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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

2021-Current **Wichita State University**, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Wichita, Kansas.
Coordinator of Student Diversity Programs

Develop and coordinate relevant cultural programming targeting racialized, underserved, and underrepresented students, with an emphasis on LGBTQ+ student populations. Advice and oversee LGBTQ+ Ambassadors and the Ambassadors of Diversity and Inclusion programs. Develop and facilitate DEI trainings across campus for faculty, staff, and student organizations, as well as community and corporate partners.
www.wichita.edu/ODI

2015- Current **Del Norte Studio**, Wichita, Kansas.
Owner and operator.

Del Norte is a design studio currently based in Wichita, Kansas. Ceramic is their primary material focus, exploring design concepts within the context of public and domestic space. The studio specializes in production of house wares and sculpture.
www.DelNorte-Studio.com

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

2018-2022 **Horizontes Project**, Wichita, Kansas.
Founder, 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

2017-2019 **Wichita State University**, School of Art, Design, and Creative Industries. Wichita, Kansas.
Adjunct Lecturer.
Community arts engagement, social art practices and professional development.

2014-2019 **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

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

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 21st 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.

Commissions

- 2022 **Interior murals for the Evergreen Community Center and Library Renovation.** City of Wichita. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2021 **Custom decorative ceramic tiles for the Wichita Public Pools Renovation.** City of Wichita. Wichita, Kansas.
Public Art Sculpture, 8th St Revitalization Project. Garden City Arts and City of Garden City. Garden City, Kansas.
- 2020 **Custom Decorative tiles for Riverfront Stadium exterior piers.** Wisdom Tree Arts. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2019 **Public Art Sculpture- Gallery Alley.** Wichita Downtown Development. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2017 **Outdoor Mural- Windsor Hotel.** Finney County Preservation Alliance. Garden City, Kansas.
- 2016 **Indoor Mural- Martin Ortiz Elementary School.** Wichita, Kansas.
- 2014 **Indoor Mural- Gordon Parks Academy,** Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 6-8th grade classes.
Indoor Mural- Payne Elementary School, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 4th and 5th grade class.
- 2013 **Indoor Mural- Elementary School,** Manhattan, KS. Designed and painted by 5th grade class.
Outdoor Mural- Jackson Elementary School, Wichita, KS. Designed and painted by 4th and 5th grade classes.
Indoor 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, Ulysses Centennial Commemorative Sculpture, Ulysses, KS
- 2005 **Mural- Grant County Commissioners,** 45'x15', "Progress". Grant County Fairgrounds, Ulysses, KS

Grants and Awards

- 2020 **Little Book of Small Business.** Del Norte Studio featured on The Drew Barrymore Show. New York, New York.
- 2019 **Special Project Recognition Award.** Arts Council. Wichita, Kansas.
Knight Foundation Fund Grant for Horizontes Project, \$40K. Wichita Community Foundation. Wichita, Kansas.
O'Brien Distinguished Professorship. Scripps College. Claremont, California.
- 2018 **Orgullo Hispano Award.** Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Wichita, Kansas.
Humanities Grant, \$10K for Horizontes Project. Kansas Humanities Council, Topeka, Kansas.
Civic Leadership Award. Wichita Urban Professionals. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2017 **Up The Ambition Grant, \$3.5K.** Wichita Community Foundation. Wichita, Kansas.
Knight Cities Challenge 2017, \$100,000 Grant winner, Horizontes Project. 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 Award. Arts Council. Wichita, Kansas.
Western Kansas Community Foundation Grant for documentary film short. 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.

Solo and Project Exhibitions

- 2019 **The Color Line.** The Kansas African American Museum. Wichita, Kansas.
- 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.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2019 **Alien Phenomenology.** Dust to Dust Gallery. High Desert Test Sites HQ, Yucca Valley, California.
- 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

Residencies | Visiting Artist | Lectures

- 2021 **Kansas Art Education Association**. 2021 Annual Conference. Wichita, Kansas.
 Keynote: *The Power of Self-Representation: Curating Public Art Within Community*.
- 2020 **Princeton University**. School of Architecture. Princeton, New Jersey.
 Lecture: *Art, Community engagement, and Rascuachismo*.
Wichita State University. Wichita, Kansas.
 Visiting Artist Workshop: *Tableware Ceramic Design*.
Community Built Association Annual Conference. San Mateo, California.
 Lecture: *Implementing a Large-Scale Community-Base Art Project*.
 Workshop: *Creating Inclusive and Equitable Spaces in the Arts*.
- 2019 **Grantmakers in the Arts Annual Conference**. Denver, Colorado.
 Panel: *Artivista: Latinx Artists in the Age of Protest*.
Scripps College. Claremont, California.
 Lecture: *Rasquache in Times of Displacement*.
 Lecture with Architect Mira Henry: *Systems: Expanded Ceramic Process*.
- 2018 **Eastside People's Intercultural Center**. People's Art Speaker Series. Lawrence, Kansas.
 Lecture: *To Be A "Person of Color" & Artist in Kansas*.
Ulrich Museum. Wichita State University.
 Lecture: *Horizontes Project: Addressing a Legacy of Inequality Through Monumental Art*.
Wichita Art Museum. Wichita, Kansas.
 Lecture: *Horizontes Project*.
Kansas Hispanic Education and Development Foundation, Annual Awards Banquet. Wichita, Kansas.
 Keynote: *Resilience, Power and Emancipation*.
- 2016 **Garden City Community College**, 29th Annual Hispanic Student Day. Garden City, Kansas.
 Keynote: *¡Si Se Pudo!*
Oregon College of Art and Craft. Visiting artist lecture and Artivism Workshop. Portland, Oregon.
Kansas Young Professional Summit. Wichita, Kansas.
 Lecture: *Building Community Through Radical Expressiveness*.
FADO Performance Art Centre. MONOMYTHS. Toronto, Canada.
 Art Residency, workshop, and performance.
- 2015 **Ulita Organisation**, Bratislava, Slovakia.
Community engaged art workshop; community organizing training.
Watershed Center for the Ceramic Arts. New Castle, Maine. Art residency
Aurora, Budapest, Hungary.
Artivism Workshop; community organizing training
Bethel College, Lecture: "Immigrants and Spatial Justice", Newton, Kansas.
Kansas State University. Visiting Artist and lecture. Manhattan, Kansas.
- 2014 **Wichita State University**. Wichita, Kansas.
 Lecture: *Ni de Aquí ni de Allá: Immigrants and Spatial Justice*.
Women For Kansas Convention. Wichita, Kansas.
 Lecture: *Looking Beyond the Economic Impact of Immigration*.
- 2013 **National People's Action Conference**. Washington DC.
 Workshop: *Building A New Economy*.
- 2012 **Ox-Bow School of Art**. Art Residency. Saugatuck, Michigan.

Curatorial Experience

- 2021 **The Space Between**. Group Exhibition. Mark Arts. Wichita, Kansas.
- 2020 **Pull Up To The BBQ**. Group Exhibition. E.B. White Gallery. El Dorado, Kansas.
- 2018 **What's on Your Horizon**. Gleo solo exhibition. 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

Selected Bibliography and Press

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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

2018-2019 **Historic Dunbar Theatre**. Advisory Board, Fundraising Chair. Wichita, Kansas.
2017-present **City of Wichita, Design Council**. Appointed by Mayor Jeff Longwell.
2016-2019 **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.