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EDUCATION:

- 1992 Master of Fine Arts, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio
- 1989 Bachelor of Arts, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Studio and Fine Arts with a Related Concentration in Latin American Studies

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2022-2023 Kentucky Arts Council, *Al Smith Fellowship*, KY
- 2020 Summer Fellowship, Morehead State University, Kentucky
- 2016 Great Meadows Foundation, Artist Professional Development Grant, Kentucky
- 2013 Summer Fellowship, Morehead State University, Kentucky
- 2012 W. Paul & Lucille Caudill Little Foundation, *Fuse the Muse Grant*, Rowan County Arts Center, Morehead, Kentucky
- 2006 Kentucky Foundation for Women, *Artist Enrichment Grant*, Kentucky
- 2000 Kentucky Foundation for Women, *Artist Grant*, Kentucky
- 1996 Kentucky Arts Council, *Al Smith Fellowship*, Kentucky
- 1994 Kentucky Foundation for Women, *Artist Grant*, Kentucky
- Kentucky Arts Council, *Professional Assistance Award*, Kentucky
- 1993 Alternate Roots, *Alternate Visions Grant*, Georgia (NEA Funded)
- 1992 Art Matters, *Artist Grant*, New York

COLLECTIONS:

- 2020 LaGrange Art Museum, Sculpture, LaGrange, Georgia
- 2014 American Museum of the Cuban Diaspora, 2 pieces from *Cuban American-Piñatas*, Miami, Florida

COMMISSIONS:

- 2024 **Morehead Turtle Walk**, Public Art: Sculpture, Juried, sponsored by Lakeview Heights, Morehead, Kentucky
- 2023 **Morehead Turtle Walk**, Public Art: Sculpture, Juried, sponsored by St. Claire Healthcare, Morehead, Kentucky
- 2003 **Carnegie Museum of Natural History**, Public Art: Sculpture, *Dinomite Days*, Juried, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2000 **Speed Art Museum**, Public Art: Bus Wrap-Around Billboard, (Invitational: 1 of 4 artists), Louisville, Kentucky
- Lexington Arts and Cultural Council**, Public Art: Sculpture, *Horse Mania*, Juried Regional, Lexington, Kentucky

AWARDS & HONORS:

- 2020 **LaGrange Art Museum Purchase Award**, *Third LaGrange Southeast Regional*, LaGrange, Georgia
- 2018 **Juror on Interdisciplinary Art Panel**, *Ohio Arts Council's FY2019 Individual Excellence Award*, Columbus, Ohio
- 2017 **Juror**, *AIA Grants*, Summerfair, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2016 **Merit Award**, National Juried Exhibit, *Chautauqua: What If*, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky
- 2015 **First Place Award**, Regional (Southern States) Juried Exhibit, *Contemporary South*, Visual Art Exchange, Raleigh, North Carolina; Juror: Chad Alligood, Curator, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art
- 2014 **Juror**, *AIA Grants*, Summerfair, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2013 **Martha Ryan Merit Award**, Regional Juried Exhibit, *56th Mid-States*, Evansville, Indiana; Juror: Peter Plagens, Artist and former art critic for *Newsweek*
- Distinguished Creative Production Award**, Morehead State University, Kentucky
- 2012 **Juror**, Ohio University Exhibit, Athens, Ohio
- 2011 **Mixed-Media Award**, *64 Arts*, National Juried Exhibit, Buchanan Center for the Arts, Monmouth, Illinois
- 2009 **Juror**, *AIA Grants*, Summerfair, Cincinnati, Ohio

- 2008 **Benchmark Award for Innovation**: Regional Juried Biennial Exhibit, *Focus: Fiber*, Cleveland State University, Ohio; Juror: Sarah Quinton, Senior Curator, Textile Museum of Canada
- Most Innovative Use of Media Award**: Regional Juried Exhibit, *OH+5*, Dairy Barn, Athens, Ohio
- 2007 **Best 3-Dimensional Work Award**: Regional Juried Exhibit, *Compassion*, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky
- 2006 **Second Place**: *Combined Talents*, FSU Museum of Fine Arts, International Juried Exhibit, Tallahassee, Florida
- 2002 **Festival Award**: 3-Dimensional Category, Three Rivers Arts Festival, National Juried Exhibit, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 2000 **Juror's Award**, 1st Place, Arts on Main, Regional Juried Exhibit, Shelbyville, Kentucky; Juror: Julien Robson, Curator of Contemporary Art, The Speed Art Museum, Louisville
- 1999 **Merit Award**, Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, National Juried Exhibit, New Castle, Pennsylvania
- 1998 **Juror's Award**, 2nd Place, Arts on Main, Regional Juried Exhibit, Shelbyville, Kentucky, Juror: Leah Stoddard, Assistant Curator, Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center
- 1996 **Women's Caucus for Art**, Women of Color Slide Portfolio: Hispanic, National Juried Project
- 1995 **Merit Award**, Louisville Visual Art Association, Juried Regional Exhibit, Kentucky
- 1993 **Juror**, *Showcase '93*, Louisville Visual Art Association, Kentucky
- 1991 **Juror's Recognition Award**, *Alternatives '91*, Ohio University, National Juried Exhibit, Athens, Ohio, Juror: Carrie Mae Weems

EXHIBITIONS:

- 2025 **Eastern Kentucky University**, *In Commonwealth: Kentucky Art, Craft, and Design*, Statewide Juried, Richmond, Kentucky
- 2024 **ArtFields**, Southeastern 12-State Juried, Lake City, South Carolina
- The Arts Center of Greenwood**, *Latin Heritage*, Invitational, Greenwood, South Carolina

- 2023
- ArtsPlace**, *Arts & Health*, Curated, Lexington, Kentucky; sponsored by LexArts, UK Arts in Healthcare Program, and Arts & Health Alliance of Central KY
- Transylvania University**, *Dis/Belief: Skeptical Realities and the Power of Interrogating Assumptions*, Invitational Five-Person, Lexington, Kentucky
- GRCC Collins Art Gallery**, *ArtPrize*, International Juried, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- ArtFields, Southern Arts Festival Exhibit & Competition**, Southeastern 12-State Juried, Lake City, South Carolina
- Kentucky Arts Council**, *Our Kentucky Home/Nuestro hogar Kentucky*, Statewide Juried, Traveling: The Kentucky Center, Louisville, Kentucky
- Central Library Gallery**, *Latino Blend*, Statewide Juried, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2022
- Lions & Rabbits Center for the Arts**, *ArtPrize*, International Juried, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Kentucky Arts Council**, *Our Kentucky Home/Nuestro hogar Kentucky*, Statewide Juried, Traveling: The Kentucky Museum, Bowling Green, KY; The Art Center of the Bluegrass, Danville, KY; Appalachian Center for the Arts/"The App," Pikeville, KY; Murray Tourism, Convention & Visitors Bureau, Murray, KY; Boyd's Station Gallery, Cynthiana, KY; Boone County Public Library, Burlington, KY; Butler County Arts Guild, Morgantown, KY; Campbellsville University, KY; Kentucky State Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, KY; and LexArts Gallery, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2021
- Kentucky Arts Council**, *Our Kentucky Home/Nuestro hogar Kentucky*, Statewide Juried, Traveling, The Carson Center, Paducah, Kentucky
- 2020
- 21c Museum**, *21c Elevate Program – UnderMain Critical Mass IV*, Curated, Lexington, Kentucky, **Cancelled due to Covid-19**
- The Arts Center of Greenwood**, *A Common Thread: Textiles Past & Present*, Invitational, Greenwood, South Carolina
- Eastern Kentucky University: Giles Gallery**, *Balance and Resilience*, National Juried, Richmond, Kentucky
- LaGrange Art Museum**, *Third LaGrange Southeast Regional*, Juried, LaGrange, Georgia
- 2019
- KMAC Museum**, *Contemporary Art of the Commonwealth: Crown of Rays*, Triennial, National (with KY connections) Curated by Joey Yates (KMAC Museum Curator), Alice Gray Stites (Chief Curator, 21c Museum), Matt Distel (Director of Exhibits, The Carnegie), Emily Goodman (Assistant Professor of Art History, Transylvania University), Louisville, Kentucky

Agnes Scott College: Dalton Gallery, *31st Annual Decatur Arts Festival Fine Arts Exhibition*, International Juried, Decatur, Georgia

2018 **Living Arts & Science Center**, *Miniature Invitational*, Lexington, Kentucky

Indianapolis Art Center, *Art From the Heartland*, Midwest Juried, Indianapolis, Indiana; Juror: Mike Barclay, Director of Exhibitions, Indianapolis Museum of Contemporary Art, IN

2017 **Huntington Museum of Art**, *Exhibition 280*, Regional Juried, Huntington, WV; Juror: Laura Roulet, an independent curator based in Washington, DC and a writer, frequently contributing to *Sculpture* magazine

Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, *ArtPrize*, International Juried, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Stephen F. Austin State University, *Texas National*, National Juried, Nacogdoches, Texas

East Tennessee State University, *Curated 32nd Positive/Negative*, National Juried, Johnson City, Tennessee

Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, *58th Mid-States Arts Exhibition*, Regional Juried, Evansville, Indiana; Juror: Irina Toshkova, Gallery Director, New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC

2016 **ArtFields, Southern Arts Festival Exhibit & Competition**, Southeastern 12-State Juried, ArtFields Hub at R.O.B., Lake City, South Carolina

William King Museum of Art, *Viva Appalachia!*, Small Group, Invitational Regional, Abingdon, Virginia

The Cambridge School of Weston, *Nowhere Everywhere*, International Juried, Weston, Massachusetts

Foothills Art Center, *The Engaged Object*, International Juried, Golden, Colorado

Agnes Scott College: Dalton Gallery, *2016 Fine Arts Exhibition*, International Juried, Decatur, Georgia; Juror: Dr. Jerry Cullum, Editor of *Art Papers*, and Art Critic - with essays and reviews in *Art in America*, *Raw Vision*, and *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*

ETSU: Slocumb Galleries, *Inhabitants: Creatures of Distant Worlds*, National Juried, Johnson City, Tennessee

Eastern Kentucky University: Giles Gallery, *Chautauqua: What If*, National Juried, Richmond, Kentucky

2015

Kentucky Arts Council, *This is 50*, Statewide Juried, Convention Center, Lexington, Kentucky

Thomas More College: Eva G. Faris Gallery, *Transfigured: Works by Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido and Jennifer A. Reis*, Two Person, Invitational, Crestview Hills, Kentucky

East Tennessee State University: Tipton Gallery, *30th Annual Positive Negative Open*, National Juried, Johnson City, Tennessee; Juror: Mika Yoshitake, Assistant Curator, Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

Whatcom Museum, *Bellingham National*, National Juried, Bellingham, Washington; Juror: Scott Lawrimore, Director of the Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington

Women's Caucus for Art, *Time: Present, Past, and Future*, National Juried, www.nationalwca.org/

Westmoreland Arts & Heritage Festival, National Juried, Greensburg, Pennsylvania

Westmoreland County Community College, National Juried, Youngstown, Pennsylvania

Visual Art Exchange, *Contemporary South*, Regional (Southern States) Juried, Raleigh, North Carolina; Juror: Chad Alligood, Curator, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance, *Intertwined: Contemporary Southeastern Fiber Art*, Regional Juried, Traveling: Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, Georgia; Lamar Arts, Barnesville, Georgia; Unitarian Universalist, Atlanta, Georgia; Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts, Valdosta, Georgia

Art Saint Louis Gallery, *Fiber Focus*, Regional Juried, Saint Louis, Missouri; Juror: Marci Rae McDade, *Surface Design Journal* Editor & former *Fiberarts Magazine* Editor

The Creative Art League, *A Thread Runs Through it: an Exhibit of Fiber Art*, Statewide Invitational, Nicholasville, Kentucky

2014

Aluna Art Foundation, *Mujeres al borde de una isla / Women at the Edge of an Island*, International Invitational, Curated by Jesús Rosado and Ileana Fuentes, part of the Cuban Museum's series *Sweet Home: Museo Cubano*, Miami, Florida

FSU Museum of Fine Arts, *29th Tallahassee International*, International Juried, Tallahassee, FL

Greater Denton Arts Council, *Materials: Hard & Soft*, National Juried, Denton, Texas

University of North Carolina Art Gallery, *Mending: New Uses for Old Traditions*, Regional 9-State Juried, in conjunction with the 2014 Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference, Wilmington, NC; Juror: Judy Gordon, Arts Advocate and Chair of the Craft Emergency Relief Fund

Capitol Annex, *Kentucky Visions*, Statewide Juried, Frankfort, Kentucky

Kentucky Arts Council, *Uncommon Wealth*, Statewide Juried, Traveling: Glema Mahr Arts Center, Madisonville, Kentucky; Berea Arts Council, Berea, Kentucky; Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky; Rowan County Arts Center, Morehead, Kentucky; Juror: Jenine Culligan, Senior Curator, Huntington Museum of Art, WV

2013

The Lexington Arts & Science Center, *Three Distinct Voices in Contemporary Fiber*, Three Person, Invitational, Lexington, Kentucky

Saville Gallery, *14th Annual Will's Creek Survey*, National Juried, Cumberland, Maryland; Juror: Lauren Schell Dickens, Assistant Curator of Contemporary Art, Corcoran Gallery of Art

Westmoreland County Community College, National Juried, Youngstown, Pennsylvania

ArtFields, Southern Arts Festival Exhibit & Competition, Southeastern 12-State Juried, ArtFields Hub at ROB, Lake City, South Carolina

Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, *56th Mid-States Art Exhibition*, Regional Juried, Evansville, Indiana; Juror: Peter Plagens, former Art Critic for *Newsweek*

William King Museum, *From These Hills: Contemporary Art in the Southern Appalachian Highlands*, Regional Juried, Abingdon, VA; Juror: Steve Matijcio, Curator, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, Ohio

Kentucky Arts Council, *Uncommon Wealth*, Statewide Juried, Traveling exhibit: Lyric Theatre & Cultural Center, Lexington, Kentucky; Juror: Jenine Culligan, Senior Curator, Huntington Museum of Art, WV

Georgetown College, *State of Sculpture*, Statewide Juried, Georgetown, Kentucky

2012

Canton Museum of Art, *Focus Fiber*, Regional Juried, Canton, Ohio; Sponsored by The Cleveland Museum of Art's Textile Art Alliance; Juror: Internationally recognized artist, Dorothy Caldwell

Rowan County Arts Center, *Art After Cuba*, Two Person, Juried, Morehead, Kentucky

Capitol Annex, *Kentucky Visions*, Statewide Juried, Frankfort, Kentucky

2011

Rosewood Gallery, *One Person*, National Juried, Kettering, Ohio

South Shore Art Center, *Sources- Origins*, National Juried, Cohasset, Massachusetts

Buchanon Center for the Arts, *64 Arts*, National Juried, Monmouth, Illinois

Reece Museum, *Mountain Visions*, Regional Juried, Johnson City, Tennessee

Art Institute of Atlanta-Decatur, *Extraordinary Things: Chattahoochee Biennial of Textiles*, Southeastern 11-State Juried, Decatur, Georgia; Juror: Charlotte Vestal Wainwright, Founding Director of the Gregg Museum of Art & Design, North Carolina State University

Mezzanine Gallery: Government Center, Two Person Curated, Lexington, Kentucky

2010

Saville Gallery, *11th Annual Will's Creek Survey*, National Juried, Cumberland, Maryland; Juror: Eric C. Shiner, Milton Fine Art Curator of Art, The Andy Warhol Museum

Eastern Kentucky University, *Creative Inquiries*, National Juried, Richmond, Kentucky

Louisville Visual Art Association, *Watertower Regional*, Regional Juried, Louisville, Kentucky

The Living Arts & Science Center: Gloria Singletary Gallery, *Evolving Traditions: An Exhibit of Extraordinary Kentucky Art & Craft*, Statewide Juried, Lexington, Kentucky

Opera House Gallery, Three Person, Winchester, Kentucky

2008

Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, *22nd Annual*, International Juried, Summit, New Jersey; Juror: Carter Foster, Curator of Drawings, Whitney Museum of American Art

The Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, *Fiberarts International*, International Juried, Traveling, Charleston, West Virginia

The Arts Alliance Center, *Opposites Attract*, National Juried, Nassau Bay, Texas; Juror: William Stover, Assistant Curator, Department of Contemporary Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts

Cleveland State University, *Focus Fiber*, Regional Juried Biennial, Cleveland, Ohio; Juror: Sarah Quinton, Senior Curator, Textile Museum of Canada

The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts, St. Bonaventure University,
Focus: Fiber, Regional Juried Biennial, Traveling, St. Bonaventure,
New York

Rockford Art Museum, *Rockford Midwestern*, Regional 9-State Juried
Biennial, Rockford, Illinois

Dairy Barn, *OH+5*, Regional Juried, Athens, Ohio

The Living Arts & Science Center: Gloria Singletary Gallery,
Address and RedRESS, Invitational, Lexington, Kentucky

Janice Mason Art Museum, *Uncommon Wealth*, Juried Invitational,
Traveling, Cadiz, Kentucky

2007

Urban Institute of Contemporary Art, *Couture Series*, One Person,
International Juried, Grand Rapids, Michigan

University of Kentucky: Tuska Center for Contemporary Art,
Cotton Candy Bunny Ears Meets Mr. Death, Two Person, Invitational,
Lexington, Kentucky

Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, *Fiberarts International*,
International Juried Triennial, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Co-juror: Lois
Moran, Editor-in-Chief of *American Craft*; and internationally recognized
artists Dorothy Caldwell and Naomi Kobayashi

Atlantic Arts Center, *Stretching the Threads*, International Juried,
New Smyrna Beach, Florida

FSU Museum of Fine Arts, *Combined Talents*, International Juried,
Tallahassee, Florida

Kathryn Schultz Gallery, *Cambridge Art Association National Prize Show*,
National Juried, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Juror: Thomas Lentz,
Director of Harvard University Art Museums

Center for Visual Arts, *Materials Hard & Soft*, National Juried, Denton,
Texas; Juror: Paula Owen, President of Southwest School of Art & Craft

Transylvania University: Morlan Gallery, *To Have & To Hold*,
Small Group Invitational, Lexington, Kentucky

Owensboro Museum of Fine Art, *Uncommon Wealth*, Juried Invitational,
Traveling, Owensboro, Kentucky

Eastern Kentucky University: *Compassion*, Regional Juried, Richmond,
Kentucky

Rosewood Gallery, *20th Anniversary Exhibition*, Invitational, Dayton, Ohio

- Ann Davis Gallery**, Group Invitational, Ashland, Kentucky
- The Actors Theatre**, *Uncommon Wealth*, Juried Invitational, Traveling, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2006
- FSU Museum of Fine Arts**, *Combined Talents*, International Juried, Tallahassee, Florida
- South Shore Art Center**, *White, Black and Shades of Gray*, International Juried, Cohasset, Massachusetts
- Kathryn Schultz Gallery**, *Cambridge Art Association National Prize Show*, National Juried, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Juror: Cheryl Brutvan, Curator of Contemporary Art, Boston Museum of Fine Arts
- Dean Leshner Regional Center for the Arts: Bedford Gallery**, *By the Hand*, National Juried, Walnut Creek, California; Juror: Suzanne Baizerman, former Curator, Crafts & Decorative Arts, Oakland Museum of California
- Rockford Art Museum**, *Rockford Midwestern*, Regional 9-State Juried Biennial, Rockford, Illinois; Juror: Gregory Knight, Chief Curator, Chicago Cultural Center
- Dairy Barn**, *OH+5*, Regional Juried, Athens, Ohio
- The Southern Ohio Museum**, Regional Juried, Portsmouth, Ohio; Juror: Mark Cole, Associate Curator of American Painting & Sculpture, Cleveland Museum of Art
- Lexington Art League**, *Uncommon Wealth: Legacy of the Kentucky Arts Council Fellowships*, Invitational Juried, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2005
- Buckham Gallery**, *20th Anniversary Sculpture Exhibition*, Invitational Juried, Flint, Michigan
- Lexington Art League: Loudon House**, *Second Installment*, Five Person, Regional Juried, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2004
- Arts on Main**, Regional Juried, Shelbyville, Kentucky
- 2003
- The Clay Center: Avampato Discovery Museum**, *Appalachian Corridors*, Regional 13-State Juried, Charleston, West Virginia; Juror: Eleanor Heartney, international cultural critic & author
- Arts on Main**, Regional Juried, Shelbyville, Kentucky
- 2002
- Three Rivers Arts Festival**, *Three Dimensional Art*, National Juried Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Ohio University Art Gallery**, *Source*, Invitational Juried, Athens, Ohio

- 2001 Arts on Main, Regional Juried, Shelbyville, Kentucky
- Gallery for the Arts, International Invitational, Mount Sterling, Kentucky
- Strider Gallery, Morehead State University, International Invitational, Kentucky
- 2000 JB Speed Art Museum, *Beyond the Walls*, Four Person, Invitational, Louisville, Kentucky
- Broman Fine Arts Gallery, *Cubanísimas Near and Far*, Four Person, Curated by Ileana Fuentes Miami, FL
- Kreft Center for the Arts, International Juried, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Juror: Wilkinson, Curator, 20th Century Art, Detroit Institute for the Arts
- Arts on Main, Regional Juried, Shelbyville, Kentucky; Juror: Julien Robson, Curator of Contemporary Art, The Speed Art Museum, Louisville
- Artswatch, Invitational, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1999 Ashland Community College, Invitational, Ashland, Kentucky
- Alexandria Museum of Art, International Juried, Alexandria, Louisiana; Juror: Beth Handler, Assistant Curator, Museum of Modern Art, NY
- Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, National Juried, New Castle, Pennsylvania
- Mobile Museum of Art, Southeastern Juried, Mobile, Alabama
- Yeiser Art Center, National Juried, Paducah, Kentucky
- 1998 William King Regional Arts Center, *From These Hills*, Regional Juried, Abingdon, Virginia
- Mexic-Arte Museum, One Person, *Diversity & Emergence Series*, Austin, Texas
- ECC Visual and Performing Arts Center Gallery, One Person, Elgin, Illinois
- Saint Xavier University, One Person, Chicago, Illinois
- Painted Bride Art Center, *Crossings*, Four Person, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Transylvania University, Three Person, Lexington, Kentucky
- Mountain Arts Center, Invitational, Prestonsburg, Kentucky

- 1997
- Arts on Main**, Regional Juried, Shelbyville, Kentucky; Juror: Leah Stoddard, Assistant Curator, Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center
- Radford University**, One Person, Radford, Virginia
- Louisiana State University**, One Person, Shreveport, Louisiana
- Coker College**, One Person, Hartsville, South Carolina
- Agnes Scott College**, *Latina Artists: Multiple Visions*, Invitational, Decatur, Georgia
- Rosewood Arts Center**, Two Person, Kettering, Ohio
- 1996
- Capitol Art Alliance**, Invitational, Bowling Green, Kentucky
- The Arts Exchange**, One Person, Atlanta, Georgia (During Olympics)
- New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art**, One Person, Indiana
- Moreau Gallery: Saint Mary's College**, One Person, Notre Dame, Indiana
- Berea College**, One Person, Berea, Kentucky
- Indianapolis Art Center**, Two Person, Indianapolis, Indiana
- RCCA: The Arts Center**, Three Person, Troy, New York
- Heike Pickett Gallery**, Three Person, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1995
- Artspace**, One Person, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Urban Institute for Contemporary Art**, Three Person, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- Spaces**, *Cultural Connections: Explorations of Transcultural Identity*, Cleveland, Ohio
- ACME ART CO.**, Two Person, Columbus, Ohio
- University of Pittsburgh**, Two Person, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- Buckham Gallery**, Four Person, Flint, Michigan
- Louisville Visual Art Association**, Regional Juried, Louisville, Kentucky
- 1994
- Artists' Alliance**, One Person, Lafayette, Louisiana
- Carnegie Arts Center**, One Person, Covington, Kentucky

The Painted Bride Art Center, *Totems and Other Structures*,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

C.A.G.E., Group Exhibit, Cincinnati, Ohio

Ohio State University, *Hispanic Women*, Three Person,
Columbus, Ohio

University of Maryland's Albin O. Kuhn Gallery, *Her Hands*,
Baltimore, Maryland

1993

The Cuban Museum of Arts and Culture, *Cubana*, Curated Exhibit,
Miami, Florida

Morehead State University, One Person, Morehead, Kentucky

Indiana State University, Four Person, Terre Haute, Indiana

1992

Capitol Arts Center, Two Person, Bowling Green, Kentucky

Louisville Visual Art Association, Regional Juried, Louisville, Kentucky

Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, Regional Juried, Athens, Ohio

Transylvania University, *Book+: A Curated Exhibition of Emerging Artists*,
Lexington, Kentucky

Ohio University, Two Person, Athens, Ohio

1991

Ohio State University, *OU@OSU*, Juried, Columbus, Ohio

Ohio University, *Alternatives '91*, National Juried, Athens, Ohio;
Juror: Carrie Mae Weems, Internationally recognized artist

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS:

2024

Kentucky Arts Council, Panelist in *Artists to Know: Celebrating Women's (Art)Work* Webinar, March 27, 2024,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79LqbUs6jng>

2022

Speed Art Museum, *Global Appalachia Symposium, International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art (IKT) Congress*, Artist Presentation,
Louisville, Kentucky

2021

Morehead State University, *Justice Festival*, Art Display and Artist
Presentation, Morehead, Kentucky

2019

KMAC Museum, *Triennial*, Artist Talk and Conversation, Louisville,
Kentucky

- 2017 **KMAC Museum**, *Triennial*, Lightning Round Artist Talks, Louisville, Kentucky
- 2016 **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum**, *ArtPrize: Education Days, Paper Sculpture Workshops*, Grand Rapids, Michigan
- 2015 **William King Art Museum**, *Gallery Presentation, Homecoming Feastival: A Celebration of Appalachian Creativity*, Abingdon, Virginia
- 2013 **Floyd County Schools**, *Plaster Sculpture Workshop*, Jenny Wiley Convention Center, Kentucky
- 2012 **Kentucky Arts Council: Lyric Theater & Cultural Center**, Gallery Talk, Lexington, Kentucky
- 2009 **Ohio University**, Graduate Studio Visits, Athens, Ohio
- 2007 **Huntington Museum of Art**, *Slide Jam!: What is Your Obsession?*, West Virginia
- 2005 **Pittsburgh Center for the Arts**, *Fiberarts Forum*, Pennsylvania
- 1998 **Morehead State University**, *Interdisciplinary Appalachian Cultural Studies Conference*, Kentucky
- 1997 **ECC Visual and Performing Arts Center Gallery**, Elgin, Illinois
- 1996 **Saint Xavier University**, Chicago, Illinois
- 1995 **Agnes Scott College**, Decatur, Georgia
- 1994 **Radford University**, Radford, Virginia
- 1993 **Heike Pickett Gallery**, Museum Docent Tour, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1992 **Saint Mary's College**, Notre Dame, Indiana
- 1991 **Berea College**, Kentucky
- 1990 **University of Kentucky**, Lexington, Kentucky
- 1989 **University of Pittsburgh**, Pennsylvania
- 1988 **Artspace**, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 1987 **Wesleyan College**, Visiting Artist 2-Day Installation Workshop, Macon, Georgia
- 1986 **Artists Alliance**, Lafayette, Louisiana

1993

Indiana State University, *Questions of Identity/Second Thoughts* Visiting Artists/Scholars Series, Terre Haute, Indiana

SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Kentucky Arts Council, Panelist in *Artists to Know: Celebrating Women's (Art)Work* Webinar, March 27, 2024, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=79LqbUs6jng>

Kentucky Life segment, KET/PBS documentary, premiered March 23, 2024, Season 29, Episode 8, <https://ket.org/program/kentucky-life/disc-golf-livestock-trail-of-tears-pow-wow-and-more/>

Quién(es) Rompe(n) Hacen Las Piñatas?, Editor José Daniel Picado-García, MADC: Museo de Arte y Diseño Contemporáneo, San José, Costa Rica August 2022; Chapter 6, pp. 50-59

Global Appalachia Symposium, International Association of Curators of Contemporary Art (IKT) Congress, Artist Presentation Recording, Speed Art Museum, Louisville, Kentucky <https://www.iktsite.org/symposium>

Piñatas y Carnaval: entretejando la tradición - Arte Contemporáneo: Artistas que Trabajan Habitualmente con Piñatas Repositorio de Artistas by María Camba, Madrid, Spain; sponsored by El Gobierno de España's Ministerio de Cultura y Deporte <https://pinatasycarnaval.es/repositorio/artistas>

Kentucky Arts Council Video Catalog, Our Kentucky Home/Nuestro hogar Kentucky, December 2021, color image <http://artscouncil.ky.gov/KAC/Showcasing/exhibits-006-our-kentucky-home-hispanic-latin-american-visual-art.htm>

Under Main Magazine, "Processing the Pandemic: A Studio Visit with Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido," Interview with Miriam Kienle, September 8, 2021, <https://undermain.art/visual-arts/processing-the-pandemic-a-studio-visit-with-elizabeth-mesa-gaido/>

Ruckus, "Speaking: Elizabeth Mesa-Gaido," Interview with Anna Blake, November 2020, <https://ruckuslouisville.com/SPEAKING-Elizabeth-Mesa-Gaido>

Somewhere Appalachia, color image, <https://www.somewhereappalachia.org/arts>

Nowhere Everywhere Exhibition Catalog, The Cambridge School of Weston, Weston, Massachusetts, April 2016

Intertwined: Contemporary Southeastern Fiber Art Exhibition Catalog, Southeast Fiber Arts Alliance, Atlanta, Georgia, March 2015, 2 color images

Artsnow, "Review 'Contemporary South' at VAE," January 2015 <http://artsnownc.com/2014/12/29/review-contemporary-south-vae/>

Combined Talents: The Florida International Exhibition Catalog, FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, Florida, September 2014, 2 color images

***Surface Design Journal: Latin American Fibers Issue*, Surface Design Association, Volume 38, Number 1, p.3 & pp. 66-67, Fall 2013, includes 8 color images**

Bound, The Women's Caucus for Art, Juror Cora Rosevear, Associate Curator of Painting & Sculpture at the MoMA, p. 2, 2013, includes color image

Focus: Fiber, Exhibition Catalog, The Cleveland Museum of Art, p.23, 2012, includes 2 color images

56th Mid-States Exhibition Catalog, Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science, p. 8, 2012, color image

Art After Cuba Exhibition Catalog, The Rowan County Arts Center, 2012, includes 6 color images

Focus: Fiber Exhibition Catalog, The Cleveland Museum of Art, pp. 36-37, 2008, includes 3 color images

Fiberart International, Fiber Arts Guild of Pittsburgh, Inc., p.59, 2007, includes color image

Combined Talents: The Florida International Exhibition Catalog, FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, Florida, September 2007, 2 color images

Lexington Herald-Leader, "Couples Designing...", Lexington, Kentucky, February 11, 2007, includes color image

Lexington Herald-Leader, "More Than Meets the Eye," Lexington, Kentucky, Section E, p.5, January 28, 2007, includes color image

MA thesis in Comparative Literature, John Ribo, University of North Carolina: Chapel Hill, Chapter 4, 15 pages, 2006, includes 5 color images

Combined Talents: The Florida International Exhibition Catalog, FSU Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, Florida, September 2006, color image

Asociacion Encuentro de la Cultura Cubana (Spain), Article by Ileana Fuentes, Miami, September 22, 2005

***Dinosaurs of Distinction: The Art of Dinomite Days*, Austin, Phillips & Denmarsh, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Broudy Printing Inc., p. 30, 2003, includes two color images**

Carnegie Museum of Natural History Website, www.dinomitedays.org/designs/mesae.htm, includes one color image

Auction Catalog, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, p. 105, 2003, color image

Dinomite Days Poster, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, 2003, color image (only 1/3 of sculptures were reproduced on poster)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Section G, p.11, July 27, 2003

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Section B, p.1, June 20, 2003, color image

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