

# Manuel Fernando Rios

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

**2020–Present** | **Professor of Fine Art**, Woodland Community College, Woodland, CA

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## EDUCATION

**2011** | **MFA in Art Studio**, University of California, Davis, CA

**2008** | **MA in Art Studio**, California State University, Sacramento, CA

**2005** | **BA in Art Studio**, California State University, Sacramento, CA

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## SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

**2026** *When They Reminisce Over You*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA

**2020** *The Weight*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2019** *Second Thought on a Memory*, Kaneko Art Gallery, American River College, Sacramento, CA

**2018** *Dissolution of Selfhood*, with Omar Thor Arason, Ridley Gallery, Rocklin, CA

**2017** *Other*, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley, CA

*Which Way is Up?*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2015** *Get In Where You Fit In*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*Status Update*, 1075 Gallery, West Sacramento, CA

**2010** *Two Wrongs is Just the Beginning*, with Omar Thor Arason, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

**2008** *Go Back To My Country*, Robert Else Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2007** *Two Night*, with Liv Moe, Witt Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2006** *A Flash Art Exhibit*, La Raza Galería Posada, Sacramento, CA

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## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

**2025** *Sac Open Studio Exhibition*, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

The Hive, Woodland, CA

Sac Open Studios in Yolo, Gallery 625, Woodland, CA

**2024** *Metamorphosis*, Else Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*Fragments of Reality: Exploring the Imagined and Seen*, Rasmussen Gallery,  
Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA

**2024** *Raíces Hermosas*, Middletown Art Center, Middletown, CA

*Sac Open Studio Exhibition*, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

**2023** *Origins*, Pence Gallery, Davis, CA

*What You Give*, Latino Center for Art and Culture, Sacramento, CA

*The First 10 Yrs*, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

**2022** *Vibrant Exploration*, Barn Gallery, Woodland, CA

*Sac Open Studio Exhibition*, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

**2021** *Axis Through the Giftshop*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*Hispanic Heritage Exhibition*, Golden 1 Center, Sacramento, CA

**2021** *A Joy Unexpected*, Root Division, Oakland, CA

*Comunidad*, Blue Line Gallery, Roseville, CA

**2019** *Axis Exchange*, Gear Box Gallery, Oakland, CA

*Contingent Upon*, Ridley Gallery, Rocklin, CA

*East Gallery*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2018** *Art in the Heart*, Gallery 1075, West Sacramento, CA

*#Time's Up*, JayJay Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*Faculty Exhibition*, Gregory Kondos Gallery, Sacramento City College, Sac, CA

- 2017** *Pink Week*, Gallery 1616, Sacramento, CA  
*#Resist*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2016** *Liberty Denied*, Museum of Culture and Environment, Ellensburg, WA  
*100 Artists in 100 Years*, Gregory Kondos Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*If You Do Me I'll Do You*, WALL, Sacramento, CA
- 2015** *Seeds of S.A.M.O.*, Rhizome Gallery, Las Vegas, NV  
*East Gallery*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*Lottery for the Arts*, Blue Line Gallery, Roseville, CA
- 2014** *U-Nite*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA  
*Free Press*, SMUD Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*First Look*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA
- 2013** *A Salute to José Montoya*, Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento, CA  
*Pop Goes the Art*, Blue Line Gallery, Roseville, CA  
*CAST exhibition*, Center for Contemporary Art, Sacramento, CA
- 2012** *Maps and Mapping*, Tangent Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*New World Border*, La Casa del Tunel: Art Center, Tijuana BC, Mexico  
*79 miles West*, Classic Cars West, Oakland, CA
- 2011** *The Future is Now: New Bay Area MFA Graduates*, Sonoma State University, CA  
*Losing Count*, Galería de la Raza, San Francisco, CA  
*In Extremis*, Meridian Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*New World Border*, La Peña Cultural Center, Berkeley, CA
- 2010** *Emerge: The Next Generation*, Evolve the Gallery, Sacramento, CA  
*Great Expectations*, UC Davis, Davis, CA
- 2009** *Decoding Identity: I Do It For My People*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*Desmadre: Fresh Latino Perspectives in America*, Vermillion Gallery, Seattle, WA

*Post No Bills*, Verge Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2008** *The California State Fair Fine Art Exhibition*, Sacramento, CA

*CSUS Annual Student Awards Show*, Robert Else Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*5 MA-08*, University Library Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2007** *Memorializing Conflict*, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

*Dos Generaciones*, Toy Room, Sacramento, CA

*One Piece Show*, Sol Collective, Sacramento, CA

*R.C.A.F. Goes To College*, University Library Art Gallery, Sacramento, CA

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## CURATED EXHIBITIONS

**2026** *R.C.A.F. in Mid-Flight*, Verge Center for the Arts, Sacramento, CA

**2025** *WCC Student Showcase*, Gallery 625, Woodland, CA

**2024** *Fragments of Reality: Exploring the Imagined and Seen*, Rasmussen Gallery,  
Pacific Union College, Angwin, CA

*Room to Grow*, Gallery 916, Sacramento, CA

**2022** *Vibrant Exploration*, Barn Gallery, Woodland, CA

**2021** *U-Nite*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

**2020** *Everyday People*, Mendocino Art Gallery, Ukiah, CA

**2018** *Who Gets To Call It Chicano Art?*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

*People Being Paintings*, 1075 Gallery, West Sacramento, CA

**2017** *3 Stages*, Center for the Arts, Grass Valley, CA

**2015** *Seeds of SAMO*, Rhizome Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

*Art in Motion*, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, CA

**2014** *Axis Gallery Invitational Exhibition*, Sacramento, CA

**2006** *politicARTE*, Sol Collective, Sacramento, CA

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## SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2022** Lead Artist: Muir Park Basketball Court Mural Project, with Amar Cid, Tomás Montoya, Midtown Association, Sacramento, CA
- 2019** Mural, Always Fighting for the Good, Latino Center for Art and Culture, Sacramento, CA
- Mural, Oasis, Franklin Blvd. Project, Sacramento, CA
- Mural, Sacramento's Cultural Wheel, Franklin Blvd. Project, Sacramento, CA
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## AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2012** **Juror's Choice**, Sac Open Studios, Sacramento, CA
- 2010** **Freemon P. Gadberry Award**, University of California, Davis
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- 2008** **Graduate Fellowship Award**, Headlands Center for the Arts
- Increase Robinson Memorial Fellowship**, CSUS
- Award of Excellence**, Sacramento State Fair Fine Art Exhibition
- 2nd Place Award for Artistic Achievement**, CSUS
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## COLLECTIONS

- 2023** Woodland Community College, Permanent Art Collection (2023)
- 2020** American River College, Permanent Art Collection
- UC Davis Medical Center, Permanent Art Collection
- 2016** Sacramento City College, Permanent Art Collection
- 2012** Library of Congress, California Bay Area Occupy Movement and New World Border Project
- 2005** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Special Collections, Ricardo Favela RCAF Poster Collection, San Jose, CA

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Woodland Community College (2020–Present)

- *Courses:* Art Appreciation, Art History 1A, Beginning/Intermediate Drawing, Beginning/Intermediate Painting, Mural Painting (Art 11), History of Chicana/o Art (Ethnic 30).

### Sierra College (2012–2020)

- *Courses:* Color Theory, Beginning/Intermediate Oil & Acrylic Painting, Beginning Drawing, 2D Design, Figure Drawing.

### Sacramento City College (2017–2019)

- *Courses:* Beginning/Intermediate Drawing, Pen and Ink Drawing, Beginning Silkscreen.

### California State University, Sacramento (2014–2015)

- *Courses:* Beginning Drawing, Intermediate Drawing.

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## BIBLIOGRAPHY AND MEDIA

- 2026** Womack, Graham. "Royal Chicano Air Force honored at Crocker," *Sacramento Bee*, 02/23.
- Moe, Liv. "Yolo County Art Studio Rooted in Chicano Legacy," *PBS KVIE*, 02/20.
- 2025** Eng, Angie. "How Knowing and Collecting Art Builds Your Cultural Capital," *Solving Sacramento*, 07/10.
- 2023** Day, Jeffrey. "Malaquias Montoya's Multi-Generational Impact," *UC Davis Letters & Science*, 11/20.
- Fox 40 Live, Interview, 03/03
- Have a Dope Day, Podcast Episode, 03/05
- 2022** O'Neal, Kitty. "Art Installation Celebrates Chicano Latino History," *KFBK News Radio*, 11/03.
- KCRA channel 10 news, Interview, 11/03
- 2021** Bill Stotler, *Articulator: Art & Conversation with Sacramento Creatives*

- Fonda, Gioia. "Connecting the Dots," *Sactown Magazine*, May/June Issue.
- Ayala, Karlos. "Making Art in the Golden State," *Verge Center for the Arts Documentary*.
- 2019** Yim, Natasha. "Manuel Fernando Rios: Curating Diversity," *Mendocino Arts Magazine*, Fall/Winter.
- 2018** "A Celebration of Arts and Diversity in West Sacramento," *City of West Sacramento* [Video].
- 2016** Sauer, Stephanie. *The Accidental Archives of the Royal Chicano Air Force*, University of Texas Press.
- Dalkey, Victoria. "Five Art Picks For 2nd Saturday," *Sacramento Bee*, 09/08.
- Fortes, John Yoyogi. "Artist Interview with Manuel Fernando Rios" [Video].
- Justina Martino, If You Do Me..., Tube.magazine, 08/12
- Chris Daubert, One Hundred Years of One Hundred Artists, Sacramento City College Art catalogue, 2016
- 2015** The NEA Higher Education Journal: Thought & Action. Winter Issue, 2015
- Johny Garcia. "West Sacramento Artist" W. Sacramento News ledger  
8/12
- Shoka. "Fitting in, standing out" Sacramento News & Review, 1/8/15
- Victoria Dalkey. "Best of Second Saturday, Sacramento Bee, 1/8/15
- 2014** John Yoyogi Fortes (2014) Artist Interview with Manuel Fernando Rios  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZhzKP8zZzk&t=9s>
- 2011** Evan Wilson. "The House of Others: UC Davis MFA Thesis Show"
- 2006** Vicki Adame, "Estudiantes Conocen Su Cultura" Vida en El Valle, 10/11/06