

## Izel Vargas

### Education:

MFA – May 2007 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

BFA - May 2004 University of Texas- Pan American (now UT-RGV), Edinburg, TX

### Selected Exhibitions:

- 2019** *CONstitution X: Our Human Rights*, The Box Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Alumni Four*, McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC  
*Arboreal*, Bailey Contemporary, Pompano Beach, FL  
*Mextasy*, Iowa State University, Ames, IA (forthcoming)
- 2018** *Outlaw Culture: or a higher ground*, Bridge Red Studios, Miami, FL  
*Mextasy*, Shadek-Fackenthal Library, Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA  
*Mextasy*, PFAU Library, California State University, San Bernadino, CA
- 2017** *the transphysics we knew about*, Prizm Art Fair, Art Basel, Miami, FL  
*Secret Objectives*, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX (solo)  
*Mextasy*, Salisbury University, Guerrieri Assembly Hall, Salisbury, MD (traveling)  
*Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition*, Schmidt Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL  
*negentropy: to speak a language is 2 take on a world*, Bridge Red Studios, Miami, FL  
*Mextasy*, Malcolm Love Library, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (traveling)
- 2016** *transphysics: istwa, landscapes, paisajes*, Art & Culture Center, Hollywood, FL  
*Artist in Residence Exhibition*, South Dakota State University Ritz Gallery, Brookings, SD (solo)  
*Meld*, Spectre Arts Gallery, Durham, NC  
*Southern Constellations*, American University Museum at Katzen Arts Center, Washington, D.C.  
*Artists in Residence Exhibition*, Armory Art Center Annex, Lake Worth, FL  
*Mextasy*, Penn Festival LatinX, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, Arizona Historical Society Museum (Crossroad Talks), University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ (traveling)  
*Urban Art Junction*, Studio A Pop-Up, Lake Worth, FL  
*Art Synergy*, Benzaiten Center for the Creative Arts, Lake Worth, FL
- 2015** *2015 Biennial Faculty Art Exhibition*, Schmidt Gallery, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL  
*Eureka*, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
*Mextasy + CECUT*, The Gallery, Southwest College, Chula Vista, CA (traveling)  
*New and Now + Artists in Residence*, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL  
*Mextasy*, Social Theories Lecture Series, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (traveling)  
*Expanding the Constellation*, Artspace, Raleigh, NC (traveling)  
*Southern Constellations*, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, Sabine Hall, Richland College, Dallas, TX (traveling)
- 2014** *Square Foot Art Basel Miami Redux*, Projects Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Mextasy*, Department of Chican@ Studies, University of Texas – El Paso, El Paso, TX (traveling)  
*Southern Constellations*, Smith Gallery, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC  
*Animated!* Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Greensboro, NC  
*Comic Relief*, Cabarrus Art Council, Concord, NC  
*Southern Constellations*, Elsewhere Collaborative, Greensboro, NC (solo)  
*Mextasy*, University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, Champaign, IL (traveling)

- Mextasy*, Boise State University, Boise, ID (traveling)
- 2013** *Erasure*, University of Wisconsin at La Crosse, La Crosse, WI  
*Mextasy*, University of Washington Ethnic Cultural Center, Seattle, WA (traveling)  
*Animated!* Green Hill Center for North Carolina Art, Greensboro, NC  
*Mextasy*, Observatory Room, Brooklyn, NY (traveling)
- 2012** *Right Here Over There: Place and Memory*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY  
*Izel Vargas: Recent Works*, Sarratt Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (solo)  
*Mextasy*, The Front- Casa Familiar, San Ysidro, CA, (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, Multicultural Center, Ohio Union Art Lounge, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH (traveling)  
*Ten Words/One Shot*, Wiesbaden/Frankfurt, Germany
- 2011** *Exiles*, Belcourt Theatre Gallery, Nashville, TN (solo)  
*Mextasy*, Centro Cultural of San Diego, San Diego, CA (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, Kamakakūokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Honolulu, HI (traveling)
- 2010** *Necessary Fictions*, Golden Belt Room 100, Durham, NC  
*Mextasy*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX (traveling)  
*Mextasy*, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX (traveling)  
*Recent Works*, UNC - Carolina Latino Collaborative, Chapel Hill, NC (solo)
- 2009** *Fall Faculty Exhibit*, Art Institute of Tennessee, Nashville, TN  
*Exiles*, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX (solo)  
*Aspect:Ratio2*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.
- 2008** *Artist in Residence Exhibition*, McColl Center for Visual Art, Charlotte, NC  
*Reunion*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.
- 2007** *As of Now: A Collection of Rio Grande Valley Artists*, Ben Bailey Art Gallery, Kingsville, TX  
*Estados Jodidos*, Fort Grunt Aquarium, Durham, NC (solo)  
*450 Women have been murdered in Ciudad Juarez*, SAC Gallery, Stony Brook, NY  
*Introductions 3*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, D.C.  
*South Texas Heat*, ¡Mi Taller! Studios, Mission, TX  
*New Currents in Contemporary Art*, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2006** *Amigoland*, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC (solo)  
*Oculomotor*, Allcott Gallery, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC  
*14<sup>th</sup> Annual Crossing Borders Exhibition*, Laredo Center for the Arts, Laredo, TX  
*Guadalupe*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX
- 2005** *El Deseo de Mi Corazon*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX  
*Artist in Residence Exhibition*, Rio Grande Valley Museum, Harlingen, TX  
*Plan B – An RGV Collective*, The Loft Gallery, McAllen, TX  
*Cuatro Gatos*, Murray State College, Tishomingo, OK
- 2004** *Visual Allegories*, BFA exhibition, University of Texas - Pan American, Edinburg, TX  
*Manichaus I*, Manichaus, Edinburg, TX
- 2003** *33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Student Exhibition*, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX

\*Texas State Bank Purchase Award – ‘Best in Show’ 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Student Exhibition  
*Pan Am Painting*, Progreso Art Gallery, Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, Mexico  
*Tlacuachismo*, South Texas College Art Gallery, McAllen, TX

**2002** 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Exhibition, University of Texas – Pan American, Edinburg, TX

**Visiting Artist Lectures:**

**2019** *Alumni Four, panel discussion*, McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC  
**2019** *Guest Speaker*, University of North Carolina – Charlotte, Charlotte, NC  
**2017** *Recent Works*, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL  
**2017** *Secret Objectives*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX  
**2016** *Artist Talk- transphysics*, Art & Culture Center, Hollywood, FL  
**2016** *Artist in Residence*, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD  
**2016** *Guest Speaker*, Armory AIRs, Benzaiten Center for Creative Arts, Lake Worth, FL  
**2014** *Southern Constellations*, Elsewhere Artist Collaborative, Greensboro, NC  
**2013** *Art Professions*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY  
**2012** *Right here, Over There*, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY  
**2012** *Recent Works*, Sarratt Gallery, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN  
**2010** *Exiles*, Carolina Latino Collaborative, Chapel Hill, NC  
**2009** *Exiles*, South Texas College, McAllen, TX  
**2008** *My Pocho Movidas-* Mint Museum of Art, Charlotte, NC  
**2008** *Guest speaker*, Hawthorne High School, Charlotte, NC  
**2008** *Pocholandia*, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, Charlotte, NC  
**2008** *Aesthetics of Desmadre*, Duke University, Durham, NC  
**2007** *Talk for Teens*, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC  
**2005** *Tercera Cultura Lecture Series*, Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, San Benito, TX  
**2005** *Artist in the Classroom Series*, International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX

**Residencies:**

**2016** Stuart Artist in Residence, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD  
**2015** 2D Artist in Residence, Armory Art Center, West Palm Beach, FL  
**2014** Southern Constellations Fellow, Elsewhere, Greensboro, NC partially sponsored by NEA  
**2008** El Status Studio Residency, San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**2008** McColl Center for Visual Art, Artist in Residence, Charlotte, NC, Fall Session