*

- *Changing States of Matter*, Brand New Gallery, Milan, Italy

- *Re/Invention*, ARC Gallery, Chicago

- *Armory Show*, NY

- *The Content of Their Work*, Zolla Lieberman, Chicago, IL

2011 - *Art Platform*, Los Angeles

- *Summer*, Kavi Gupta Gallery, Chicago, IL

- *Experience Is Never Unattached*, Sullivan Gallery, Chicago, IL

- *Manifest Exhibitions*, Chicago, IL

- *Union League*, Chicago, IL

- *Art Chicago/ New Insight*, Chicago, IL

- *Irritable Abstraction*, Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL

- *Collect*, Carrousel Space Project, Chicago, IL

- *Alter Egos*, Siragusa Gallery, Chicago, IL

2008 - *Wall to Wall Project*, commissioned by the Italian Embassy in Sofia – Dante Alighieri

- *No Place Like Home / No Home Like Place* –Red House

Center for Contemporary Arts, Sofia, Bulgaria

2007 - *Cultural Identity* - Sofia Press Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria

### SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

2014 – Gaudenz Ruf Award for Contemporary Art in Bulgaria

2011 - George and Ann Siegel Fellowship, Art Institute of Chicago

2011 - Union League Civic & Arts Foundation Visual Arts Competition award, Chicago

2009 - 2011 - Fulbright Scholarship recipient

2009 - 2011 - Thanks to Scandinavia Scholarship recipient  
2009 - 2011 - Merit Scholarship, School of Art Institute of Chicago  
2008 - Ceresit National Art Competition – First Place  
2007 - Onsekiz Mart University Fellowship for a co-project in Canakkale, Turkey  
2005 - 2006 - ERASMUS students exchange grant - at the University of Hertfordshire, England  
2005 - National Academy of Arts, Sofia - Best Portrait Award  
2003 - Full Annual Scholarship Foundation Art and Design at the City of Bath College, England

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

2014 The Brooklyn Rail/May; At the End of The Longest Decade, by Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva  
2014 Culture/April; Mirror, Mirror, Review of Troubled Ground, by Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva  
2013 Culture/Sept; Painting and Action, Review of Void and Compensation, by Svetlana Kuyumdzhieva  
2012 Huffington Post/Apr ; Young Artists Who Know, And Aren't Replicating, History, by Paul Klein  
2012 Art In America/May; Review by Susan Snodgrass  
2012 Chicago Art Magazine/March; The Artist Facing The Art: Antonia Gurkovska, by Yolanda Green