

Manuel Fernando Rios

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 2026** Donald & Beverly Gerth Special Collections and University Archives at Sac State
- 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

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.

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