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EDUCATION

FALL 2023
SPRING 2020
SUMMER 2018
SPRING 2010
SUMMER 2008

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

EXHIBITIONS & AUCTIONS

2024
2023
2022
2021
2020
2019
2018
2017
2015
2014
2013
2012

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
The Thunder Ball Art Auction, Fresh Arts, Houston, TX, USA
Mashed 6, Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston, TX, USA
Sleeping with Art: The Art of Car(d)s, Hedsor House, 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
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
Memories of Love, Photo Trouvée Magazine, Online exhibition
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
Cutting Edge: A Collage Show, Texas Art Asylum, Houston, TX, USA
Lines Drawn, DiverseWorks, Houston, TX, USA
5x7(2015), The Contemporary Austin, Austin, TX, USA
The Zine Society Library, CentralTrak, The University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX, USA
5x7(2014), The Contemporary Austin, Austin, TX, USA
Amsterdam Zine Jam, Felix Meritis, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
5x7(2013), AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX, USA
ZINESHOW, Lviv, Ukraine
Amsterdam Zine Jam, Mediamatic Fabriek, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
5x7(2012), AMOA-Arthouse, Austin, TX, USA

RESIDENCIES

2024
2023

El Sur, Mexico City, Mexico (May 30-June 25)
Casa Regis Center for Culture and Contemporary Art, Mosso Santa Maria, Italy (July 13-Aug 13)

AWARDS + HONORS

- 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)

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.

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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.llages). 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

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 Mundo: Queer*

Networks in Chicano L.A., Lawndale Art Center

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

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- 2016
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
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
- 2015
Zine Workshop, Collaborations Teens Program, Houston Center for Photography
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 101 + Preservation Zine Workshop, Houston Metropolitan Research Center
Teen Photo Zine Workshop, Houston Center for Photography
Zines 101 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

- 2023
"Art in the Everyday: Photo, Collage, and DIY Zine Making" Skillshare workshop for HISD educators, Art League Houston
- 2019
2016
"How Local Artists are Reimagining Entrepreneurship", Fresh Arts Panel, Comicpalooza
"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