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## Education

- 2016 MFA in Fiber and Material Studies, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL  
2014 BFA in Painting with a Minor in Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Pu\$h Thru*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)  
2024 *La Juala de Oro*, Museo de Arte de Zapopan, Guadalajara, MX  
2023 *Dreaming of You*, The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT  
2022 *What a Time to Be*, The Momentary, Crystal Bridges, Bentonville, AR  
2021 *Monochromatic Dreams*, Law Warschaw Gallery, Saint Paul, MN  
2020 *Monochromatic Dreams*, MASS Gallery, Austin, TX  
2019 *A Part of US*, GEARY Contemporary, New York, NY  
*High Maintenance*, Tube Factory, Indianapolis, IN  
2018 *Pastillage*, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*High Maintenance*, Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN  
2017 *High Maintenance*, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL; curated by Janine Mileaf  
*The Politics of Desire*, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *Los Encuentros*, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX  
*Family Texture: The Fibers of Childhood and Home*, John Michael Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI  
2024 *Contemporary Ex-Votos: Devotion Beyond Medium*, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL  
*Fragile Figures: Beings and Time*, 21C Hotels, Bentonville, AK  
*Something Beautiful: Reframing La Colección*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY  
(*Untitled #42*), Koplin Del Rio, Los Angeles, CA  
*Historias/Histories*, Christie's, New York, NY  
*Provócame*, Charlie James, Los Angeles, CA  
2023 *Funk You Too!: Humor and Irreverence in Modern and Contemporary Ceramic Sculpture*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
*Tender Loving Care: Contemporary Art from the Collections*, The Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA  
*Fragile Figures: Beings and Time*, 21C Hotels, Louisville, KY  
2022 *Infinite Scroll*, The Ranch, Montauk, NY  
*Contemporary Ex Votos*, NMSU Art Museum, Las Cruces, NM  
*The Ecstasy of Saint Britney*, Ceysson & Bénétière, New York, NY  
*Skin in the Game*, Chicago, IL; curated by Zoe Lukov  
*EXPO Chicago: Pablo's Birthday*, Chicago, IL

- 2021 *A Walk in the Park*, Mindy Solomon Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Liberatory Adornment*, Flaten Art Museum at St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN  
*Felix Art Fair*, Residency Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*The New Contemporaries Vol 2*, Residency Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

### **Selected Group Exhibitions (cont.)**

- Estamos Bien: La Trienal 20/21*, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY  
*Exotify Elsewhere*, Marthas Contemporary, Austin, TX  
*LatinX American*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *UNTITLED Art Fair*, Selenas Mountain, New York, NY  
*Material Intimacies*, NXTHVN, New Haven, CT  
*Endlessly Dreaming*, NADA Chicago, Everybody Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Sleight of Hand*, Center for Craft, Asheville, NC  
*Fair Vanity*, Summertime Gallery, Slominski Projects, New York, NY  
*Architectural Matters*, Fashion Outlets of Chicago, Rosemont, IL; curated by Jolie Rodrigues Widholm  
*Xicanx: New Visions*, Centro De Artes, San Antonio, TX  
*Separation Anxiety*, University of Illinois, Chicago, IL  
*Well Healed*, HF Johnson Gallery of Art at Carthage College, Kenosha, WI
- 2019 *Five x Five*, Southwest School of Art, San Antonio, TX  
*Human Nature*, The Pit, Glendale, CA; curated by Jaime Muñoz  
*A Record of Memory*, The New Harmony Gallery University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, IN  
*Mana Decentralized*, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ  
*The Salon at the Wing*, The Wing, Chicago, IL; curated by Lolita Cros  
*Dream Wavers*, STNDRD, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA  
*The world can never be exactly what you want it to be*, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Softer but Louder*, GEARY Contemporary, New York, NY  
*Art Design Chicago Booth*, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Local Comfort*, LVL 3, Chicago, IL  
*Late August Early September*, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL  
*Living Architecture*, Art Design Chicago, 6018North, Chicago, IL  
*Reinterpreting Religion*, Ukraine Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL  
*The Chicago Show*, The Chicago Imagists, Brooklyn, NY  
*Out of Easy Reach*, DePaul Art Museum, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL  
*A Universal History of Infamy*, Charles White Gallery, LACMA, Los Angeles, CA  
*Barrier*, ALSO Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 *The Terrain Biennial*, Terrain Exhibitions, Oak Park, IL  
*Bold Disobedience*, Weinberg/Newton Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*The Petty Biennial*, The Arts Incubator at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Memoria Presente: An Artistic Journey*, The National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL  
*Luscious Saturn*, Roots and Culture, Chicago, IL  
*50 x 50 Invitational*, The Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Preview 6*, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL  
*Nepantla: Spaces of Transformation*, Lady Base Gallery, San Antonio, TX  
*Tastemakers & Earthshakers*, Vincent Price Art Museum, Monterey Park, CA  
*SAIC Booth*, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*MFA Thesis Show*, Sullivan Gallery, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Brown Profile*, Benton House, IUPLR, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *SAIC Booth*, EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Borderline Visual Art*, Eberhard Center, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Layered Cities*, Kriti Gallery, Varanasi, India
- 2014 *BFA Thesis Exhibition*, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL

## Performances

- 2020 *Lit and Lutz Festival*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Lit and Lutz Festival*, Museo Universitario del Chopo, UNAM, Mexico City, MX
- 2016 *Official Unofficial Voting Station*, Jane Adams Hull-House Museum, Chicago, IL; performance in collaboration with Aram Han Sifuentes
- 2015 *Coco Rocho*, Kriti Gallery, Varanasi, India

## Grants & Fellowships

- 2018 MAKER Grant, The Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL  
The Money for Women, Barbara Deming Memorial Fund Inc., Bearsville, NY  
Emergency Grant, The Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 House Florence M. Scholarship Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL

## Awards and Residencies

- 2023 Cerámica Suro, Ceramic Residency, Guadalajara, MX
- 2022 Artist Residency, NMSU Art Museum, Las Cruces, NM
- 2021 Individual Artist Program Grant, DCASE, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Finalist, Artadia Awards Chicago, Artadia, New York, NY
- 2019 Emerging Legacy Award, The College of Fine and Applied Arts, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL  
Visiting Artist Residency Program, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Art Ambassador, Art Design Chicago, Terra Foundation for Contemporary Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Make a Wave, 3Arts, Chicago, IL  
The Fountainhead Residency, curated by Jose Carlos Diaz, Miami, FL  
ACRE Artist Residency, Diversity Scholarship, Steuben, WI
- 2016 BOLT Residency, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Incentive Scholarship, The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Brand-Boeshaar Scholarship, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, IA

## Teaching

- 2021 *Lecturer in Ceramics*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Cultural Liaison*, Arts and Culture Unit, Chicago Parks District, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Off-Site Art Educator Coordinator*, The National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL  
*Teaching Artist*, The Frida Kahlo Community Organization, Pilsen, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Teaching Assistant, Fiber and Material Studies*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Teaching Artist*, SkyART, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Teaching Artist*, Elevarte Community Studio, Pilsen, Chicago, IL

## Lectures, Visiting Artist, & Workshops

- 2024 *Virtual Artist Talk: Yvette Mayorga and Meredith Martin*, the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, Ridgefield, CT
- 2023 *Podcast, A Conversation with Yvette Mayorga*, Cerebral Women
- 2021 *Lecture, La Trienal Talks-CRAFT*, moderated by Susanna V. Temkin, El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY  
*Lecture, CAKE CAKE CAKE: Baking as Resistance*, moderated by Angelik Vizcarrondo-Laboy, The Center for Craft, Asheville, NC  
*Lecture, Reflections on Race & Landscape*, Latitude, Chicago, IL  
*Lecturer in Ceramics*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

- 2020 *Lecture, Radical Rococo: Pink as a Weapon of Mass Destruction*, moderated by Dr. Jillian Hernandez, The Law Warschaw Gallery, Saint Paul, MN  
*Lecture, Mex Talks Makers*, Latinos Progresando, Chicago, IL  
*Lecture, A Spoonful of Sugar: Yvette Mayorga's Anti-Monuments*, moderated by Robert Cozzolino, Patrick and Aimee Butler, Curator of Paintings at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Warschaw Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2019 *Lecture, Black Girl Genius Week*, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL  
*Lecture, Addressing Race*, One State Conference Illinois Arts Council, Galesburg, IL  
*Workshop, Family Day*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Visiting Artist*, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Champaign, IL  
*Cultural Liaison*, Art and Culture Unit, Chicago Park District, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Workshop, End Deportations*, Teaching Artist Summit, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
*Workshop, Family Day*, The Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
*Visiting Artist*, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, IL
- 2017 *Visiting Artist*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Lecture, SOHO House*, moderated by José Carlos Diaz, Andy Warhol Museum, Miami, FL  
*Teaching Artist*, The Frieda Kahlo Community Organization, Chicago, IL  
*Off-Site Art Educator Coordinator*, The National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Teaching Assistant, Fiber and Material Studies*, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Lecture, "Do Not Cross,"* The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Teaching Artist*, SkyART, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Teaching Artist*, Elevarte Community Studio, Chicago, IL

## Public Work

- 2025 *Times Square Arts Commission*, New York, NY (*forthcoming*)
- 2023 *Artist Project*, Public Art Fund, New York, NY
- 2021-23 *Terminal 5 Expansion Project at O'Hare International Airport*, The Other Side/El Otro Lado, Public Permanent Artwork Commission, curated by Ionit Behar and Andrew Schachman, DCASE, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Meet Me at the Green Clock*, Public Installation Commission, St. Jane Hotel, Chicago, IL; curated by Johalla Projects
- 2019 *Dreaming of a Dream*, 29ROOMS, Chicago, IL; Dallas, TX; Atlanta, GA; D.C; Los Angeles, CA; New York, NY; Toronto, CA  
+MAS Art, Public Installation Commission, Maxwell Street Market, DCASE, Chicago, IL

## Publications

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- 2021 *Monochromatic Dreams*, Law Warschaw Gallery, Saint Paul, MN  
*Estamos Bien: La Trienal 20/21*, El Museo del Barrion, New York, NY  
*Yvette Mayorga: From Consumer Culture to the Promise of New Beginnings*, Law Warschaw Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2020 *Material Intimacies*, NXTHVN, New Haven, CT  
*Sleight of Hand*, Center for Craft, Asheville, NC
- 2018 *Out of Easy Reach*, DePaul Art Museum, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL  
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- Urist, Jacoba. "Meet the 5 Women Artists Who Own New York This September," Cultured. September 7
- "Art 50 2023: Chicago's Artists' Artists," Newcity Art. September 5
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### **Selected Collections**

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Cerámica Suro, Guadalajara, MX

The City of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR

DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL

El Museo del Barrio, New York, NY

Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Chicago, IL

The Museum of Fine Arts Boston, Boston, MA

The New Mexico State University Art Museum, Las Cruces, NM