

## EVELYN RYDZ

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### EDUCATION

- 2005 MFA, School of the Museum of Fine Arts at Tufts University
- 2001 BFA, Florida State University, Minor in Art History

### SELECTED EXHIBITIONS (Solo & Two-Person Exhibitions marked \*)

- 2021 *La Memoria del Agua*, Ponce + Robles Gallery, Madrid, Spain
- 2020 *Awaken: Conjuring Our Tomorrow*, Winfisky Gallery, Salem State University, Salem, MA  
*Local Ecologies*, University of Massachusetts, Intercampus Exhibition, Boston, MA
- 2019 *Ríos Intermitentes*, XIII Bienal de La Habana, Palacio de Justicia, Matanzas, Cuba  
\**Aquí y Allá: Juntos a la Mesa*, with Kannan Thiruvengadam of Eastie Farm, ICA Watershed, Boston, MA  
\**A La Mesa*, MIT List Visual Arts Center, Cambridge, MA
- 2018 *Nine Moments for Now*, Cooper Gallery, Hutchins Center, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
\**Floating Artifacts*, Tufts University, Science and Engineering Complex, Medford, MA  
*Plastic Entanglements*, Palmer Museum of Art, Penn State University, PA (Traveling Exhibition)  
\**Unravel to Splice*, Ellen Miller Gallery, Boston, MA  
*How Nature Instructs Us*, Suffolk University Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017 *The Ocean After Nature*, Independent Curators Int'l, SMFA & Tufts University, Medford, MA  
*Thrive*, Part of Now + There's Year of the Woman, The Beehive, Boston, MA
- 2016 *Latinx@mericañaza*, Samson Projects, Boston, MA
- 2015 *GYRE*, Anchorage Museum, AK & Fisher Museum of Art, L.A., CA (Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition)
- 2014 \**Forever Yours*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2013 *Still Life Lives*, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
- 2012 *To Extremes: Public Art in a Changing World*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA  
\**1000 Years*, Ellen Miller Gallery, Boston, MA  
<I-90>, Prole Drift Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2011 *Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant Recipients*, Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA  
\**Islands*, Louis Vuitton, Copley Place, Boston, MA  
*Summer 11*, Joshua Liner Gallery, New York, NY
- 2010 *Foster Prize Exhibition*, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
*The Pencil of Nature*, Julie Saul Gallery, New York, NY  
*Gracias por Pensar en Mi*, Parque Cultural del Caribe, Barranquilla, Colombia  
*On the Mark*, Steven Zevitas Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2009 *Drawing Itself*, Brattleboro Museum of Art, Brattleboro, VT
- 2008 *La Otra: Contemporary Art Fair*, Bogotá, Colombia  
*Dynamics of Belonging*, GASP Gallery, Brookline, MA
- 2007 *Berliner Liste 07*, Berlin, Germany  
*Drawing the Line*, Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA  
\**In an Instant*, Rhys Gallery, Boston, MA  
\**Petrified*, Frame 301 Gallery, Montserrat College of Art, Beverly, MA
- 2006 *DeCordova Annual*, DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA

### SELECTED PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Federal Reserve Bank  
Barr Foundation  
Fitchburg Art Museum  
Fidelity Investments  
Tufts University Art Galleries  
DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park  
Caturano & Company  
Florida State University

## HONORS & AWARDS

- 2020 CHARLA Fund, U.S. Latinx Art Forum
- 2018 Joan Mitchell Foundation Fellowship, Painters and Sculptors Grant  
Cintas Knight Foundation, Visual Arts Finalist  
MassArt Foundation Inc, Faculty Fellowship
- 2017 Brother Thomas Fellowship, The Boston Foundation  
Artist's Resource Trust Grant, Berkshire Taconic
- 2012 Traveling Fellowship Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts  
Bruce Dayton Faculty Fellowship, MassArt Foundation, Inc  
To Extremes: Public Art in a Changing World, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Finalist
- 2010 James and Audrey Foster Prize, Institute of Contemporary Art, Finalist  
Artist Grant, Drawing, Massachusetts Cultural Council
- 2008 Institute of Contemporary Art's James and Audrey Foster Prize, Nominee
- 2007 St. Botolph Foundation Grant, Nominee  
Viewing Program, The Drawing Center, New York
- 2006 The Artist Project, Visiting Artist, Community Arts Initiative, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

## ACADEMIC & VISITING ARTIST ENGAGEMENTS

- Current Professor, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Studio Foundation Department, Boston, MA
- 2021 Artist Talk, Curative Collective Conversation Interview, National Museum of Women in the Arts  
Artist Talk, On Belonging in Outdoor Spaces, speaker series on access, inclusion, & connection in nature  
Artist Talk, Evelyn Rydz and Gabriel Sosa, hosted by Samson Projects and Brookline Arts Center  
Artist Talk, Food + Art, Boston University Graduate Gastronomy Program, Boston, MA
- 2020 Workshops, Drawing on Love & Justice, at: MAAM, ICA, and Douglass College at Rutgers University  
Workshop, Healing Recipes, Urbano Project, Online Recipe and Story Exchange  
Artist Talk and Presentation, Local Ecologies, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, MA  
Workshop, Recetas de Casa, International Women's Day, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2019 Artist Talk, Women's Caucus, National Art Education Association Conference, Boston, MA
- 2018 Panelist, Art in the Age of the Anthropocene, Moderated by Sam Toabe, Kingston Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017 Artist Talk and Presentation, Aidekman Art Gallery, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- 2016 Workshop and Artist Talk, Museum of Fine Arts, Teen Arts Council, Boston, MA
- 2015 Visiting Critic, Harvard University, Department of Visual and Environmental Studies, Cambridge, MA
- 2014 Artist Talk and Presentation, The Art of Ecology, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2012 Artist Talk, Donkey Mill Arts Center, Holualoa Foundation for Arts and Culture, Holualoa, HI
- 2011 Artist Talk, Conversations Around Drawing, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Artist Talk and Presentation, Foster Gallery, Noble and Greenough School, Dedham, MA
- 2010 Artist Talk, Wellesley College, Painting Department, Wellesley, MA  
Artist Talk and Presentation, Foster Prize Finalists, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
- 2009 Artist Talk and Visiting Critic, The Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown, MA  
Artist Talk, The Drawing Experience, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2008 Artist Talk and Visiting Critic, University of Massachusetts, Graduate Program, Dartmouth, MA

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2022 Ghosh, Ranjan, *The Plastic Turn*, Cornell University Press
- 2021 Houton, Jacqueline, "Observation & Imagination: The Art of Evelyn Rydz", Boston Art Review  
McQuiad, Cate, "A Tide of Art to Comfort and Calm", The Boston Globe, February 24
- 2020 Hauck, Robin, "Surface Scars", Misstropolis, April 1  
Aguirre, Maria, "Quarantine Kitchens", The Scope, April 22
- 2019 *How Can We Practice Radical Hospitality*, Produced by Practice Space Design Studio  
Uchill, Rebecca, "Top Exhibitions Around the World", Hyperallergic, December 20  
Hauck, Robin, "Aquí y Allá: Juntos A La Mesa", Edible Boston, August
- 2018 Garcia, Maria, "Very Intimate Dinner Party for Total Strangers", Morning Edition, NPR, Sept 12
- 2017 Zhu, Xinwei & Griffiths, Rupert, "Art and Waste 艺术与废弃物" Art World 艺术世界, October  
Garcia, Maria, "Climate Change is Affecting Boston Harbor...", Morning Edition, NPR, Nov 30

- LeMoult, Craig, "When Humans Intersect with Oceans", WGBH News, February 8  
 Kapplow, Heather, "Our Top 20 Exhibits Across the US", Hyperallergic, December 21  
 2016 Gertz, Marissa, "13 Artists Who Turned Ocean Art into Amazing Art", TIME, June 8  
 2014 McQuaid, Cate, "Rydz Transforms Pollution into Art at the MFA", The Boston Globe, May 22  
 2013 Decker, Julie, *Gyre: The Plastic Ocean*, Booth-Clibborn Publishing  
 Frenn, Chawky, *100 Boston Artists*, Schiffer Publishing  
 2012 McQuaid, Cate, "On the Beach", The Boston Globe, November 7  
 2011 Liu, Franklin Q., "Selections II", ArtScope, November/ December  
 MacDonald, Rob, Featured Artist, Sixth Finch, Winter Issue  
 2010 New American Paintings, Northeastern Edition, Volume 86, March  
 Sebastian Smee, "Eyes on the Prize", The Boston Globe, September 24  
 Evan J. Garza, "Q&A: Evelyn Rydz", New American Paintings Blog, September 22  
 2007 "Art Preview: Evelyn Rydz", New England Cable News, December 2  
 McQuaid, Cate, "Amir Fallah & Evelyn Rydz", The Boston Globe, September 27  
 New American Paintings, Northeastern Edition, Volume 68, February

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

*Drawing on Love and Justice: a call for participation, a call for change*, 2020 - ongoing

Project Partners: MIT List Visual Arts Center & *Sketchbook Collective* at Harvard University's Cooper Gallery

In a time marked by a pandemic and racial injustice, this project asks artists to reflect on how we use our creativity and artistic tools to bear witness to the world, expose inequality, and to imagine new possibilities for a more just future.

*Recetas de Casa*, 2019 – ongoing project

Co-Hosts: MFA, Boston, ICA Watershed, & Urbano Project

*Recetas de Casa* is a community recipe exchange from and about home. Adapted during the pandemic, participants gather online to share what is bringing comfort, nourishment, and healing during these challenging times.

*Comida Casera*, 2016 - Ongoing Project

Locations: ICA Watershed, Samson Projects, Carpenter Center for Visual Arts and Cooper Gallery at Harvard University, 808 Gallery at Boston University, J.E.T. at MassArt, & SMFA Tufts Library

*Comida Casera* is a multigenerational project using food and storytelling to cultivate community transcending divides. Participants share stories and food inspired by a woman who gives them a sense of home.

*A La Mesa*, 2018 – Ongoing Project

Locations: Cooper Gallery at Harvard University, ICA Watershed w/ Eastie Farms & MIT List Visual Arts Center

*A La Mesa* is a call to gather in community around the table activated with public programs on cultivating food, home, and community. Participants are invited to add to a public archive of recipes, stories, and drawn memories honoring the people, places, and dishes that form their connection to home.

*Salty> Sour Seas*, 2017 / 2020

Locations: Art Lab, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA (2017) & UMass, Lowell (2020)

*Salty> Sour Seas* invites participants to join in creating a public installation made of pH test paintings with local river and ocean water. The paintings create visual records of the water's acidity levels, inviting a more embodied relationship to changing ecosystems and the water on which so many lives depend.

*Garden Lab. Co-Directed with Jonathan Santos*, 2011 - 2012

Location: Brant Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA

*Garden Lab* is an experimental garden space and Artist-in-Residence program exploring sustainable proposals in art and design surrounding food, community and the environment through a series of workshops and public programs.

*Blue Print Voyage, Visiting Artist, The Artist Project, Community Arts Initiative*, 2005 - 2006

Location: Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

A project in collaboration with the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, West End House Boys & Girls Clubs, and United South End Settlements to create a public installation mapping the MFA's collections and new proposals for inclusion as envisioned by the youth group participants.