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EDUCATION

2018

The University of Kentucky
Master of Fine Arts in Intermedia

2015

The University of Texas at San Antonio
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Printmaking, Minor in Art History

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025

"heart Exhibition", Dock Space Gallery ,San Antonio, TX

"Here: Now/Future", Tobin Center ,San Antonio, TX

2024

"Red Dot Artist Exhibition", The Contemporary at Blue Star,San Antonio, TX

"Path to the Altar"(Invitational/Public Mural), Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX

"Cruces" (Invitational), Grueller Gallery, San Antonio, TX

"Fan of a Fan" (Invitational) Gallery C7, San Antonio, TX

"Vernacular Systems" (Group) Curated by Christopher Blay, San Antonio Contemporary, San Antonio, TX

"Creating Encuentros" (Group) Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX

2023

"XXI Biennial Faculty Exhibition" (Group) University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

"8x8 II" (Juried Manuel Guerra) Galeria Sepia, Guadalajara, MX

"Red Dot Artist Exhibition" (Juried Jacqueline Saragoza McGilvray) San Antonio Contemporary, San Antonio, TX

"Changarrito Artist in Residence" (Solo), Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX

"Undercurrents" (Juried by Gabi Magaly, Kevin Ivester, Ryan Runcie, Sarah Fox), Contra Common, Austin, TX

"Shine a Light" (Group), Brick at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX

"Picking at Scabs" (Juried by Gil Rocha), Michael and Noehmi Neidorff Gallery at Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

"Ambos Lados" (Group), El Paso Museum of History, El Paso, TX

2022

"Art Everywhere" (Solo: Public Mural) Centro San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

"Drawn in San Antonio!" (Group) Curated by Rafael Gutierrez, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX

"2ndo de Febrero" (Group) Curated by Hector Flores, Centro Cultural Aztlan, San Antonio, TX

"Contemporary Art Month Perennial" Curated by Lauren Cross, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX

"Red Dot Artist Exhibition" (Group) The Contemporary at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX

"Tejanos-Rooted Here" (Group) University of Dallas, Dallas, TX

"Bajo El Mismo Sol" (Solo) Gallery 23, San Antonio, TX

2021

"La Frontera: New LatinX Lexicon" (Juried by Erik Guzman and Roula Seikaly), Humble Arts Foundation, New York, NY

"XX Biennial Faculty Exhibition" , University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

"Text and Visual Language" (Juried by Tate Foley) St Louis Art Guild, St Louis, MO

"Dream Week: Artistic Dreams" (Group) online exhibition, dream week.org

"Home, Far and Near" (Group) Gallery North, Setauket, NY

"Ambos Lados"(Group) Casa Ortiz, El Paso, TX

"Se Ha Dicho" (Group) Austin Central Library, Austin, TX

"Red Dot Artist Exhibition" (Group) Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, TX

2020

"Shop Texas" (Group), Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

"Chalk it up" (Juried by Katie Pace Holleran and Cristina Peña Walls), Art Pace, San Antonio TX
"Out of Choice, Out of Necessity" (Juried by Roberto Torres Mata), Mid-America Print Conference, Kent State University, Kent, OH
"Connect Collect" (Juried), Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, OK
"30 Anniversary Red dot Artist Exhibition" (Juried by Jacqueline Saragoza McGilvray), Bluestar Contemporary, San Antonio, TX
"Small Scale Works for a Big Change" (Juried), Say Si, San Antonio TX
"Print Expo" (Juried by Carlos Hernandez), Print Austin, Austin TX
"XicanX: New Visions" (Group), Centro De Artes, San Antonio, TX

2019

"Unseen Prints" (Group) Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX
"Norteadó" (Solo) Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX
"Casa De Cambio" (Solo) Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX
"Pride Pachanga" (Group) South Texas Museum of Pop Culture, San Antonio, TX
"Ambos Lados" (Group) SGC International, Dallas, TX
Argos Studio/Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Instituto de Artes Graficas de Oaxaca, Oaxaca, MX
"Tejanos: The Border Crossed Us" (Group)(Travelling) Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, GA
Cedar Valley College, Lancaster, TX
Ben Bailey Gallery Texas A&M Kingsville, Kingsville, TX
Catapult Creative House, Cape Girardeau, MO
"Flat File Invitational: The Learned Hand" (Group) St. Edwards University, Austin, TX
"Southwest Print Fiesta 2019" (Group) Light Art Space Gallery, Silver City, NM
"XIX Biennial Faculty Exhibition" (Group) University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

2018

"Remedios Sagrados"(Group) Hemisfair Park, San Antonio, TX
"Comida es Medicina" (Group) Galeria de la Raza, San Francisco, CA
"Fourth Annual Lexington Guild of Printmakers Member Exhibition" (Group) the Parachute Factory, Lexington, KY
"De Aqui y De Alla" (Solo) Bolivar Art Gallery, Lexington, KY
"Images of Power" (Group) "South Town Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX
"Grind: Contemporary Lithography Invitational Print Exchange" (Group) Freight Gallery, San Antonio, TX

PUBLICATIONS

2021

Se Ha Dicho Exhibition Catalog
Poca Madre Magazine Artist Feature
Text as Visual Language Exhibition Catalog
Dream Week SA Online Artist Feature

2020

XicanX : New Visions Exhibition Catalog
Hyperallergic Exhibition Review for XicanX: New Visions
Defunkt Magazine Artist Feature
Praxis Magazine Artist Feature

2019

Ambos Lados Exhibition Catalog
Casa De Cambio Exhibition Catalog

Glasstire Review of Casa De Cambio

2018

Comida Es Medicina Exhibition Catalog

Images of Power Exhibition Catalog

2017

The Hand Magazine Artist Feature

ARITST TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

2024

"Encuentros Series: Rotulos Workshop", Sign and model making workshop, Mexic-Arte Museum, Austin, TX

2023

"Brought to Light", Cyanotype Workshop, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

"Changarrito Artist Series", Artist Talk and Instagram take over, Mexic-Arte, Austin, TX

2021

CAM Studio Visit Lauren Cross

Michael Anthony Garcia Virtual Studio Visit

2020

Anti-Racist Art Educators, Artist Spotlight and Interview

Open Heart Open Mind Summer Arts Program, The Children's Shelter, San Antonio, TX

Virtual Studio Tour and Artist Talk, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, TX

Defunkt Magazine Anthology Release, Featured Artist Talk, Houston, TX

Praxis Collective Interview, Tijuana, Baja California, MX

Drypoint Printmaking Workshop, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX

2019

LatinX Printmakers, Southern Graphics Conference International, University of North Texas, Dallas, TX

Community Artist Talks, Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX

Nortead, Artist Talk, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

The Hero's Journey, Educator Workshop, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

Comics: Creating Visual Narratives, Workshop Series, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX

2018

Heroes del Pueblo, Family Screen printing Workshop and Print Portfolio, Feral Editions, San Antonio, TX

Refugees, Workshop Series, Lyric Theater and Cultural Center, Lexington, KY

Plus Ultra, Visiting Artist Talk and Ceramics Demonstration, Murray State University, Murray, KY

I am a first-generation immigrant to the United States. I was born in Mexico but grew up in San Antonio, Texas. I grew up in a blue-collar, mixed-status home. The politics of immigration and the importance of civic duties were always talking points in my home, and those themes feature heavily in my artwork. Many of us share a similar background, and because our families were disenfranchised and were not allowed or encouraged to participate in the political structures in our community, we are only the first or second generation to do so. Beyond archiving my family's narrative in my artwork, I would like to be an advocate for my community and give my work a platform for public service through this residency.