

Anna Pancoast – Curriculum Vitae

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Anna Pancoast is a self-taught artist working with textiles, mixed-media, and permaculture gardening. They have an academic background in astrophysics and currently split their time between studio practice, community building for climate justice, and parenting.

Education

2015 Ph.D. Physics, University of California Santa Barbara

2012 M.A. Physics, University of California Santa Barbara

2009 B.A. Physics and Astronomy (double major), Haverford College

Solo Exhibitions

2024 *Dream Space*, The Tender, Concord, MA

Group Exhibitions

2024 *Dwell*, Mystic Open Studio, Arlington, MA (Organized by Lisa Benson, Jess Coffrin, Anna Pancoast, & Molly Zimmer)

2023 *Uncertain Certainties*, [Online group exhibition](#), Thrive Together Network (Curated by Sarah Irvin & Kaylan Buteyn)

Community Organizing

2023 - present Internal coordinator of the Extinction Rebellion Boston art working group
Facilitating meetings, writing bi-weekly newsletters, and coordinating with a group of volunteers to organize a handful of events each month for climate justice community building and making flags, signs, and other protest art for Extinction Rebellion Boston.

2023 - present Organizer of monthly climate justice art builds with Extinction Rebellion Boston and Mystic Open Studio in Arlington, MA

2018 - present Co-organizer of the Holiday Fair Angel Room at Waldorf School of Lexington
Creating craft kits for toy making, teaching folks how to make toys, leading a group of volunteers to install an immersive magical space for children, and coordinating volunteers to run the space to be experienced by more than 100 children annually.

2018 Co-organizer of the Equity and Inclusion Journal Club at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian

2012 - 2014 Co-leader of the Women in Physics Group at the University of California Santa Barbara

Hosted weekly lunches and organized the annual UCSB Women in Physics graduate student visit day for prospective students. Awarded Physics Chair's Appreciation Award for service.

Residencies and Fellowships (Selected)

- 2024 Virtual Art Residency, Thrive Together Network (February)
2023 Virtual Art Residency, Thrive Together Network (September)
2015 - 2018 NASA Einstein Postdoctoral Fellowship
2009 - 2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Related Experience

- 2024 Organized a free Community Watercolor Paint Making event at Mystic Open Studios, Arlington, MA
- 2023 - present Climate Art Program
Developing a climate based creative practice focused on climate action, materials research (production, toxicity, and disposal of art materials), skill building (how to use and produce/source more sustainable art materials), and building community with other climate artists.
- 2023 Hosted a garden tour for local Pollinator Gardens group (June)
- 2019 Gave birth to Linden (Snow) O'Malley, Arlington, MA
- 2018 - present Hope Is a Garden Project
Converting my suburban yard into a permaculture food forest garden. Includes fruit trees, berry bushes, natural dye plants, local pollinator plants, medicinal herbs, and perennial and annual vegetables.
- 2015 - 2018 NASA Einstein Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian
Worked as an independent research fellow, mentored graduate students, applied for and was awarded telescope observing time, refereed research papers, organized talk series, and participated in multiple international research collaborations.
- 2015 Gave birth to Iris O'Malley, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2013 - present The Circular Domestic Textile Economy Project
Saving and reusing my domestic textile waste since learning to sew my own clothes. The materials have been repurposed as textile art, garments, quilts, toys, and sewing tools.
- 2011 - 2018 Gave over twenty invited talks on my astrophysics research at institutions nationally and internationally, including the American Museum of Natural History, Caltech, and Harvard
- 2011 - 2015 Community garden member, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2010 - 2019 Published seven first-author refereed research papers in the Astrophysical Journal and the Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society ([full astrophysics publication list](#))
- Spring 2010 Graduate student teaching assistant, Physics 25 (Sophomore-level General Physics) at the University of California Santa Barbara
- 2009 - 2015 Graduate Research Assistant in Astrophysics at the University of California Santa Barbara
Worked as a graduate student researcher with over four years of independent funding through the National Science Foundation Graduate

Research Fellowship, the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship, and the University of California Santa Barbara Dean's Fellowship.

2009 - 2014 Gathered data using telescopes at the [Palomar](#), [Lick](#), and [Keck](#) Observatories

Professional Affiliations

2024 - present Member of Arlington Center for the Arts

2023 - present Member of the Thrive Together Network

2009 - present Member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society