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Education

- 2018 MFA, **University of Illinois**, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2008 BFA, **Trinity University**, San Antonio, TX
- 2007 Summer Study Abroad Program, **Syracuse University**, Florence, Italy

Solo Exhibitions

- 2026 ***"as a flower"***, public art commission, Houston Hobby Airport, Houston, TX
Houston Reframed, public art commission (Piper Faust), Houston, TX
about time, Galveston Art Center, Galveston, TX
- 2025 ***Possibilities of a Garden***, Erin Cluley Gallery, Dallas, TX
perpetual practice, Louisiana Tech University School of Design, Ruston, LA
Downtown Digital Art Billboard, Reverb Hotel, Atlanta, GA (curator: Lauren Jackson Harris)
- 2024 ***Significant & Tiny***, Bill Arning Exhibitions, Solo booth EXPO Art Fair, Chicago, IL
- 2023 ***Between Frustration & Fulfillment***, Unit London, UK (Kelsey Corbett)
your potential self is infinite, Public Tent Installation commission, Moody Center for the Arts, Rice University, Houston, TX (Molly Everett)
Flame and Fortune, Bill Arning Exhibitions, Material Fair, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2022 ***Servicing Self***, Bill Arning Exhibitions Hudson Valley, NY
Pleasure Tense, Bill Arning Exhibitions, Houston, TX
- 2021 ***have, have knots***, performance at Untitled Art Fair, Miami Art Basel, FL
Made for Export, performance at Asia Society, Houston, TX
- 2019 ***Wild Wild Country***, Women & Their Work, Austin, TX
Entangled, Art League Houston, TX
i ain't sari, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
- 2018 ***Sari Not Sorry***, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
- 2017 ***Star Spangled***, Women's Resource Center at UIUC, Champaign, IL
- 2016 ***So Exotic***, Lightbox Gallery, Champaign, IL
Intersections, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2015 ***Migrating Identities***, Art League of Houston, Houston, TX

Residencies

- 2026 **McColl Center**, Charlotte, NC
- 2025 **Houston Center for Contemporary Craft**, Houston, TX
- 2024 **Stove Works**, Chattanooga, TN
Golden Foundation, New Berlin, NY
- 2023 **The Momentary at Crystal Bridges**, Bentonville, AK
- 2021 **Asia Society of Texas**, Houston, TX
- 2020 **Galveston Artist Residency**, Galveston, TX
- 2018 **Oxbow**, Saugatuck, MI
- 2018 **ACRE**, Steuben, WI
- 2014 **Vermont Studio Center**, Johnson, VT
- 2010 **School of Visual Arts**, New York, NY

Group Exhibitions

- 2026 ***Summer Nudes***, Aicon Gallery, New York City, NY (Pam Gendron)
Liberty Enlightening the World, Patricia Sweetow Gallery, Los Angeles, CA (Patricia Sweetow)
- 2025 ***Dance of Resistance***, Center for Visual Art, MSU Denver, CO (curator: Cecily Cullen)
Between Lines and Faces, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX (Phillip Townsend)
10000 Flowers Bloom: Sources of Self Regard, Artspeak Gallery, Vancouver, CA (Nya Lewis)
Made in Paint, The Sam & Adele Golden Foundation, New Berlin, NY (Jim Walsh)
- 2024 ***Body Freedom for Every(Body)***, Project for Empty Space, traveling exhibition (Jasmine Wahi)

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- Space City: Art in the Age of Artemis**, Asia Society of TX, (Owen Duffy)
I Came to See You, McClain Gallery, Houston, TX (Helene Schlumberger)
Like Share Subscribe, Rajiv Menon Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
Stop & Stare, UTA Artist Space, Atlanta, GA (Genevieve Gaignard)
- 2023 **Item Number**, Rajiv Menon Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA (Rajiv Menon)
Presence in the Pause: Interiority and its Radical Immanence (Rachel Adams), Bemis, NE
Pede Fete, TwoDykesandaKnife, Sanman Studios, Houston, TX, (Erika Mei Chua)
- 2022 **Add on Art**, Houston Arts Alliance, (commission)
LETTO, performance work for Autumn Knight, Rome, Italy (2 person)
Grow Our Souls, SOMArts Gallery, San Francisco, CA (Melissa Wang)
Threads Bare, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, TX (Jacqueline McGilvray)
- 2021 **Equi/table: Visionary Futures**: Two Dykes and a Knife, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX (Ashley DeHoyos)
res.o.lu.tion, National Geographic expedition ship (commission)
Carriers: The Body as a Site of Danger and Desire, Blaffer Gallery, Houston, TX (Tyler Blackwell)
- 2020 **On the Surface**, The MAC, Dallas, TX (Consuelo Gutierrez)
- 2019 **Chew with Your Mouth Open**, TwoDykesAndaKnife, Jonathan Hopson Gallery, Houston, TX
Indian American Indian, Flats Presents, Houston, TX (Emily Peacock)
Jagah// Jadoo, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts, San Francisco, CA
Threshing Whispers, Neidorff Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX (Jessica Halonen)
- 2018 **Let the Fancy**, UIS Visual Art Gallery, Springfield, IL (Allison Lacher)
An Undoing, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL (2 person)
MaMA: Women in the Arts, The Union, Houston, TX (India Lovejoy)
- 2017 **A Sag, Harbored**, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL (Scott Speh)
20th International Open, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
Between the Sky and the Earth, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL (Sharmyn Cruz Rivera)
- 2016 **Pattern Recognition**, Fort Gondo, St.Louis, MO (Jessica Baran)
Temporary Proportions, CV Lloyd Gallery, Champaign, IL
Space & Weight, South Studios, Champaign, IL
- 2013 **American Painting Today**, Krasl Art Center, St. Joseph, MI (Tami Miller)
Disturbance of Distance, Box 13, Houston, TX (Kimberly Aubuchon)
- 2012 **The Power of Paint**, Avis Frank Gallery, Houston, TX
4th Annual Juried Exhibition, Archway Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2011 **Gambol**, Finalist, The Art League, Houston, TX
The Sketchbook Project, Art House, Brooklyn, NY
- 2010 **5th Annual Artist Trading Card Exhibition**, Richmond Art Gallery, British Columbia
- 2008 **Thought for Food**, Trinity University Art Gallery, San Antonio, TX

Lectures + Presentations

- 2026 **Artist talk + studio critiques**, Davidson College (Joelle Dietrick), Davidson, NC
Artist talk, UNC Charlotte Professional Practice Seminar (Andrew Leventis), Charlotte, NC
- 2025 **Artist talk + MFA studio visits**, Louisiana Tech University School of Design, Ruston, LA
Visiting Artist Talk, Metropolitan State University Center for Visual Arts, Denver, CO
- 2024 **Artist Studio Visit**, Glassell Studio School BLOCK Program (Francesca Fuchs), Houston, TX
Bonhams Auction, Modern + Contemporary South Asian art, London, UK
- 2023 **Artist Talk**, Foundations II (Leila Weefur), Stanford University, Berkeley, CA
Artist Talk, Art + Design Lecture Series Ceramics (Jennifer Ling Datchuk), TX State University
Panel Discussion: Transnational Asian Identity, (Alden Sager) CAMH, Houston, TX
- 2022 **Artist Talk**, Professional Practices (Holly Veselka), Texas State University
Artist Studio Visit, Glassell Studio School BLOCK Program (Francesca Fuchs), Houston, TX

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- Panel Discussion**, Grow Our Souls (Dr. Susette Min), SOMArts, San Francisco, CA
Visiting Artist Talk, Arts in Houston, University of Houston, TX
2021 **Artist Feature**, Pride Month Museum of Fine Arts Houston, TX (virtual)
Artist Talk, Texas Talks Art (Ashley DeHoyos), Diverseworks, Houston, TX (virtual)
Artist Interview, Carriers: Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, TX (virtual)
2020 **Journal Contributor**, Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism, Vol. 19
2019 **Panel Discussion Talk About + Interview**, Women and Their Work, Austin, TX
Panel Discussion I ain't sari, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
Artist Talk + Studio Visits, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

Awards + Press

- 2026 Spring Trio Grant First Prize, **Wendy Wagner Foundation**.
2025 *In a culture of fear, every art show feels like a dangerous act*. Ray Rinaldi. **The Denver Post**.
The Big Show, Juror's Award, **Lawndale Art Center**.
2024 *Dredging the Sea*. Alyssa Ortega Coppelman. **Oxford American Southern Art Issue**.
2023 *The Art of Being Alone, Together*. Nancy Zastudil. **Hyperallergic**.
Traveling Somewhere Warm in our Minds. Chenoa Baker. **Sixty from Center**.
2022 *Preetika Rajgariah: Servicing Self*. KK Kozik. **The Brooklyn Rail**.
Critics' Pick Houston. Salome Kokoladze. **ArtForum Magazine**.
2021 **Artadia** Houston Awardee
Idea Fund Round 14 Awardee
Preetika Rajgariah's Acts of Reclamation. Amarie Gipson. **Houstonia Magazine**.
2018 *Texas Studio: Preetika Rajgariah*. Emily Hynds. **Arts and Culture Texas**.
Home to Self: An Interview with Preetika Rajgariah, Tempestt Hazel. **Sixty From Center**.
OPP Interviews Preetika Rajgariah, Stacia Yeapanis. **OtherPeoplesPixels**.
2012 **New American Paintings**, No. 102, Western Issue. (Juror: Bill Arning)

Collections: Institutional + Corporate + Private

- 2026 **Golden Foundation**, New Berlin, NY
2023 **SOHO House & Co**, DTLA Warehouse, Los Angeles, California
2022 **Houston Endowment Inc.** Permanent Collection, Houston, TX
2021 **Rajiv Menon**, Private collection, Los Angeles, CA
2016 **Trinity University**, San Antonio, TX