

EDUCATION

- 2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Texas at San Antonio
- 2007 Associate of Art, Del Mar College Corpus Christi, TX

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2022 National Performance Network Documentation & Storytelling grant
- 2021 National Performance Network Artist Engagement Fund
City of San Antonio Individual Artist Grant
- 2020 Luminaria Artist Foundation grant
- 2015 National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures grant

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 forthcoming KSpace Contemporary installation, curated by Michelle Smythe, Executive Director, Corpus Christi, Texas.
- 2022 *IT COULD ONLY BE LIVED*, Women & Their Work, Austin, TX
VESSELS, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX, curator Rene Barilleaux
- 2021 *OLD SOULS*, Presa House Gallery, San Antonio, TX, curator Rigoberto Luna
- 2020 *THROUGH THE THRESHOLD*, San Antonio Botanical Gardens via Luminaria showcase
- 2018 *GATHERING BONES*, curated by Dr. Jeffreen Hayes, Artpace San Antonio, TX
- 2017 *YO SOLITA ME ENSENE*, South Texas College McAllen, TX, curator Gina Otvos
LUCRE, Provenance Gallery San Antonio, TX, curator Stephanie Torres
- 2016 *EL COLOR DE LA OBRA*, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center San Antonio, TX
- 2014 *ANCESTRAL ARCHETYPES*, Blue Star Contemporary San Antonio, TX
- 2013 *OF WATER AND TIME*, 3rd Space Art Gallery San Antonio, TX
- 2012 *AS THEY WERE*, REM Gallery San Antonio, TX

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 forthcoming Art Museum of South Texas, Target Texas Studio Practice, curated by Deborah Fullerton, Corpus Christi, TX.
- 2023 *SON DE ALLA, SON DE ACA*, (traveled) Chicano Park Museum, San Diego, CA, co-curated by Rigoberto luna, Vicente Telles, Christian Ramirez, and Ricardo Islas.
- 2023 *SOY DE TEJAS*, Centro de Artes, San Antonio, TX, curated by Rigoberto Luna
REFINED REFLECTIONS INTO THE FORMIDABLE: CONTEMPORARY LATINO ART FROM THE ZOE DIAZ COLLECTION, Russell Hill Rogers Galleries UTSA Southwest Campus, curated by Dr. Scott A. Sherer
- 2022 *FORMATION*, Kinfolk House, Fort Worth, TX curated by Jessica Fuentes and Leticia and Sedrick Huckaby
SITES OF MEMORY DiverseWorks, Houston, TX, Curator Ashley DeHoyos
SON DE ALLA, SON DE ACA South Broadway Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM, Co-Curators Rigoberto Luna, Vicente Telles, and Ricardo Islas.
STATE OF THE ART: RECORD, LSU Museum of Art, Baton Rouge, LA, (travelled)
STATUS OF WOMEN City of San Antonio Culture Commons Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 *PLURALITY OF ISOLATIONS*, Ruiz Healy Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2020 *STATE OF WOMEN IN SAN ANTONIO*, Plaza de Armas, San Antonio, TX
STATE OF THE ART II 2020, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art | The Momentary, Bentonville, AR, curated by Lauren Haynes, Allison Glenn, and Alejo Benedetti.
VISIBILITIES: INTREPID WOMEN OF ARTPACE, Artpace San Antonio, TX, curator Erin Murphy
- 2019 *REMEMBER WHERE YOU ARE*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL, curated by Mia Lopez
ENTRE LINEAS, Central Library Gallery, Austin, TX, curated by Coka Trevino
INTO THE DIRT, MASS Gallery, Austin, TX, curated by Andrea Calo

- CTRL+A, K Space Contemporary Corpus Christi, TX, curated by Rigoberto Luna
OUTER TERRAINS, Box13 Houston, TX, curated by Tere Garcia
- 2018 MUJERES DE SUR/ WOMEN FROM THE SOUTH, The Union Houston, TX
AUN RECORDAMOS AQUEL HOGAR, curated by Sean Fitzgibbons
Wright Gallery Texas A&M University College Station, TX (travelled)
Art Room Gallery Fort Worth, TX (travelled)
Meadows Museum, Shreveport, LA (travelled)
- 2017 UNDER THE GUN, Three Walls at Sala Diaz San Antonio, TX, curator Michelle Monseau
AMERICAN DREAM, K Space Contemporary Corpus Christi, TX
A WOMAN'S PLACE IS..., Centro de Artes San Antonio, TX, curated by Kathy Vargas
- 2016 WOMEN ARE PERFECT, Galeria de la Raza San Francisco, CA
- 2015 CONVERSATIONS, French & Michigan San Antonio, TX, curated by Dr. Scott Sherer
EAST BOUND AND DOWN, Good Children Gallery New Orleans, LA
- 2012 THE BUTCHER'S SHOW, Waring, TX, curator Rebecca Dietz

LECTURES & PANELS

- 2022 Educator and Community Workshops (2) and a Gallery Discussion with Professor Stephen Andes, LSU Museum of Art
Artist Looking At Art: Conversation, McNay Art Museum
Overlapping Territories Symposium: Why Does Land Matter?, Organized by Ashley DeHoyos, moderated by Marisa Del Toro. DiverseWorks, Houston, TX.
- 2021 Inside Art Talks: Global Heritage Tecnológico de Monterrey, Sept & Nov (virtual)
Texas Talks Art: Jenelle Esparza and Lauren Thompson, Asst. Curator McNay Art Museum (virtual)
Art Break: Touching Pictures with Jenelle Esparza and Naoko Takahatake, curator of prints and drawings Getty Research Institute. Moderated by Mazie Harris, assistant curator, Getty Museum (virtual).
INSIDE ART TALKS: Jenelle Esparza with Lou Garza, Tecnológico de Monterrey (virtual)
- 2020 Mystic & Natural World, Women & Their Work, Austin, TX (virtual)
- 2019 Jenelle Esparza & Melissa Leandro, DePaul Art Museum Chicago, IL
Conference on Texas Art Artist Panel, Witte Museum San Antonio, TX
Working Artist Panel at Southwest School of Art San Antonio, TX
- 2017 Artist lecture, 'Yo Solita Me Enseña,' South Texas College in McAllen, TX
- 2016 Artist Panel moderated by Veronique Le Melle at Centro de Artes in San Antonio, TX
Artist Panel moderated by Dr. Amelia Malagamba at Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center San Antonio, TX

RESIDENCIES

- 2023 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL - July 2023
- 2018 Artpace International Artist in Residence, San Antonio, TX

PUBLIC ART

- 2023 Daydreaming, two quilted silk appliqué fiber pieces inside University Health System Women and Children's wing, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 Hearts that Flow Like Rivers, stoneware installation inside Methodist Hospital | Metropolitan, San Antonio, TX
- 2017 Si la Tierra Pudiera Hablar permanent 8x20 ft mural Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA), permanent collection

Methodist Hospital | Metropolitan, San Antonio, TX

Sky tower at University Health System San Antonio, TX

Frost Bank Operations Center San Antonio, TX

City of San Antonio (Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center; Mayor's Office; Department of Arts & Culture)