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Education

- 2010 **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** MFAW Writing
- 2004 **Webster University** BA Studio Art, BA English
- 2003 **Regent's College of London** Study Abroad Program

Collections

- 2011 Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, a gift on behalf of SAIC and President Walter Massey

Solo Exhibitions

- 2018 Café Sieunoo; Daejeon, Korea
- 2015 Salt Gallery; Gwangju, Korea
Gallery DJAC; Daejeon, Korea

Artist Residencies

- 2016 **Art Space Jang** Daejeon, Korea (*6 months*)

Group Exhibitions

- 2019 **From Here to There** SEMA Storage; Seoul Korea
From Here to There Cyart Gallery; Seoul Korea
- 2017 **Twelfth Night** Daejeon Gallery; Daejeon, Korea
Writing Chinese Characters in Front of Confucius Daejeon Citizens' College; Daejeon, Korea
- 2016 **Young Artists' Residency Exhibition** Daejeon Creative Center; Daejeon, Korea
2nd Open Studio Exhibition Art Space Jang; Dajeon, Korea
Da Vinci Dances in the Old Downtown: 2nd Network Exhibition Gallery Jeong; Daejeon, Korea
Da Vinci Dances in the Old Downtown: 1st Network Exhibition Alternative Art Space Ipo; Seoul, Korea
Asia Kula Kula-ring Asian Cultural Center (exhibition venue of Gwangju Bienale); Gwangju, Korea
Open Studio Exhibition and Artist Talks Art Space Jang; Daejeon, Korea
You Don't Know DJAC Daejeon Citizen's College; Daejeon, Korea
- 2015 **10,000 Li Back Home** Space One; Seoul, Korea
8 Yuseong Cultural Center; Daejeon Korea
Seoul Photo and Imaging Show Coex Mall; Seoul, Korea
Beyond the Fields We Know Daejeon City Hall; Daejeon Korea
Cross-Cultural APIC Gallery; Daejeon, Korea
- 2014 **Grand Opening of Gallery DAC** Gallery DAC; Daejeon, Korea
Made in Korea Wooyeon Gallery; Daejeon, Korea
- 2013 **Daejeon Arts Collective** Bohm Gallery; Daejeon, Korea
- 2012 **Chicago Torture Justice Memorials** Sullivan Gallery; Chicago, IL

- 2011 **Text Sound Transmission** Stramash Space; an online gallery run by curators based in Glasgow, Scotland
- 2010 **Public Light & Space** satellite space of Richard Gray Gallery at John Hancock Building; Chicago, IL
- The Embedded Flaw** Betty Rhymer Gallery; Chicago, IL
- 2004 **Empty Spaces** Hunt Gallery; St. Louis, MO
- Nadadada (7)** Gallery of Contemporary Art St. Louis (Now Museum of Contemporary Art St. Louis)

Shows/Performances of Written Work

- 2019 **Electric Cinema Short Film Festival *Video Art***
Crazy Multiply; Seoul, Korea
- 2017 **Twelfth Night *Collaborative performance***
Daejeon Junggu Cultural Center
- 2016 **Angle X *Interactive animation***
Art Space Jaengiy; Daegu, Korea
- 2015 **Big Day South *Performance/video***
Moim Gallery in collaboration with Angle Magazine; Ulsan, Korea
- 2011 **Speak English *Writing for sketch theater show***
Gorilla Tango Theater; Chicago, IL
- 2010 **All the Best, *Invitation to respond creatively to video installation by Annette Elliot and Nazy Lotfi***
Sullivan Gallery; Chicago, IL
- 2008 **Gerbil Power *Play written for Seoul Players***
The Orange Tree; Seoul, Korea
- 2004 **Girl of Your Dreams *Play selected for the Surfacing Playwrights' Festival***
St. Louis Repertory Theater; St. Louis, MO

Collaborative Public Projects

- 2018 **Downtown Daejeon Revitalization Program**
Created a mural with blackboard space for local residents to write to each other to preserve and renovate historic downtown Daejeon neighborhood
- 2011 **Field Museum—Chicago Climate Action Plan**
Working as an intern with a team of urban anthropologists, I helped to develop signage for a community garden in Pilsen, facilitated exhibition design created about a student-led community project, and assisted in developing public art projects to engage communities in climate-friendly practices.

Project Cabrini Green

A collaborative public art project led by artist Jan Tichy

I helped to create a curriculum, lead art and writing workshops, edit student work for the website and art book publication, and assemble the light boxes that were installed in the building and exhibited as art world-wide.

Exhibitions and documentation were presented by the Richard Gray Gallery with No Longer Empty in New York, the SKOR Foundation in Amsterdam, and the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and Hamburg, Germany.

- 2009 **Public Space Project**
Public performance at the Wacker Drive underpass in Chicago

Publications

- 2019 **[b]racket magazine** *Online English/Korean Art Publication*
Featured Artist
The Knickknackery *Online Literary Publication*
Flash fiction
- 2018 **Riddled With Arrows** *Online Literary and Art Publication*
Featured artwork
- 2016 **Your Uncle Richard** *Online Art Project*
Video poem
Angle Magazine *Online Art Publication*
Video feature of my interactive animation accompanying band Amazing Visual
- 2015 **Photo + Travel** *Exhibition Catalog*
Publication of photograph by jury selection
- 2011 **All the Best,** *Exhibition catalog*
Wrote and performed a reading in response to a video installation by Annette Elliot and Nazy Lotfi
- 2010 **Public Light & Space** *Exhibition catalog with DVD*
Featured artist: submitted photos of my work, wrote an essay, gave a video interview for the DVD, and edited interviews
- 2009 **The Embedded Flaw** *Exhibition catalog*
Featured artist: wrote short piece to accompany featured work

Grants and Awards_

- 2010 **Gold Award from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education**
'Best In-House Publication' for *Public Light and Space*, a group exhibition catalog
- 2009 **World Less Traveled** Grant to Japan for art project research

Presentations of Work

- 2010 Presented my work to SAIC president and administration and the Chairman of Millennium Park at the Sullivan Gallery
- Proposal for public artwork to donors, Deans at SAIC, and Chicago city officials at a satellite space of the Richard Gray Gallery

Selected Press/Media Coverage

- "Ten Thousand Li Back Home" Dodooba.
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- Kim, Yoori. "Monica Nickolai, Vice President of Daejeon Arts Collective (DJAC)" Touch Base in Seoul. KBS Radio.
http://world.kbs.co.kr/english/program/program_seoulreport_detail.htm?No=4909. Broadcast by worldwide radio on May 23, 2015.
- 이정민. "푸른 눈에 비친 대전, 예술작품으로 녹여내다". Good Morning Joongjang.
<http://www.goodmorningcc.com/news/articleView.html?idxno=23755>. Published January 18, 2015. Accessed January 26, 2015.

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http://www.joongdo.co.kr/jsp/article/article_view.jsp?pq=201405190243. Published May 20, 2014. Accessed June 7, 2014.

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<http://www.dmbnews.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=6471>. Published May 20, 2014. Accessed June 7, 2014.

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<http://www.mbstv.co.kr/news/articleView.html?idxno=55100>. Published May 20, 2014. Accessed June 7, 2014.

“Chicago Torture Justice Memorials” CAN TV. Chicago, IL. December 6, 2012
Kari, Lyderson.

“Cabrini-Green to Exit with Poetry and Lights” New York Times, March 26, 2011

Schmich, Mary. “At Cabrini’s Last High-Rise, Blinking Lights Tell a Fading History”
Chicago Tribune, 30 March 2011

Costello, Brian. “As the Walls Come Down” Chicago Reader, 24 March 2011

Swann, Jessica. “SAIC Students Breathe Soul Into Chicago’s Public Spaces” FNews Magazine, May/June 2010

Weiss, Hedy. “Fountain creator challenges young artists' imaginations” Chicago Sun-Times, May 22, 2010

Viera, Lauren. “‘Public Light & Space’ at Paul Gray Gallery” Chicago Tribune, June 6, 2010

Current Teaching Experience

Hongik University, Sejong Campus

English Instructor, *August 2017- present*

- Teach specialized courses for design and advertising majors
- Teach integrated skills courses in English as a foreign language
- Teach electives in English