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## EDUCATION

2000

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Master of Fine Arts, Chicago, IL

Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, SAIC Trustee's Scholarship, Skowhegan, ME

1997

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Chicago, IL

1995

Alfonso Arana's Foundation, One-year Painting Fellowship, Paris, FR

1994

Escuela de Artes Plasticas de Puerto Rico, Bachelor of Fine Arts., San Juan, PR

## SELECTED VISITING ARTIST & LECTURES

2018

UIC Gallery 400 Voices (lecture and studio visits), Chicago, IL

Brown University (lecture, studio visits), Providence, RI (forthcoming)

Joliet Public Library, Community Engagement (lecture and workshop), Joliet, IL (forthcoming)

Indiana University, Grunwald Gallery, Out of Easy Reach symposium, Bloomington, IN, (forthcoming)

The Association of Midwest Museum, Chicago Creative Community Flash Talks, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

Chicago High School for the Arts, (lecture), Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

2017

University of Washington (lecture, workshop, studio visits), Seattle, WA

Illinois State University (exhibition and lecture), Normal, IL

2016

Hanes Visiting Artist Lecture Series, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

Waubensee Community College (exhibition, lecture and workshop), Sugar Grove, IL

University of Illinois at Urbana (BFA exhibition juror and lecturer), Champaign, IL

University of Illinois Springfield Visual Arts Gallery (exhibition and lecture), Springfield, IL

2015

DePaul University, Art, Media & Design (lecture), Chicago, IL

Threewalls, SAIC Low-Res MFA Studio Seminar (lecturer), Chicago, IL

DePaul University, Contemporary Practices Seminar, (lecturer), Chicago, IL

2014

Saint Xavier University, Woman's Art and Film Studies Seminar (lecturer), Chicago IL

2013

The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Working Artist Program (lecturer), Chicago, IL

Jane Addams Hull-House (lecture), Chicago IL

2012

Northeastern Illinois University (exhibition and lecturer), Chicago, IL  
2011  
Beta-Local (residency and lecture), San Juan, PR  
2010  
Bowling Green State University (lecturer and critiques), Bowling Green, OH  
2009  
The Art Institute of Chicago, Artists Connect Series (lecturer), Chicago, IL  
Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago (exhibition and lecturer), Chicago, IL  
Harold Washington College (lecturer and workshop), Chicago, IL  
2008  
Krannert Art Museum (exhibition and lecture), Champaign, IL  
2007  
Hyde Park Art Center / WEBZ, Chicago, IL  
Richland College, Lago Vista Gallery (exhibition and lecture), Dallas, TX  
2006  
University of Missouri-St,Louis, Fine Arts Department, St Louise, MO  
2005  
Museo de Puerto Rico (exhibition and interview with Marisol Nieves), San Juan, PR  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Gallery 400 (exhibition and lecture), Chicago, IL  
Northern Illinois University Museum (exhibition and lecture), Chicago, IL

## RESIDENCIES, AWARDS & COMMISSIONS

2018  
North Park, Millennium Park Foundation, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)  
Ox-Bow, Special Topics: Supermodel (instructor), Saugatuck, MI (forthcoming)  
Art OMI International Arts Center, Ghent, NY (forthcoming)  
CTA Public Art commission, Blue Line Western Station, Chicago IL (forthcoming)  
Cross Currents Artists Exchange, MacArthur International Connections, Havana, CU  
2017  
Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA  
3Arts Make A Wave Grant, Chicago, IL  
Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
2:2:2 Exchange, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX  
DCASE Individual Artists Award, Chicago, IL  
2016  
Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellowship, Indianapolis, IN  
Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant, New York, NY  
Corner gallery, Chicago, IL  
2015  
No Coast Editions, Chicago, IL  
2014  
ArtSlant Prize 2014, Grand Prize winner, Aqua Art Fair, Miami Beach, FL  
Rauschenberg Foundation Residency, 3Arts Fellow, Captiva, FL  
The Perch, Notebook Project, Chicago, IL

2013

Joyce Foundation, The Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, IL

Community Supported Art, Threewalls, Chicago, IL

DCASE Individual Artists Program Grant, City of Chicago, IL

2012

Propeller Fund (project THE FRANKLIN), Chicago, IL

3Arts Artists Projects (3AP), Chicago, IL

Northeastern Illinois University Fine Arts Center, IL

2011

Ragdale Residency funded by 3Arts, Lake Forest, IL

Beta-Local, Lecture and residency, San Juan, PR

2008

New American Paintings, Midwest, curated by Raphaela Platow, National

2004

M&M Proyectos, San Juan, PR

## SELECTED SOLO AND TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2018

Open 24 Hours, Chicago Athletic Association, Johanna Projects, Chicago IL (forthcoming)

Open 24 Hours, Matthew Rachman Gallery, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

Open 24 Hours (displays and billboard), Fashion Outlets Chicago, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

OPEN 24 HOURS, Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2017

OPEN 24 HOURS, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA

OPEN 24 HOURS, The Ski Club, Milwaukee, WI

Screenhouse, curated by Janine Mileaf, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago IL

Manual GRAFT, curated by Kendra Paitz, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL

GRAFT, curated by Albert Stabler, Sector 2337, Chicago, IL

2016

It's Been A Very Good Year, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL

It's Been A Very Good Year, Outhaus, Champaign, IL

GRAFT, curated by Albert Stabler, Cuchifritos Gallery + Project Space, New York, NY

2015

I IN THE SKY, Pedestrian Projects, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL

Bernard Williams & Edra Soto, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN

DOMINODOMINO, with Dan Sullivan, EXPO CHGO, Chicago, IL

DOMINODOMINO, with Dan Sullivan, Morgan Lehman Gallery, New York, NY

2014

Say Everything, Lloyd Dobler Gallery, Chicago IL

Excess of Joy, Seerveld Gallery, Trinity College, Chicago, IL

2013

GRAFT, Terrain, Chicago, IL

2012

24HRS/25DAYS 'The Wedding Cake Project', New Capital, Chicago, IL

LIVING by Example, Northeastern Illinois University Fine Arts Center, Chicago, IL  
2010  
Homily, Ebersmoore, Chicago, IL

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2018

Out of Easy Reach, curated by Allison Glenn, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)  
ISLA, curated by Jacqueline Milad, Center for the Arts, Towson University, Towson, MD (forthcoming)  
Isla Imaginaria, curated by Natalia Viera Salgado, SVA, NYC, NY (forthcoming)  
Dock 6 Design & Art #11, Chicago, IL, (forthcoming)  
Corrosive Like Salt Water, curated by Sharmyn Cruz Rivera, Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)  
Cross Currents, Centro de Desarrollo de las Artes Visuales, Havana, CU (forthcoming)  
Cross Currents, Smart Museum, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

2017

Monarchs, curated by Risa Puleo, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
Traduttore, Traditore, curated by Karen Greenwalt and Katja Rivera, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL (catalogue)  
Infinite Games, organized by John Preus, Open House Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
The Poor Connection, curated by Lise Baggesen and Yvette Brackman, Krabbesholm Exhibitions, Skive, DK  
Terrain Biennial, Chicago, IL  
Summer on the River, The Floating Museum, Chicago, IL  
Spots, Dots, Pips and Tiles, curated by Arden Sherman and Maria Elena Ortiz, Perez Art Museum, Miami, FL  
Personals, Skowhegan, New York, NY  
Our Rooms Share a Wall - w/Dan Hojnacki, Collabo, Chicago, IL  
Lyp Sinc 2017, DfbrL8r, Chicago, IL  
Mind's I, curated by Anne Harris, Ed Paschke Art Center, Chicago, IL  
Beyond Printmaking, curated by Patricia Villalobos, TexasTech University, Lubbock, TX  
Ida y vuelta, curated by Laura Bravo, Museo de Historia, Antropología y Arte de la UPR, San Juan, PR

2016

Spots, Dots, Pips and Tiles, curated by Arden Sherman and Maria Elena Ortiz, Hunter East Harlem Gallery, NY  
RENBEN 2016, The Renaissance Society, Chicago, IL  
Connect, curated by Allison Glenn, Hyde Park, IL  
Minimum Requirement, Silent Funny, Chicago, IL  
The Arts Club Centennial Celebration (performance), Chicago IL  
New Age Now: Art Auction, 2016 Green Lantern Press Fundraiser, Sector 2337, Chicago, IL  
The Suffragette Social, Spudnik Press, Chicago, IL  
I Am Prepared, curated by Charlotte Street Foundation, La Esquina, Kansas City, KS  
The International Printmaking Alliance, Imperial Ancestral Temple Art Museum, Beijing, CN  
Great Poor Farm Experiment, curated by Lise Baggesen and Yvette Brackman, Manama, WI  
This room is a work made of people curated by Alberto Aguilar, The Art Institute of Chicago, IL  
There was no joy in the brilliance of sunshine curated by Ruslana Lichtzier, Efrain Lopez Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Manual GRAFT, Rapid Pulse International Performance Festival, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago, IL  
White Feelings, curated by Albert Stabler, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL

2015

IV Trienal Poli/Graifca de San Juan, Latinoamerica y el Caribe, San Juan, PR  
Know Yourself, The Luminary, St. Louise, MO

Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL

SPECTRA, UNO St. Claude, University of New Orleans, LA

Material Normal Monumental, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL

DUCKS SHOW LA, Minotaur Projects, Los Angeles, CA

2014

HomeComing, National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts & Culture, Chicago, IL

Caps for Sale, The Bike Rook, Chicago, IL

DUCKS, Greenpoint Terminal Gallery, New York, NY

Wedding to Unknown (collaboration with Alberto Aguilar), Glass Curtain Gallery, Chicago, IL

Dock 6 Design & Art Series 7 & 8, Chicago, IL

HEAD, Western Exhibitions, Chicago IL

Renaissance re-visited, South Side Community Art Center, Chicago, IL

Living Arrangement, (collaboration with Aguilar) Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA

2013

Home Bodies (collaboration with Alberto Aguilar) Museum of Contemporary Art of Chicago, IL

Front & Center, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

et aliae, curated by Beatriz Santiago, Galeria Agustina Ferreyra, San Juan, PR

2012

Show#10: Your Face is a Landscape, curated by S. Reisman & R. Shinata, Field Projects, New York, NY

Afterimage, curated by Dahlia Tulet and Thea Nichols, The Roger Brown Study Collection, Chicago, IL

Afterimage at Center for Book and Paper Arts, Columbia College Chicago, IL

MDW Fair, The Franklin (owner), Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL

A Personal Dinner Invitation w/ Alberto Aguilar, ShOP / Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL

Blaque Lyte Show, curated by Paul Nudd and Chris Kerr, ADA Gallery, Richmond, VA

Afrolatinos, Museo de Arte de Caguas, PR

Home Knowledge Spectacular, curated by Alberto Aguilar and Jorge Lucero, North Branch, IL

Program Suffer Abstain Deprogram, curated by Albert Stabler, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL

Dock 6 Design & Art Series #3 & #4 (collaboration with Navillus Woodworks), Chicago, IL

2011

Archival Impulse, curated by Lorelei Stewart, Gallery 400 UIC, Chicago, IL

CoLaboratory, curated by Annie Morse, Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College Chicago, IL

Heads and Poles curated by Scott Wolniak and Paul Nudd, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL

An Exchange with Sol LeWitt curated by Regine Basha, Cabinet, New York, NY

2010

Six Rooms, Longman & Eagle and Harold Arts, Chicago, IL

Office Romance!, Threewalls, Chicago, IL

2009

Artists Run Chicago with Second Bedroom Project Space, Hyde Park Art Center, IL

Church-Exercise-Salad curated by Bert Stabler, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Bridgeport, IL

Puerto Rico: Geografia humana, curated by J. Lopez Quintero, Museum of the Americas and

The Smithsonian Latino Center, Washington D.C and Museo de Puerto Rico, San Juan, PR

## SELECTER CURATORIAL WORK

2018

Under the Influence, Ralph Arnold Gallery, Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Expansive Threads, Latino Arts Inc, Milwaukee, WI

2017

Home Feelings, Project Row Houses, Houston, TX

Dock 6 Collective, Design & Art 10, Chicago, IL

2016

Welcome to The End, THE FRANKLIN, Chicago, IL

Special Exhibitions, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, MFA 2016 Selection, EXPO CHGO, Chicago, IL

The Annual, SHOWROOM, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL

Everything Must Go! Art Fair (for THE FRANKLIN), Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL

41L, Revival Food Hall, Chicago, IL

DOCK 6 Collective Design & Art Series #9, Chicago, IL

Present Standard, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago IL

2015

SPECTRA, with Maria Gaspar and Damon Locks, UNO St. Claude, LA

2014

Threewalls annual gala (THE FRANKLIN), MANA Contemporary, Chicago, IL

2013

Chicago Artists Month, East Garfield Park neighborhood curator, Chicago IL

2012

YO SOLO (visual art portion) Maria Gaspar, Alberto Aguilar, Jorge Lucero,

Josue Pelot and Paola Cabal, Collaboraction, Chicago, IL

PROJECT 0012, Skowhegan School alumni & residents. Journey's End Farm, ME

Design & Art Series #1 (concept founder), Dana Carter, Meg Duguid, ED JR.,

Molly Zuckerman-Hartung, Kirsten Leenaars, Dock 6 Collective, Chicago, IL

2010

Thad Kellstadt, Corinne Halbert and Carmen Price, Ebersmoore, Chicago, IL

2009

Zombie: A Mindless Affair, Antena, Chicago, IL

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## 2017

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Luna, Mev, Edra Soto, artist and co-director of The Franklin, Emerge / SAIC (Fall 2016 / Spring 2017)  
Davis, Laura, Edra Soto & Danny Giles at Sector 2337, Bad at Sports (February)  
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## 2016

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Jan, Eytan, CRIBS, I Heart, Chicago edition (January)

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Moxley. Alyssa, Edra Soto / Lloyd Dobler Gallery, Newcity (October)  
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2012

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