

Anna Pancoast – Curriculum Vitae

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Anna Pancoast is an ecological 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

2026 *Interwoven II: One Planet We Love*, Morse Institute Library, Natick, MA

2026 *Waste to Treasure: An i3C Art Philosophy*, Karen & Ted Koskores Gallery, Braintree, MA

2026 *Re-Leaf*, Cambridge KiOSK, Cambridge, MA (Curated by Anna Pancoast & Lisa Barthelson)

2026 *Earth Day #57: What does this mean to you?*, Gallery 103, Reading, MA

2025 *Boundaries and Beyond*, Arts Collaborative Medford, Medford, MA

2025 *Making It Up*, Arts at the Armory, Somerville, MA (Organized by Jocelyn Elizabeth, Catherine LeCompte Lecce, Shir Livne, Bosede Ajibola Opetubo, & Anna Pancoast)

2025 *INTERWOVEN*, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown, MA

2024 *Regenerating Earth*, Higgins Gallery, Cape Cod Comm. College, MA

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

2023 *Uncertain Certainties*, Thrive Together Network (Virtual Exhibition)

Community Organizing

2026 Co-organizer of the Extinction Rebellion Boston native pollinator garden in Arlington, MA

Planning and hosting garden installation, organizing garden care, and materials procurement.

2025 - present Organizer of Creative Centering weekly meetings for ecological artist group

2024 Co-organizer of the Extinction Rebellion Boston mural in Arlington, MA

Planning and hosting community painting days, coordinating volunteers, and materials procurement.

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

2018 - 2024 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)

- 2026 Virtual Art Residency, Creative Centering ecological artist group
- 2025 Camping Residency at Harold Parker State Forest, MA, self-organized
- 2024 Virtual Art Residency, Thrive Together Network (February & October)
- 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 - present Member and Facilitator of Internal Affairs of the i3C (inspiring Change for the Climate Crisis) Artist Group and i3C Steering Committee
- 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, native 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 University
- 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