

# Armando Minjarez



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## Education

2005-2007 **Studio Art.** Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.  
2010-2012 **Ceramic Art.** Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

## Professional Experience

2018-Current **Horizontes Project**, Wichita, Kansas.  
Project director and curator.

Oversee all areas of the project; development and management of community partnerships; artistic curation and cultural development; cultural production logistics.  
[www.Horizontes-Project.com](http://www.Horizontes-Project.com)

2017-Current **Wichita State University**, School of Art, Design, and Creative Industries. Wichita, Kansas.  
Adjunct Lecturer.  
Community arts engagement, social art practices and professional development.

2014-Current **The NorthEnd Urban Arts Festival**, Wichita, Kansas.  
Co-Founder, Cultural Producer and curator.

Organize and oversee all visual/community art production; recruitment of artists and crafters for vendor market; volunteer management; Brand management, marketing and communications; production logistics; financial development and grant writing. Creative industries and professional development consultant.  
[www.NorthEndUrbanArtsFest.com](http://www.NorthEndUrbanArtsFest.com)

2015-Current **Independent Consultant.**  
Freelance consultant on art industries, professional development, cultural production, grant writing, campaign development and community organizing strategies.

2012-2018 **The Seed House ~ Casa de la Semilla**, Wichita, Kansas.  
Co-founder, Creative Director and facilitator.

Development and Facilitation of training, retreat and workshop space for leadership development with a focus on intersectional strategies in social justice, art and activism. Event planning, fundraising, private donor development and grant writing.  
Research on Latino immigrant communities in Kansas, immigration policy and leadership development.  
Program development, popular education facilitator, trainer and consultant.  
Brand development and management, communications and marketing.  
[www.TheSeedHouse.org](http://www.TheSeedHouse.org)

2012-2016 **Arts Partners**. Wichita, Kansas.  
Teaching artist. Ceramic and Mural arts.

Developed art programming for students K-12. Modular murals, ceramic tile murals and ceramics arts projects with a STEAM focus and applied 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills.

2006-2009 **Sunflower Community Action**, Wichita, Kansas.  
Community Organizer

Founding organizer Hispanos Unidos, Southwestern KS Chapter; facilitated training for grass roots leadership development in 6 Kansas counties; developed and expanded multicultural membership base; grant writing and reporting; development and facilitation of workshops on leadership development, social justice, racial justice and empowerment throughout Kansas; Chicago, IL; Washington, DC; Denver, CO; Des Moines, Iowa; edited monthly bilingual newsletter.

## Grants and Awards

2019 **Knight Foundation Fund Grant**. Wichita Community Foundation, Wichita, Kansas.

2018 **Orgullo Hispano Award**. Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Wichita, Kansas.  
**Humanities Grant**. Kansas Humanities Council, Topeka, Kansas.  
**Civic Leadership Award**. Wichita Urban Professionals. Wichita, Kansas.

- 2017 **Up The Ambition Grant.** Wichita Community Foundation. Wichita, Kansas.  
**Knight Cities Challenge 2017, \$100,000 Grant winner.** The Knight Foundation, Miami, Florida.
- 2016 **Arts Advocate Award.** Arts Council. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2015 **Artists Access Grant.** City of Wichita Cultural Funding Committee. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2014 **Creative Change Alum 2014.** The Opportunity Agenda. New York City, New York.  
**Wichita 2014 Emerging Artist.** Wichita, Kansas.  
**Western Kansas Community Foundation Grant.** Garden City, Kansas.
- 2013 **Puffin Foundation Grant.** Teaneck, New Jersey.  
**Kansas Humanities Council Grant.** Topeka, Kansas.  
**Communications Institute Fellow-** Opportunity Agenda, New York City, New York.
- 2012 **NCECA 2012 National Student Juried Exhibition.** University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.  
**Juror's Award.** Annual Commerce Bank Scholarship Exhibition, Manhattan, Kansas.  
**Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residency Merit Scholarship.** Saugatuck, Michigan.
- 2011 **The Angelo C. Garzio Scholarship for Studio Potter.** Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.  
**Juror's Award.** Annual Commerce Bank Scholarship Show, Manhattan, Kansas.
- 2007 **Faculty Choice Award.** GCCC Art Student Show, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.
- 2006 **1st Place, Sandhills Art Association Memorial Scholarship.** Garden, City, Kansas.  
**Best of Show,** GCCC Art Student Show, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.  
**Faculty Choice Award.** GCCC Art Student Show, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.
- 2005 **Fine Arts Scholarship Award.** Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.

## Solo and Collaborative Exhibitions

- 2019 **The Color Line** The Kansas African American Museum. Wichita, KS
- 2016 **AlieNation.** FADO Performance Art Centre, Toronto, Canada.
- 2015 **AlieNation,** Ikeda Galley, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.  
**AlieNation,** Clayton Staples Gallery, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2014 **Un Recuerdo.** CityArts, Wichita, Kansas.  
**Ni de Aquí Ni de Allá.** Clayton Staples Gallery, Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas.  
**Objects of Desire.** Mercer Gallery, Garden City, Kansas.
- 2013 **Street LVL.** Go Away Garage Gallery, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2012 **BFA Thesis Exhibition,** Mark A. Chapman University, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.  
**Installation,** Yoshiro Ikeda Ceramics Gallery, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.
- 2007 **Solo Show,** Beth Tedrow Student Center, Garden City Community College, Garden City, Kansas.

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2017 **Invisible Geographies.** Finger Lakes Environmental Film Festival. Ithaca, New York.
- 2016 **Kansas People's History Project.** Watkins Museum of History. Lawrence, Kansas.  
**GCCC All Stars.** Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College. Garden City, Kansas.
- 2015 **Hopes and Heresies,** Vertigo 202 Gallery, Wichita, Kansas.  
**Belonging,** Wing Luke Museum. Seattle, Washington.
- 2014 **Emerging Artists Award Exhibition.** Wichita Annual Art and Book Fair, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2013 **The Bomb Shelter.** Wichita, Kansas.
- 2012 **Not Too Far,** Mid America Fine Arts Gallery, Wichita Kansas.  
**PopUp Gallery,** Kansas City, MO  
**NCECA National Student Juried Exhibition,** Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington; Seattle, WA
- 2011 **Kansas Art for Japan,** Strecker-Nelson Gallery, Manhattan, KS
- 2010 **A Few Good Men,** Art Center on Main, Garden City, KS  
**30 years of Influence,** The Main Artery, Ulysses, KS
- 2008 **Influences,** The Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

- 2007 **GCCC Art Student Show**, The Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS. [Faculty's Choice Award](#) **A Few Good Men**, Art Center on Main, Garden City, KS  
**10th Sandhills Art Association Annual Juried Exhibition**, The Mercer Gallery, Garden City Community College, Garden City, KS

## Residencies | Visiting Artist | Lectures

- 2019 **Scripps College**. O'Brien Distinguished Professorship. Claremont, California.
- 2018 **Eastside People's Intercultural Center**. People's Art Speaker Series. Lawrence, Kansas.  
**Ulrich Museum**. Wichita State University. Horizontes Project Lecture.  
**Wichita Art Museum**. USD 259 School In-service. Horizontes Project Lecture.  
**Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation**, Annual Awards Banquet. Keynote Speaker. Wichita, KS.
- 2016 **Garden City Community College**, 29th Annual Hispanic Student Day, Keynote lecture. Garden City, Kansas.  
**Garden City Arts**. Community Mural Workshop. Garden City, Kansas.  
**Oregon College of Art and Craft**. Visiting artist lecture and Artivism Workshop. Portland, Oregon.  
**Kansas Young Professional Summit**. Lecture: Building Community Through Radical Expressiveness. Wichita, Kansas.  
**FADO Performance Art Centre**. MONOMYTHS. Art Residency, workshop and performance. Toronto, Canada.
- 2015 **Uliita Organisation**, Community engaged art workshop and training. Bratislava, Slovakia.  
**Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts**. New Castle, Maine.  
**Aurora**, Artivism Workshop and training, Budapest, Hungary.  
**Wichita Art Museum**, Community Curator, Exhibition "Art We Love". Wichita, KS.  
**Bethel College**, Lecture: "Immigrants and Spatial Justice", Newton, KS.  
**Kansas State University**. Visiting Artist and lecture. Manhattan, Kansas.
- 2014 **Wichita State University**, "Ni de Aqui ni de Alla: immigrants and spatial justice", lecture, Wichita, KS **Wichita Art Museum**, "*Wichita Art Chatter*", Artists lecture. Wichita, KS.  
**Women For Kansas Convention**, "*Beyond the Economic Impact of Immigration*", lecture. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2013 **CityArts**, "Un Recuerdoito, Artists Lecture. Wichita, KS.  
**Garden City Community College**, Visiting Artist Lecture and Workshop.  
**National People's Action Conference**, "A New Economy", Workshop. Washington DC.
- 2011 **National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts conference**, Tampa, FL. Lecture: Visiting Personal Experiences for Inspiration.
- 2012 **Ox-Bow School of Art**. Summer Residency. Saugatuck, Michigan.

## Related Professional Experience

- 2018 **GLeo for Horizontes**. Curator. Shift Space Gallery. Wichita, Kansas.  
**Neighborhood: PALIMPSEST/ Barrio: PALIMPSESTO**. Co-Curated with Sally Frater. Ulrich Museum of Art. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2016 **GLMV Architects**, Public art consultant, New Advance Learning Library Project, Wichita, Kansas.
- 2015 **Wichita Art Museum**, Community Curator, Exhibition "Art We Love". Wichita, Kansas.
- 2012 **Studio Assistant** for Professor Dylan Beck, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

## Commissions

- 2017 Mural- Windsor Hotel. Finney County Preservation Alliance. Garden City, Kansas.  
Mural- Avenue Art Days. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2016 Mural- Martin Ortiz Elementary School. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2014 Mural- Gordon Parks Academy, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 6-8th grade classes.  
Mural- Payne Elementary School, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 4th and 5th grade class.
- 2013 Mural- Elementary School, Manhattan, KS. Designed and painted by 5th grade class.  
Mural- Jackson Elementary School, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 4th and 5th grade classes.  
Mural- Allison Middle School, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by Student Government Association.
- 2009 Mural- Grant County Chamber of Commerce, Kansas Sesquicentennial Celebration Mural, Ulysses, KS  
Sculpture- Ulysses Centennial Committee, Design Ulysses Centennial Commemorative Sculpture, Ulysses, KS
- 2005 Mural- Grant County Commissioners, 45'x15', "Progress". Grant County Fairgrounds, Ulysses, KS

## Selected Bibliography and Press

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- Cooley, Alison and Sanader, Daniella E. **C Magazine**. Notes on Myth Making. 2016. Magazine.
- Wildt, Kevin. **We Are Wichita**. Armando Minjarez. June 30, 2016. Online Magazine.
- Geiszler-Jones, Amy. **The Wichita Eagle**. The Artist. March 9, 2016. Newspaper.
- Hampton, Blake. **The Liberty Press**. The Seed House Presents The Big Gay Mural. March 1, 2016. Magazine.

Langel, Sondra. **Wichita Artists in Their Studios**. MM Bookworks. 2016. Book.  
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Cave, Damien. **New York Times**. The Way North. June 10, 2014. Newspaper.  
Herkommer DeVries, Lindsey. **KMUW Public Radio**. An Art Show that Crosses Borders. July 9, 2014. Radio.  
Carrasquillo, Adrian. **Buzzfeed**. "Immigration Is Beautiful" Mural Defaced With Racist Graffiti In Kansas. February 13, 2014. Online Newspaper  
Carrasquillo, Adrian. **Buzzfeed**. 27 Powerful Photos Of An "Immigration Is Beautiful" Mural Being Restored After It Was Defaced By Racist Graffiti. February 17, 2014. Online Newspaper.  
Herkommer DeVries, Lindsey. **KMUW Public Radio**. What Happens When People Hurt Our Public Art?. February 19, 2014. Radio.  
Salazar, Marielkis. **Univision Kansas**. Restauran Mural Vandalizado. February 17, 2014. Television.  
Eckels, Carla **KMUW Public Radio**-New Mural In North Wichita Depicts Immigration Struggles. October 24, 2013. Radio.  
Herkommer DeVries, Lindsey. **KMUW Public Radio**- Art Review: A Dual Exhibition Venture. April 3, 2013. Radio.

## Leadership experience

- 2018-present **Historic Dunbar Theatre**. Advisory Board, Fundraising Chair. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2017-present **City of Wichita, Design Council**. Appointed by Mayor Jeff Longwell.
- 2016-Present **Harvester Arts**. Advisory Board. Wichita, Kansas.
  - 2015 **KPTS Wichita**. Community Advisory Board.
- 2011-2012 **Kansas State University**. Potters Guild, President.
- 2006-2008 **American GI Forum**. National Youth Chair.
- 2005-2007 **Sunflower Community Action**. Hispanos Unidos SW Kansas Vice Chair.

## Languages

Proficient in speaking, reading and writing English and Spanish

## Technical experience

Proficient in clay throwing, hand building and slip casting.  
Experience with electric kiln firing.  
Limited experience gas and atmospheric kiln firing.  
Experience in plaster mold making and casting.  
Extensive experience with set up and tear down of gallery art exhibitions  
Gallery Restoration  
Experience with varied woodshop Power tools