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EDUCATION

University of Manitoba: School of Art – Winnipeg, Canada

Master of Fine Arts (2024-2026)

Toronto Metropolitan University: Image Arts at the Creative School – Toronto, Canada

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography Studies; Minor in Music and Culture (2018-2023)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Trinity Square Video, Toronto, Ontario – Engagement and Development Coordinator (2022-2024)

Toronto Community Love-In, Toronto, Ontario – Social Media and Communications Partner

(FEB. 2022-AUG. 2022)

Artspace TMU, Toronto, Ontario – Communications Coordinator (2019-2022)

Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Ontario – Undergraduate Research Opportunity

(MAY 2021 - AUG. 2021)

- Research: Peer-to-Peer Mentorship and Inclusive Curation; Supervised by Dr. Miranda Campbell

CURATION

2026 Hamilton Arts Inc, '*Hard Black love potions from a golden glass*' (Deion Squires-Rouse), w/ Kelsey Myler – Hamilton, ON

2023 Trinity Square Video, '*Themed Commission: Borderless, Stateless*' w/ Karina Iskandarsjah

2022 Xpace Cultural Centre, '*As I Live & Breathe*' – Toronto, ON

Artspace TMU, '*Fixations: Thoughts on Time*' (Durga Rajah & Tommy Calderon), w/ Kelsey Myler

2021 Artspace TMU, '*It's real because it happened*' (Ajeuro Abala & Deion Squires-Rouse)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024 careworn & coil; The New Gallery, Calgary, Alberta

2022 To Be Found; Image Factory, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto

2020 Case Study004; Trinity Square Video: Vitrine Gallery, Toronto

where i end, u belong; Gallery 310, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SCREENINGS

2024 To Bend, To Fit, To Bare; Artspace TMU, Toronto

2023 Peripheral Review 2023 Fundraiser Auction, Online

Proof 29, Gallery 44, Toronto

Salon 44: Fundraiser, Gallery 44, Toronto

2022 Photorama 2022, Gallery TPW, Toronto

Gender & the Lens III, Feminist Photography Network & York University, Toronto

Maximum Exposure 27, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto

Salon 44, Gallery 44, Toronto

2021 Video Fever 2021, Trinity Square Video & Vtape, Toronto

- Maximum Exposure 26, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto
- 2020** Bread & Butter: Virtual Toast, Artspace TMU, Toronto
 A Moment of Zen, Exposure Photography Festival, Calgary, Alberta
 Envision 2020, Gallery 44, Toronto
 Maximum Exposure 25, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto
- 2019** Bread & Butter, Artspace TMU, Toronto
 Maximum Exposure 24, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto
- 2018** Bread & Butter, Artspace TMU, Toronto
 Art In Colour, Gallery 310, Image Arts at the Creative School, Toronto
 TDSBCreates: Narratives of Now, Artscape Youngplace, Toronto
 TAG Yourself / Teen Art Gallery (T.A.G), chashama, Brooklyn, New York
 CAMERALINKS 2018: Heroes, Gallery 44, Toronto

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

- 2023** SPAO Photo Walk, SPAO Photographic Arts Centre, *Shayla (2019)*, 5-Year Commission; Ottawa
- 2022** Shine On: Photographs from The BIPOC Photo Mentorship, Nathan Phillips Square, Toronto

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024** "Better In My Dreams", Self-Published; Art Metropole. Toronto
- 2023** VOLUME 13, Xpace Cultural Centre: "As I Live & Breathe" Exhibition Essay
- 2021** "You, The Light & Nothing Else", Self-Published Photobook, TMU Special Collections Library
- 2020** FALL 2020 - Portraiture, PhotoED Magazine

GRANTS + AWARDS

- 2024** Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Grant, Government of Canada
 Exhibition Assistance Grant, Tangled Art + Disability, Ontario Arts Council
- 2023** G44 Emerging Artist Award, Gallery 44
 Research and Creation Grant, Canada Council for the Arts
- 2022** Highly Commended in Visual Arts, The Global Undergraduate Awards 2022
 CARFAC Ontario Professional Development Award, Artspace TMU
 Dr. Julius Lukasiewicz Award, Toronto Metropolitan University
- 2021** First Edition Photobook Purchase Award, TMU Special Collections Library
- 2020** Dean's List 2019-2020, Toronto Metropolitan University
 Peter Gerretsen Bursary, Toronto Metropolitan University
 CARFAC Ontario Professional Development Award, Artspace TMU
- 2019** Best In Show: BIPOC LGBTQI2+ Artist, *Bread & Butter*, Artspace TMU
 Dr. Julius Lukasiewicz Award, Toronto Metropolitan University
 Artscape Foundation Launchpad Bursary Program, Artscape Daniels Launchpad, Toronto
- 2018** Gold & Silver Keys in Photography, Scholastic Arts & Writing Awards

RESIDENCIES

2024 NES Artist Residency; May 2024 (Skagatrönd, Iceland)

2023 Plug In ICA: Summer Institute: Slow Wanderings; August 2023 (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

2021 Researcher in Residence, Artspace TMU; May–July 2021 (Toronto, Ontario)