

## ANASTASIA F. KIRAGES

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### EDUCATION

FALL 2023 *Masters of Education in Reading Education*, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX  
SPRING 2020 *SURE Program Certificate*, C.T. Bauer College of Business, University of Houston, Houston, TX  
SUMMER 2018 *Executive Program in Arts & Culture Strategy*, National Art Strategies & University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA  
SPRING 2010 *Bachelors of Art in Art History, Business Foundations Certificate*, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
SUMMER 2008 UT Learning Tuscany: Art and Culture in Italy Study Abroad Program, Castiglion Fiorentino, Italy

### EXHIBITIONS & AUCTIONS

2024 *Modern Fluxus: New Mail Art from Around the World*, The Little Gallery BGSU Firelands, Huron, OH, USA  
*An Early Education*, Stinson House, Houston, TX, USA [Solo Exhibition]  
*Vamos a hornear un pastel*, El Sur, Mexico City, Mexico [Solo Exhibition]  
Mystical MARTY Art Auction, Art League Houston, Houston, TX, USA  
*It's a Small World*, Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA  
Canzine, Online Vendor, Broken Pencil Magazine, Toronto, ON, Canada  
Viva El Amor Silent Auction, MECA, Houston, TX, USA  
*A Memes to Cope with Reality*, Wonder Like Wander, Houston, TX, USA  
2023 The Thunder Ball Art Auction, Fresh Arts, Houston, TX, USA  
*Mashed 6*, Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA  
2022 *Sleeping with Art: The Art of Car(d)s*, Hedsor House, Hedsor, Buckinghamshire, UK  
*Space City Glueston*, Box 13, Houston, TX, USA [Solo Exhibition]  
*Cheap Date - Holiday Edition*, Insomnia Gallery at Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA  
*Plantasia: A Botanical Art Show*, Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA  
*The Cake Stand Biennale*, Columbus House Brewery, Fayetteville, AR, USA  
2021 *Don't Call It A Comeback!*, San Jacinto College South Campus Gallery, Houston, TX, USA  
*Copy Culture: Making and Sharing Zines*, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX, USA  
*Cheap Date #7*, Insomnia Gallery at Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA  
2020 *Memories of Love, Photo Trouvée Magazine*, Online exhibition  
2019 *Hullabaloo*, Space HL, Houston, TX, USA  
*TEXAS TOAST*, Co-Lab Projects, Austin, TX, USA  
*Mix It Up! A Collage Art Show*, Insomnia Gallery, Houston, TX, USA  
2018 *Cutting Edge: A Collage Show*, Texas Art Asylum, Houston, TX, USA  
2017 *Lines Drawn*, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX, USA  
2015 *5x7(2015)*, The Contemporary Austin, Austin, TX, USA  
*The Zine Society Library*, CentralTrak, The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, USA  
2014 *5x7(2014)*, The Contemporary Austin, Austin, TX, USA  
*Amsterdam Zine Jam*, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
2013 *5x7(2013)*, AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX, USA  
*ZINESHOW*, Lviv, Ukraine  
2012 *Amsterdam Zine Jam*, Mediamatic Fabriek, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  
*5x7(2012)*, AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX, USA

### RESIDENCIES

2025 Stove Works, Chattanooga, TN, USA (August)  
2024 Kolaj Institute, New Orleans, LA, USA (September 16-20)  
El Sur, Mexico City, Mexico (May 30-June 25)  
2023 Casa Regis Center for Culture and Contemporary Art, Mosso Santa Maria, Italy (July 13-Aug 13)

### AWARDS + HONORS

- Let Creativity Happen Grant: \$2,500 (2024)
- Runner-up, Broken Pencil Indie Illustrator's Deathmatch (2021)
- University Honors (2006, 2008, 2010)
- UT Austin Fine Arts Career Services Grant (2009)
- International Baccalaureate Diploma (2007)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

08/2023 - 05/2024

University of Houston - Houston, TX  
*Part-time Adjunct Faculty, Photography & Digital Media Block Program*

- Instructor for a uniquely tailored class focusing on zines, collage, and other analog techniques such as tape transfers and wheatpasting.

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

02/2023 - PRESENT

Scissors of Texas / Tijeras de Tejas - Houston, TX  
*Co-founder*

- A Houston-based monthly meet-up focused on the medium of collage founded by collage artists Chasity Porter (@artbus\_lady) and Anastasia Kirages (@k.l.l.a.g.e.s). No previous skill is required and all materials are provided. The group meets every third Tuesday of the month at Saint Arnold Brewing Company.

11/2018 - PRESENT

Literary Grrrls Book Club - Houston, TX  
*Facilitator*

- Literary Grrrls Book Club meets once a month and cycles through a rotation of fiction, non-fiction, YA, graphic novels, and poetry. This is a safe place for people of all backgrounds to participate in a literary discussion that celebrates women.

09/2011 - PRESENT

Zine Fest Houston (ZFH) - Houston, TX  
*Organizer*

- Adaptation of an in-person event to a 6 hour digital festival streamed on Twitch (378 unique viewers) with broadcast-style programming including zinester interviews, a panel discussion, vendor commercials, vintage ZFH promos, creator spotlights, and an after party
- Collaborate with a volunteer team to organize marketing (festival promo art, press releases, video content, MailChimp newsletter, social media) and advertising timeline, and secure sponsors for ZFH, which draws over 1,400 attendees and features 100+ vendors
- Event logistic duties including festival programming, exhibitor registration, volunteer recruitment, table & chair rental, and day-of set up and break down
- Create and implement auxiliary programming throughout the year (avg. of 15 programs) i.e., fundraisers, Comix Gauntlet (a 24-hour comic day inspired event), and zine presentations and workshops for kids, teens and adults with local businesses and non-profit organizations

## PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2024

"Musical Chairs Zine Workshop," Zine Fest Houston, The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art  
Zine Presentation, Lone Star College-North Harris, North Harris Library Makerspace

2023

"Hot Potato Collage Zine Workshop," Zine Fest Houston, The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art

Zine Week Paper Jam Talk, Arts & Technology Center, University of Houston  
Coffee with Creatives, AIGA Houston, Un Caffè

2022

Teen Zine Workshop, Spring Branch Memorial Library, Harris County Public Library

Zine Workshop, RMA Texas Public Schools - Pasadena

Zine Workshop, The Montrose Grace Place

Brown Papier Bag Collage Workshop, Kolaj Fest, Ogden Museum of Southern Art

Zine Presentation, The MendCenter

Brown Papier Bag Collage Workshop, The Orange Show Center for Visionary Art

Zine Presentation, Seven Lakes High School

Zine Workshop, San Jacinto College South Campus Gallery

2021

"Copy Culture" Zine Making Demo, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft

Exploring Gender Identity in Screenwriting and Zines Writing Workshop, Collab with University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) Writing Center and the Alumni Association, UHCL Rec and Wellness Balcony

2020

Online Show & Tell Zine Presentation for Cyber Fest Rebooted, San Francisco Zine Fest 2021

Online Zine Presentation, MD Anderson Cancer Center Retirees Association

Online Zine Presentation, Lone Star College-North Harris, North Harris Library Makerspace

Online Zine Presentation, Youth Art Collective at Galveston Urban Ministries (G.U.M.), Galveston Arts Center

Online Zine Workshop, Collab with Lesbian Health Initiative of Houston at The Montrose Center

Zine Presentation, Women in the Visual & Literary Arts (WiVLA), Archway Gallery

2019

Watching the World Watch Us Zine Workshop, Inspired by the exhibition *Axis Munda: Queer Networks in Chicano L.A.*, Lawndale Art Center

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- 2018  
Zine Presentation, Lone Star College-North Harris, North Harris Library Makerspace  
Zine Workshop, George Memorial Library, Fort Bend County Library Book Fair  
Houston Cares: A Fundraiser for Refugee Families benefiting RAICES, Organized by Houston Teachers for Social Justice, ARKA Art  
FotoFest FotoFun Zine Workshop, FotoFest's Literacy through Photography Learning Program, Winter Street Studios  
DIY Health Zine Saturday Panel + Zine Workshop, Collab with UH Libraries and UH Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, MD Anderson Library, Special Collections
- 2017  
Zine Workshop, Inspired by the exhibition *Lines Drawn*, Diverse Works  
Zine Workshop with *Moxie* author Jennifer Mathieu, Brazos Bookstore  
Build-A-World Zine Workshop, Lawndale Art Center  
Green Grrrl Pwr Zine Workshop, Inspired by the exhibition *Her Feet Planted Firmly on the Ground*, Houston Center for Photography
- 2016  
Hallow-Zine Making Workshop, Diverse Works  
Zine Workshop, Girls Rock Camp Houston, Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)  
Drink & Draw Self-Care Zine Workshop, Collab with CHARGE, Project Row Houses  
Zine Workshop, Collaborations Teens Program, Houston Center for Photography
- 2015  
Single-Serving Zine Workshop, Box 13  
Dallas Zine Party Zine Workshop, Dallas Public Library  
Summer High School Studio Art Intensive, Art League Houston
- 2014  
Zine Workshop, Girls Rock Camp Houston, Multicultural Education and Counseling Through the Arts (MECA)
- 2013  
Zine Workshop, Collab with Jenkins Architecture & Art Library Ambassadors, Blaffer Art Museum  
Zines IOI + Preservation Zine Workshop, Houston Metropolitan Research Center  
Teen Photo Zine Workshop, Houston Center for Photography  
Zines IOI Zine Workshop, Myth & Symbol  
Teen Travel Zine Workshop Series with Harris County Public Library (Barbara Bush Branch, Aldine Branch, Katherine Tyra Branch at Bear Creek, Atascocita Branch)  
Be Your Own Publisher! Zine Workshop, Inprint Houston

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

- 2024  
"Conscious Creating for an Eco-Friendly Practice" Panel, Fresh Arts Summit  
Skillshare Workshop for Educators with Scissors of Texas, Art League Houston
- 2023  
"Art in the Everyday: Photo, Collage, and DIY Zine Making" Skillshare Workshop for HISD Educators, Art League Houston
- 2019  
"How Local Artists are Reimagining Entrepreneurship", Fresh Arts Panel, Comicpalooza
- 2016  
"Zine" It, Done It, Got the T-shirt: Using Handmade Publications to Encourage Critical Thinking, Collaboration, and Creativity with Art League Houston & Zine Fest Houston (Primary PK-5 & Secondary, 6-12), Houston Arts Partners Conference
- 2015  
Dallas Zine Party Panel, Dallas Public Library