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Artist and Writer | Los Angeles

EDUCATION

- 2008-2011 School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Chicago, IL
Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art, Sculpture Concentration
- 2003-2007 University of Virginia (UVA), Charlottesville, VA
BA Studio Art, High Distinction. Sculpture Concentration, English Minor, Dean's List

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017-- *ANTI/body*, boundary, Chicago, IL
- 2016-- *Our Bodies are a Reckoning*, The Dojo, Chicago IL
- 2015-- *Kal Pani*, THE MISSION Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2008-- *Anchor Baby*, Off-Grounds Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- 2007-- *Ritual Complex*, Off-Grounds Gallery, Charlottesville, VA

SELECTED COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- 2019 *Schizophrene*, Threewalls In-Session series, Chicago, IL
Collaborative performance and panel exploring migration, citizenship, and ritual
- 2018-Present *#NEWGLOBALMTRIARCHY Poetry and Performance Night*, Los Angeles Valley College, Valley Glenn, CA
Yearly event featuring the work of women and queer/trans artists, poets, and performers of color
- 2017-Present Member of *The Association of Hysteric Curators*, Los Angeles, CA
Collective of women-identified artists and curators in Los Angeles that organizes collaborative performance festivals, exhibitions, screenings and panels around feminist themes
- 2016-Present *#NEWGLOBALMTRIARCHY* collaborations with Stephanie Graham
A series of collaborations that included performance, video, exhibitions, and a 24/7 livestream event with ACRE TV in Chicago, IL
- 2015-2017 Founding Member of *FEMelanin*, Chicago, IL
Collective of women of color-identified artists and performers creating original work for alternative spaces like *Mana Contemporary*, *The Dojo*, *Salonathon*, and *Kid's Fringe*
- 2015 Collaborative art object "Ransom Note to White Supremacy" with Pedro Vélez for his show *Ransom Notes and Surrender Flags* at AREA, Caguas, Puerto Rico
- 2014-Present Collaborative writing with Eunsong Kim
Together with scholar and poet Eunsong Kim, I write critical essays that reflect on a variety of topics in the art world.
- 2014 Collaboration with Pedro Vélez on his contributions to the *2014 Whitney Biennial*, The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2020-- *What She Said*, ace/121 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Reaching for the Horizon, Antenna Gallery, New Orleans, LA
- 2019-- *What is Feminist Art?* Lawrence A. Fleischman Gallery, The Smithsonian Institution - Archives of American Art, Washington, DC November 2019 - November 2020
CALAFIA: Manifesting the Terrestrial Paradise, Armory Center for Art, Pasadena, CA
New Editions: Into the FLXST, FLXST Contemporary, Chicago, IL
- 2018-- *CALAFIA: Manifesting the Terrestrial Paradise*, The Robert and Frances Fullerton Museum of Art, San Bernardino, CA
Juried Exhibition 2018 (panel: Jamillah James, Jonathan Griffin, Steven Nelson), LA Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Reality Sandwiches, juried by Allison Saar for the Women's Caucus for Art, Art Share L.A., Los Angeles, CA
- 2017-- *#jailbeddrop*, guerilla art project organized by JusticeLA, Los Angeles, CA
Alumni Show, Ruffin Hall Gallery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Queer Horizons, online exhibition with the Center for Art + Thought

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- 2017-- *The Petty Biennial*, The South Side Arts Incubator, curated by La Keisha Leek and Sadie Woods, Chicago, IL
Archival Alchemy, organized by the South Asian Women's Creative Collective, Abrons Arts Center, New York, NY
A Change is Gonna Come, Avenue 50 Studio, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016-- Un|Fixed Homeland, Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
Batten Down the Hatches, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
Winter Experiment: SAIC at MMG, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015-- *Tele-novella*, ACRE TV, curated by Robyn Farrell
Women as Witness, TI Art Studios, Brooklyn, NY
Neon Dreams, Threewalls Benefit Auction, Chicago, IL
Reference Rot, 3-person show, Chicago Artist's Coalition, Chicago, IL
Flash, presented by the Foundation for Asian American Independent Media, Gene Siskel Film Center, Chicago, IL
RESPOND, Smack Mellon, New York, NY
- 2014-- *Hands Up Don't Shoot: Artists Respond*, multiple venues, Saint Louis, MO
Words We Live By, multiple venues (North Branch Projects and White Box Studio Gallery) Chicago, IL
The Making of Artists, Pedestrian Project gallery, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
Renaissance Revisited, South Side Community Arts Center, Chicago, IL
- 2012-- *New Natural History*, Ruffin Hall Gallery, McIntire Department of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2011-- *Unearthed*, IX Project Space, Charlottesville, VA
Touched by Virginia, Ruffin Hall Gallery, McIntire Department of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Garbhagriha, Two-person installation in SAIC MFA Thesis Exhibition, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
Sexier, Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2010-- *Uncommon Territories*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
Permission to Work, What It Is Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2009-- *Fake ID*, Betty Rymer Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2008-- *Legion*, RAWSTUFF Gallery, Charlottesville, VA (co-curator and participating artist)
Double Vision, Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC
- 2007-- *Past Meets Present*, Off-Grounds Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
Art In the Gardens, University Programs Council, Charlottesville, VA

PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR

- 2017-- *The Aesthetics of Empire: Neoclassical Art and White Supremacy* (critical essay), contemporary, November 2017
- 2016-- *The Impossibility of Art and Trouble at Mill Hill* (interview and critical essay), Sixty Inches from Center, December 2016
#NewGlobalMatriarchy (co-authored with Stephanie Graham) in the collection *Feminist Advice from the City of Broad Shoulders*, December 2016
How to Be A Monster (essay), Skin Deep Magazine, September 2016
An Ethnography of White Men by the Goddess Kali (poetry), Drunken Boat #23, April 2016
Diverus: The Past, Present, and Future of "Diversity Work" (critical essay), MICE magazine, Issue 1, April 2016
The Freedom to Oppress (critical essay co-authored with Eunsong Kim), contemporary, Issue 1, April 2016
- 2015-- *The Virus of Scarcity and the Culture of Abundance* (critical essay), Sixty Inches from Center, September 2015
Art Without Artists, Against the Artist CEO (critical essay co-authored with Eunsong Kim) Sixty Inches from Center, February
- 2014-- *The Whitney Biennial for Angry Women*, The New Inquiry, April 4, 2014. Selected as one of the best essays of 2014 by the editorial staff at artnet
Pedro Velez Poses Questions, (conversant) 2014 Whitney Biennial Catalogue. Yale University Press p. 393-394

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- 2020-- *Cyborg Divinations* in collaboration with Scarlett Kim, ace/121 Gallery, Glendale, CA
- 2019-- *Ritual for Decolonization*, Los Angeles Valley College Art Gallery, Valley Glen, CA
(participant) *The Revolution is Coming* by Thinh Nguyen in Love and/or Fear performance event organized by Freewaves, Los Angeles, CA
(participant) *Crowd Out* by David Lang, performed in Walt Disney Concert Hall, organized by the LA Philharmonic as part of *Noon to Midnight*, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018-- *Exorcism*, The Mortuary, Los Angeles, CA
Ritual for Decolonization, Los Angeles Valley College Art Gallery, Valley Glen, CA

SELECTED PERFORMANCES (continued)

- 2017-- *Ritual for Decolonization*. Terrain Biennial LA: Ana Mendieta Performance Day, Los Angeles, CA
- 2016-- *Letters to White Boys with the Goddess Saraswati*. Performed as part of #NewGlobalMatriarchy at AcreTV and at the Chicago Home Theatre Festival, South Shore, both in Chicago, IL
- Letter to Jeb Bush*, SWARM Artist Residency, East Troy, WI
- 2015-- *Bedtime Stories of White Supremacy with the Goddess Lakshmi*. Performance and installation in collaboration with FEMelanin, MANA Contemporary, Chicago, IL
- Teenage Activist Slumber Party* as part of the performance collective FEMelanin, The Dojo, Chicago, IL
- 2013-- *Seated Woman*. Durational performance, The Fralin Museum of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2010-- *Manomaya*. Durational performance, Heaven Gallery, Chicago IL
- 2009-- *Aaji*. Video Installation and Durational Performance, Chicago, IL

LECTURES + PANELS

- 2020 *Collaborative Art Praxes: Collective Work, Solidarity, and World Building*, American Studies Association Freedom Course
- 2019-- #NEWGLOBALMARIARCHY, Lunchtime Lecture Series, Women's Leadership and Resource Center, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL
- 2018-- Plenary Panel, *Sexual Violence and Racialized Bodies: Re/Centering Creative Practices of Representation and Resistance*, Race.Sex.Power Conference, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL
- 2017-- Open Platform project (with Stephanie Graham) at Open Engagement 2017, Chicago, IL
- How to Be a Monster*—Panel presentation, *Who Cares? Asian American Contemporary Art, Cultures and Queer Communities*, Association for Asian American Studies Conference, Portland, OR
- Practices of Transgression: Accessing the creative potential of liminal identities to imagine radical futures* panel co-chair, Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2014-- *Lacuna*-- Panel presentation, *Mixed Race Art: Hybrid Identities and Studio Practice*, Critical Mixed Race Studies Conference, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
- 2014 -- *Lacuna*-- Panel presentation, *Miscegenating Racial Representations: Critical Mixed Race Strategies and the Visual Arts*, College Art Association Conference, Chicago IL
- 2013-- *Lacuna*-- Panel presentation, *The Afterlives of Forms*, Association of Asian American Studies Conference, Seattle, WA
- Strategies for Existence*-- (performative lecture), McIntire Department of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2011-- *A Theory of the Flesh*-- Panel presentation, *Theorizing at the Intersection of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class*, Minority Graduate Student Association Conference, University of Chicago.
- 2010-- *This Bridge Called My Back*-- Sculpture Department Lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- Art/Writing*-- Lecture to Introduction to Foundry class, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2009-- *And Either I'm Nobody, or I'm a Nation*-- Sculpture Department Lecture, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

VISITING ARTIST

- 2019-- Women's Leadership Center, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL
- 2018-- College of Education, California State University, Long Beach, CA
- Department of Art, Media, and Design, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
- 2016-- Cities of Creativity and Change, Chicago, IL
- 2015-- City Colleges of Chicago- Truman College, Chicago, IL
- 2014-- Critical Practices Inc. LaTableRonde: *Who Do You Speak For, Who Do You Speak To?* New York, NY
- City Colleges of Chicago- Harold Washington College, Chicago IL.
- 2013-- Museum of Contemporary Art/Schurz High School Teaching Partnership, Chicago, IL
- Urban Gateways Summer Option Program in partnership with the SAIC Photography Department, Chicago, IL
- 2012-- Associated Colleges of the Midwest: Chicago Program, Chicago IL
- Urban Gateways Summer Option Program in partnership with the SAIC Photography Department, Chicago, IL
- 2011-- McIntire Department of Art, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

AWARDS + RESIDENCIES + RECOGNITION

- 2020-- Secretland Artist Residency, Altadena, CA
- Look What She Did: Artists of LA, featured artist
- 2018-- Making Lightly Communal Residency Artist, Atche Art Space, Los Angeles, CA
- Emerging Arts Leaders of Los Angeles, Protégé Program
- 2016-- SWARM Artist Residency Apiary Artist, East Troy, WI

AWARDS + RESIDENCIES + RECOGNITION (continued)

- 2015-- HATCH Projects Resident Artist: Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
2011-- Odyssey Travel Grant. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Support travel and research in Guyana
2009-- Jacob K. Javits Fellowship. The US Department of Education.

BIBLIOGRAPHY + INTERVIEWS

- 2019-- Mohabir, Nalini, "*Kala Pani: Aesthetic Deathscapes and the Flow of Water after Indenture*," *Asian Diasporic Visual Cultures and the Americas*, 5 (2019) 293-314
- 2018-- Decker, Arden, *Review: Bienal de MexiCali 2018: Calafia, California, USA*, Terremoto, October 27
- 2017-- Bierei, Kayla, *Art that Liberates the Community* (profile), The Buena Park Independent, September 1
Sargent, Antwaun. *Feeling Petty About the Art World? This Biennial Is For You*. Creators.vice.com, May 26
Cotter, Holland. *10 Galleries to Visit on the Lower East Side*. The New York Times, April 27
Kina, Laura and Jan Christian Bernabe. *Queering Contemporary Asian American Art*. University of Washington Press.
- 2016-- Mitter, Siddhartha, *Vital Signs*, The Village Voice, July 28
Cooch and Cookies Episode 01, Dojo Radio podcast, April
Ali, Hiba. *New Global Matriarchy*. VAM Magazine, February
- 2015-- Burke, Stephanie. *Top 5 Weekend Picks! (4/24-4/26)*. Bad at Sports. April 23
Cotter, Holland. *Raging at Racism, From Streets to Galleries*. The New York Times, January 22
- 2011-- Brooks, Kimberly. *10 New Artists to Watch: School of the Art Institute of Chicago 2011 MFA Sculpture Grads*, The Huffington Post, June 17
McLeod, Deborah. *Touched By Virginia* Catalogue. McIntire Department of Art, The University of Virginia. September
- 2009-- Velez, Pedro, *Open Gates*, artnet, November 6
- 2008-- Shaw-Eagle, Joanna, *60 Artists Show Off Their Own Interests*, The Washington Times, January 26

COLLECTIONS

Hereford College Art Collection, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
Private Collection, Washington, D.C.
Private Collection, Saint Louis, MO
Private Collection, New York, NY
Private Collection, Long Island, NY