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EDUCATION

2016 Bachelors of Arts in Art Studio from the University of New Mexico

PUBLIC ART AND MURAL COMMISSIONS

2021 *Care*, Lowe's Home Improvement Albuquerque New Mexico
Outdoor Mural as part of the "Lowe's 100 Murals Project"

Hive, Kennedy Heights Art Center, Cincinnati, OH
Permanent outdoor mosaic sculpture in collaboration with Will Geusz

2020 *Nuestras Voces Son Sus Voces*, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent outdoor mural in collaboration with Nazario Wemfer, organized by Secret Gallery

Cambio, Mesa Verde Park, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent outdoor mosaic bench, made in collaboration with Ryan Henel, and the Apprenticeship for Arts & Social Justice

2019 *Unidos*, Mesa Verde Park, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent outdoor steel sculpture, made in collaboration with Ryan Henel, and the Apprenticeship for Arts & Social Justice

Breaking Borders, National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent outdoor mural, made in collaboration with the "Voces" youth group

Nexus Blue Mosaics, Nexus Tap Room South Broadway, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent indoor & outdoor ceramic mosaics

Connected Ecosystems, Animal Care Center, Albuquerque, NM
Indoor mural, made in collaboration with Garfield and Hayes Middle School students

2018 *Collective Fragments*, Mesa Verde Community Center, Albuquerque, NM
Mural in collaboration with Adelina Cruz with Garfield and Hayes Middle School students

Migrations, Trumbull Village Art Parklet, Albuquerque, NM
Outdoor acrylic mural, made in collaboration with Artful Life's International District Youth Team

They Are Us and We Are Them, Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, NM
Acrylic on mirror, made for Burque Noirs' event *Making Africa*

My Albuquerque, The Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, NM
Collaborative mosaic, made in partnership with Catholic Charities

2016 *Alma Mater*, University of New Mexico Student Union Building, Albuquerque, NM
Permanent outdoor ceramic mosaic mural, made in collaboration with the ASUNM Arts and Crafts Studio

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Fragility, Secret Gallery , Albuquerque, NM
- 2020 *Soft*, the Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2019 *Body Memory*, Red Door Brewing Downtown, Albuquerque, NM
Plates Against Patriarchy, The Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2018 *Resilience*, Patrician Design, Albuquerque, NM

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *of shoes and ships and sealing wax*, Matrix Fine Art Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Altar, Secret Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Cuerpo, Secret Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2020 *Polycephaly* Sanitary Tortilla Factory, Albuquerque, NM
Reset : birds+ Richard, Albuquerque, NM
- 2019 *Altar*, Secret Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
Remnants, OT Circus, Albuquerque, NM
Lady's Club: A Room For One's Own: birds + Richard, Berlin, Germany
Passages, Open Space Visitor's Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2018 *Box*, Santa Fe, NM
Passages Pauses and Pulses, The CFA Downtown Studio, Albuquerque, NM
Surface: Emerging Artists of New Mexico, The Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2017 *What Becomes*, Sanitary Tortilla Factory, Albuquerque, NM

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020-Present The Harwood Art Center, Associate Director of Opportunity,
Albuquerque, NM
- 2021 Secrete Gallery, Guest Curator, Albuquerque, NM
- 2015-2019 Patrician Design, Gallery Manager & Co-Curator, Albuquerque, NM

COMMUNITY ARTS AND TEACHING

- 2019-present The Harwood Art Center, Arts & Social Justice Apprenticeship, Lead Artist,
Albuquerque, NM

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| 2018-present | The Albuquerque Museum Board of Trustees, Vice Chair Albuquerque, NM |
| 2020-present | 516 Arts, Albuquerque NM Governing Board Treasure, Albuquerque, NM |
| 2021 | Kennedy Heights Art Center, Community Engaged Artist in Residence, Cincinnati, OH |
| 2019-2020 | OFFCenter Arts, Programs Manager, Albuquerque, NM |
| 2017-2018 | Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Art Street, Mentoring Artist in Residence, Albuquerque, NM |
| 2018 | Artful Life, International District Youth Team Coordinator Albuquerque, NM |
| 2012-2017 | The Mayor's Art Institute, Lead Apprentice, Albuquerque, NM |
| 2017 | CasaQ, Teaching Artist, Albuquerque, NM |
| 2014-2016 | Associated Students of the University of New Mexico, Arts and Crafts Studio, Executive Director, Albuquerque, NM |

AWARDS

- 2021 Gateway Fund Albuquerque Edition, supports emerging BIPOC artists, designers, activists, and public intellectuals, Mitchell Squier Albuquerque, NM
- 2018 Makeshift Grant Project, Albuquerque Downtown Arts and Cultural District, Albuquerque, NM
- Shine Award, Women and Creativity, Albuquerque, NM
- Reggie Gammon Memorial Award, The Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 "The Place Where Your Heart Is" Public art celebrates community in Albuquerque's International District. Article by Karie Luidens, South Westness Society & Culture Website, September 2021
- Bodies//Boundaries Southwest Contemporary Magazine, Feature, Spring 2021 Issue
- 2020 "Belly Up" Harwood exhibition ode to tummies of all shapes and sizes. Article By Kathleen Roberts, *Albuquerque Journal*, October 18, 2020
- 2019 "Changing the narrative: Artist unite to create 'Plates Against patriarchy' at Harwood Art Center," Article by Kathleen Roberts, *Albuquerque Journal*, September 1, 2019

“Through the Fire” Ceramics show draws parallels between women and clay,” Article by Alisa Valdez, *the Alibi*, February 7, 2019

““Recycled Heart”” Artist’s portraits aims to dismantle invisibility of homelessness,” Article by Kathleen Roberts, *Albuquerque Journal*, January 27, 2019

2018 “Rising stars shine in emerging artist show,” Review by Wesley Pulka, *Albuquerque Journal*, July 8, 2018

“Women of Radiance, Celebrating impact and community” Article by David Sanchez *Edible Magazine*, Women and Food Issue, May 30, 2018

PUBLIC SPEAKING

2020 “Soft” Artist Talk , The Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM

“For the Record: Albuquerque Artists During COVID-19” Local Origination Channel 26 Albuquerque, NM.

“Episode 4: Helen Atkins Painter, Ceramicist, Art, Educator, and Activist” High School Daze podcast

“Hidden Histories,” Artist Talk, History Festival, National Hispanic Cultural Center Albuquerque, NM

2019 “Exploring Identity Through Art” *Bi-Racial Unicorns* podcast

“Plates Against Patriarchy,” Artist Talk, The Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM