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## EDUCATION

Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
Boston, MA | May 2022  
Dynamic Media Institute, MFA Candidate  
*Thesis focus: Designing an Environment  
for Belonging in Public Space*

Northeastern University  
Boston, MA | June 2014  
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs  
(Minors in Art & Design and Spanish)  
*Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List*

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Tier 1 Restorative Justice Training, 2019  
Developing Critical Consciousness on  
Race through the Arts, 2018  
Developing Culturally Responsive  
Curriculum with Bettina Love, 2018

## SKILLS

Media: Adobe Photoshop,  
Adobe InDesign, Adobe Premier Pro,  
Ableton, audio + video editing.

Arts: Social practice art, community art,  
interactive design, interventionist art,  
public art, public art as spatial justice,  
printmaking (cyanotype), sculpture  
(weaving with reed), zine and book design,  
curriculum design.

Language: Spanish (advanced/  
conversational), Mandarin Chinese  
(beginner).

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor, Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Boston, MA  
*September 2022 – Present*

Create unique curriculum, offer guidance and feedback to undergraduate students in the following 3 courses: Interrelated Media Practice, SIM Major Studio, Publications: Print + Digital in the Studio for Interrelated Media department. Teach in various departments including the graduate course Design Studio II in the Dynamic Media Institute and Time: Time Travel in Studio Foundations. Provide organizational and curatorial support for student exhibition and opening event in DMC.

Creative Civic Design Lead, Design Studio for Social Intervention | Boston, MA  
*February 2021 – Present*

Organize and co-curate inPUBLIC Festival 2021 which featured 60 artists' works at Downtown Crossing. Hired and trained Community Design Team, a group of 11 Somerville residents, using participatory action research to empower traditionally left out residents and engage their communities in public space redesign. Co-design creative engagement tools for both online (surveys) and in-person engagement (interactive maps, magnetic icons, focus groups) that help community members imagine and share new ideas for public space. Coordinate and plan in-person pop-ups that are site-specific, joyful, and diverse, and that double as ways to inspire and share new ideas for public spaces. Engaged approx. 400 people at 7 pop up events.

Lead Artist/Lead Project Manager, Chinatown Story Cart | Boston, MA  
*January 2020 – September 2021*

Communicate with community partner to co-design, schedule, and implement stages of public art project. Design mail-in story kits, organize prototype meetings with community members, track prototyping feedback, implement redesign, send and track mail-in story kits, document results on website, managed budget. Develop storytelling and art curriculum for 5 youth groups in Chinatown. Co-designed art installation for Area Code Art Fair with AsianCDC youth interns featuring youth stories, artwork, and a historical timeline.

Dual-Language Art Teacher (English High School and Margarita Muñoz Academy)  
Boston Public Schools | Boston, MA  
*September 2017 – June 2021*

Re-established visual art department and founded after-school mural crew at the English High School. Develop dual-language curriculum for visual art and sound art & recording classes. Work with humanities teachers to develop interdisciplinary civic engagement, activism, storytelling, and arts projects. Founded annual Career Day at Muñoz Academy, which created 200+ connections with local professionals. Participate in weekly professional development meetings on restorative justice and evidence-based reasoning. Organize senior internship program, prepare students, recruit and manage partnerships with internship worksites. Placed 60+ students in internships over 5 years.

Career Specialist (English High School and Margarita Muñoz Academy)  
Boston Private Industry Council | Boston, MA  
*August 2014 – August 2017*

Organized Summer Learning Project initiative at EHS, worked with court-involved young people, coordinated student jobs, and supported students in credit recovery classes and leadership workshops. Provided one-on-one job readiness guidance for students, managed case load of 350 BPS students. Placed 200 youth in internships, provided on-site job support, and conducted student workplace evaluations.

Economic Development Project Officer /Artisan Workshop Manager  
Supporting Kids in Peru (SKIP) | Trujillo, Peru  
*August 2013 – January 2014*

Assisted in approval process of microfinance loans, creation of repayment schedule, and at-home visits. Managed artisan workshops, supported local teaching artists, recorded new product intake.

## TEACHING WORK

Visiting Assistant Professor at MassArt in the SIM Department, 2022  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Interrelated Media Practice, SIM Major Studio, Publishing  
Teaching Assistant, 2022  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Environmental Forum Course  
*Participate in weekly planning meetings, assist in class facilitation*

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Teaching Assistant, 2021  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Form Study Course  
*Presented personal artist works, led demo of folding tessellations with paper and weaving with reed*

Teaching Artist, 2021  
Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Precollege Summer Studios  
*Taught daily classes in Issues & Images course*

Teaching Artist, 2020-2021  
Institute of Contemporary Art | Art(Co)Lab Program  
*Taught weekly classes in visual art with youth inspired by the exhibit "I'm Yours"*

Teaching Artist, 2020  
Asian Community Development Corporation | Youth Placekeeping Interns  
*Series of storytelling and digital art-making workshops which culminated in a collaborative mural*

Teaching Artist, 2020  
Castle Square Tenants Association | Media Makers  
*Series of storytelling and digital art-making workshops with youth*

Teaching Artist, 2018-2020  
The English High School & Margarita Muñiz Academy | After School Mural Program  
*Founded mural club at both schools, designed and painted 4 original murals with youth*

Teaching Artist, 2019  
Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center | Red Oak Youth Programs  
*Series of radical imagination workshops and field recording workshops with youth*

Teaching Artist, 2018  
ZUMIX | Teen Arts Council  
*Radical imagination and collaborative bookmaking workshop with youth*

Teaching Artist, 2018  
SpaceUs | Pop Up Art Fair  
*Radical imagination and collaborative bookmaking workshop with event participants*

Teaching Artist, 2017  
Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción, Summer Youth Program  
*Taught sound design and radio to youth, youth presented radio segments live on-air at Zumix radio*

#### PUBLIC ART GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

Boston Center for the Arts, Studio Artist Residency, 2023-2025  
New England Foundation for the Arts, Public Art + Spatial Justice Grantee, 2023-2024  
Emerald Necklace Conservancy, Parks Equity and Spatial Justice Grantee, 2022  
Mayor's Office of Arts + Culture, Arts Publication and Media Outlet Award, 2021  
The Boston Foundation, Live Arts Boston Grantee, 2020-2021  
New England Foundation for the Arts, Creative City Grantee, 2020-2021  
Mayor's Office of Arts + Culture, Transformative Public Art Program Grantee, 2020  
The Awesome Foundation - Grant for Chinatown Story Cart, 2020  
Residence Lab with Pao Arts Center and AsianCDC, Artist in Residence, 2019

#### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS & PERFORMANCES

2023 Gallery 263, Exhibiting Artist | Bittersweet, Boston

2022 Sounding the Sounding the Planet, Exhibiting Artist | Boston Nature Center, Boston  
inPUBLIC Festival, Curatorial Team Member & Exhibiting Artist | Design Studio for Social Intervention, Boston  
Boston City Hall, Exhibiting Muralist | Office of Arts and Culture, Boston

2021 inPUBLIC Festival, Curatorial Team Member & Exhibiting Artist | Design Studio for Social Intervention, Boston  
Hudson Street Stoop, Exhibiting Artist | Asian Community Development Corporation, Chinatown

2020 Area Code Art Fair, Exhibiting Muralist | Citywide Public Art Event, Boston  
Fresh Media, Exhibiting Artist | Boston Cyber Arts Gallery, Boston  
Experience Chinatown Festival, Exhibiting Muralist | Pao Arts Center, Boston

2019 Residence Lab Opening, Exhibiting Artist | Pao Arts Center & Asian Community Development Corporation, Chinatown  
2018 ICA Teen Night, Featured Artist Live Screen printing | Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston  
Culture Club with Space Us, Exhibiting Artist | Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston  
Dreamscape 16, Performing Artist | Boston Hassle, Boston  
MOON EATERS Zine Release, Performing Artist | Dorchester Art Project, Dorchester  
Art Plug 6, Exhibiting Artist | MARKET Gallery, Roxbury  
Reorient(Asian), Exhibiting Artist | Junior High! Gallery, Los Angeles

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#### SELECTED LECTURES & JURIES

Guest Lecturer, 2022

Rhode Island School of Design | Experience of Public Engagement  
*Guest critic for final reviews*

Guest Lecturer, 2022

Northeastern University | Surrealist Mapping & Psychogeography and Understanding Design  
*Led a workshop on alternative forms of publication and storytelling in public space*

Guest Lecturer, 2022

Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Art Education Seminar II  
*Artist talk and presentation of Wilderness Art Exhibit at Franklin Park*

Guest Lecturer, 2022

Asian Community Development Corporation | Workshop with ResLab cohort  
*Led a workshop on radical inclusion and brainstorming ideas for a creative intervention in Chinatown*

Guest Presenter, 2022

Boston Society of Architects | Placemaking Projects by Leaders in Boston  
*Presented work on Participatory Action Research and community-led placemaking in Union Square*

Selection Committee Juror, 2022

Office of Arts and Culture | Boston Artist in Residence  
*Provide expertise in Participatory Action Research for the selection of the Boston Artist in Residence*

Guest Lecturer, 2022

Massachusetts College of Art and Design | CACP PartnershipWORKS  
*Artist talk and presentation and led spatial justice workshop*

Guest Lecturer, 2021–2022

Northeastern University | Race and Social Justice in the Built Environment  
*Led a storytelling & spatial justice workshop and walking tour of Upham's Corner.*

Guest Speaker & Reviewer, 2021

School of the Museum of Fine Arts | Senior Thesis  
*Presented on community based artwork in Chinatown and reviewed students' final projects*

Selection Committee Juror, 2021

Stonybrook Neighborhood Association | Mural Competition  
*Part of the committee to select the winning muralist for the Extra Space building in Jamaica Plain*

Guest Speaker & Workshop, 2019

AES Audio Education Conference  
*Led participatory workshop with audio educators on sound design and foley art*

Guest Lecturer, 2019

Massachusetts College of Art and Design | Residence Assistant Training  
*Led workshop and walking tour of public art in Chinatown on topic of arts & placekeeping in community*

Panelist, 2019

Boston Art Book Fair  
*Boston's Young Artists of Color Panel*

