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Personal Information

Born: 1962 El Paso, TX

Education

1991 M.F.A. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

1986 B.F.A. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

Teaching Experience

Present Adjunct Faculty, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

2001-09 Arizona Artist Roster, Arizona Commission for the Arts, Teaching Artist in the state of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ

1989-91 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Art Department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Selected Solo Exhibitions

2010 *A Constant Vital Commotion*, Visual Arts Gallery, Central Arizona College Coolidge, AZ

2009 *A Constant Vital Commotion*, New Works, Eric Fischl Gallery, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

2007 *Mental Concoctions*, eye lounge, A Contemporary Art Space, Phoenix, AZ

2006 *Relationship: the ebb and flow*, Fala Collections, Tucson, AZ

2005 *Relationships: the ebb and flow*, eye lounge, A Contemporary Art Space, Phoenix, AZ

2004 *The World Stage, a play in finite acts*, @ Central Gallery, Burton Barr Library, Phoenix, AZ

2001 *Wu Li Works*, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA

1998 *élan vital*, New Directions Gallery, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale AZ (gallery talk)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2011 *What Goes On and What Takes Place* (4-person exhibition), Modified Arts, Phoenix, AZ

2010 *Converging Trajectories: Crossing Borders to Build Bridges*, Modified Arts, Phoenix AZ

2009 *2D Faculty Exhibition (Fall)*, Phoenix College, Phoenix AZ

602/480/623: Locals Only, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix AZ

Arizona Biennial '09, Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson AZ

Outsiders Within: Contemporary Work from Regional Latina/o and Native American Artists, Tempe Center for the Arts, Tempe, AZ

Faculty Exhibit (Spring), Phoenix College, Phoenix AZ

2008 *Wheels and Ink*, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ

Faculty Exhibit, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

3rd Annual Human Rights Exhibition, 2008 Juried Traveling Show, South Texas College,

University of Texas Pan American, McAllen, TX

Progresso Art Gallery, Progresso, MX

Universidad de Monterrey, Monterrey, MX

2007 *Faculty Exhibit*, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

Art Five, a five state regional invitational, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (purchased 3 works)

El Camino del Movimiento: Early to Recent Works

Reflecting an Artist's Journey, Estrella Community College, Avondale, AZ (juried)

Art Detour, eye lounge Art Space, Phoenix, AZ

2005 *Faculty Group Exhibition*, Phoenix College, Phoenix, AZ

Place, eye lounge, a contemporary art space, Phoenix AZ

eye lounge-Selected Artists, May Clinic Hospital, Scottsdale, AZ (invitational)

Art Detour, eye lounge, a contemporary art space, Phoenix, AZ

2005 *Trading Voices*, Arizona/Colorado Juried Exhibition,

Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Arvada CO

Ten, @ Central Gallery, Burton Barr Central Library,

Phoenix, AZ (invitational)

Art Detour, eye lounge, a contemporary art space, Phoenix, AZ

Flood, The Icehouse, Phoenix, AZ (invitational)

2004 *Martinez, Munoz, Reveles, and Romero: Current Work by UTEP Graduates*, Invitational, L Gallery,

University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX (gallery talk)

Chicano Art for Our Millennium, Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa, AZ (traveling nationally and internationally)

- Surface Appeal*, Juried Exhibition, Steele Pavillion Gallery, Herberger Theater Center, Phoenix, AZ
Latina/o Annual Art Auction, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (invitational)
Traditions, Boundaries and Cross Currents, a showcase for Contemporary Latin American Artists,
Dinnerware Contemporary Arts, Tucson, AZ
7th Annual Arlink Juried Exhibition, Sixth Street Studios, Phoenix, AZ (juror's award)
- 2003 *Peaceable Kingdom Invitational Exhibition*, Steele Pavilion Gallery, Herberger Theater Center, Phoenix, AZ
First Annual Latina/o Art Auction and Symposia, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2002 *Gush, Contemporary Abstract Paintings*, @Central Gallery-Burton Barr Central Library, Phoenix AZ
Annual National Juried Exhibition, Dinnerware Contemporary Art Gallery, Tucson, AZ
Annual Print Exhibition, Northern Arizona State University, Flagstaff, AZ
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
King Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2001 Pima Community College Art Gallery (three-person exhibition), Tucson, AZ
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
King Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2000 atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Art from the Heart 2000, Phoenix City Hall, Grand Atrium, Phoenix, AZ
The Millennium Show, The New Art, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
- 1999 *Miniatures*, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
99 Cups, Galeria Mesa, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Vessels, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Adair Margo Gallery, El Paso, TX
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Arizona Aqueous XIV, Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ
- 1998 *Art From the Heart 98*, Cultural Exchange Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Gallery 10, Santa Fe, NM
Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1997 *M.A.R.S. Annual Blu-Lite Invitational Exhibition*, Mars Artspace, Phoenix, AZ
La Phoenixera XVII, Juried Art Exhibition, Mars
Artspace, Phoenix, AZ
Gallery 10, Santa Fe, NM
Woman in the Visual Arts-1997, 11th Annual International Competition, Erector Square Gallery, New Haven CT
Hispanic Artist of the Southwest, Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
7th Biennial, Seven State Juried Exhibition,
Dinnerware Contemporary Art Gallery, Tucson, AZ
- 1996 Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
Neighbors in the Desert, Southwestern Cultural Perspective in Contemporary Art, Sedona Art Center, Sedona, AZ
Form and Metaphor, A National Art Exhibition, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, NM
Art Zone, A Regional Art Exhibition, Singer Gallery, Denver, CO (first place cash award)
Graythorne Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1995 Graythorne Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Here and Now: Arizona Contemporary Artist, Arizona State University Art Museum, Nelson Fine Arts
Center, Tempe, AZ
La Phoenixera XV, Juried Art Exhibition, Mars Artspace, Phoenix, AZ
- 1992 *Seventeenth Annual National Invitational Drawing Exhibition*, Emporia State University, Emporia, KS
National Drawing Competition, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT (purchase award)
Close to the Border, A Biennial Exhibition, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (purchase award)
- 1991 *Metaphorical Journey*, Graduate Thesis Exhibition, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Latina and Native American Women's Exhibition, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center and Locust Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 1990 Invitational Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts Gallery, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX
Juried Art Exhibition, University Art Gallery, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (cash award)
- 1989 *From the Center*, Corbett Center Gallery, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Graduate Drawing Competition, A National Exhibition, Allen Priebe Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WS
El Paso Arts Alliance, El Paso, TX
- 1988 Juried Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts Gallery,
University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX (cash award)
- 1987 *Works on Paper*, Lincoln Arts Cultural Center, El Paso, TX
Juntos '87, Annual Juried Art Exhibition, El Paso, TX
Juried Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX (cash award)
- 1986 *Juntos '86*, Annual Juried Art Exhibition, El Paso, TX
Two of a Kind, Graduating Exhibition, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

Grants, Awards, Commissions

- 2008 Limited Edition Ink Jet Print, The Institute for Latino Studies, University of Norte Dame in partnership with Consejo Nacional de Talleres Graphics and Segura Publishing, Tempe, AZ
- 2003 Phoenix Municipal Court Print Collection, Juried Public Art Program, Phoenix Arts Commission (Purchase Award), Phoenix, AZ
- 2000 Limited Edition Lithograph, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, A (Segura Publishing)
- 1997 Created artwork for publicity for Fiesta '99, Hispanic League of the Piedmont Triad, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1995 Created artwork for the announcement and poster for the El Paso Pro Musica International Chamber Music Festival, El Paso, TX
- 1987 Cash Award for design of poster for the National Hispanic Association of Rhode Island, Providence, RI

Select Bibliography

- 2009 *602/480/623: Locals Only*, Exhibition Catalogue, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ
Jennifer McClellan, *Artist shows her thoughts through bold lines, colors*, The Phoenix Republic, p.18, October 2009, Phoenix, AZ
Georgann Yara, 'Outsiders Within' art exhibit helps dispose of labels, Tempe Republic, June 2009, Tempe, AZ
Ruben Hernandez, *Mind Matters, Artist combines intellect, image in her works of art*, Latino Perspective Magazine, March 2009, Phoenix AZ
- 2008 *Sex Trafficking Conference and Human Rights*, Art Exhibition Catalogue, South Texas College, McAllen TX
National Obesity Design Project, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (Segura Press)
- 2007 *Art Five, a five state regional invitational*, Exhibition Catalogue, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (Andy Warhol Foundation)
Triumph of Our Communities, DVD, Bilingual Press/Editorial Bilingue. Tempe, AZ
eye lounge- a contemporary art space inaugural member artists catalog, Phoenix AZ
Forrest Martin, *Another Mental Concoction*, Phoenix Downtown, February Cover, Phoenix, AZ Feb. 2007
- 2005 *Triumph of Our Communities, Four Decades of Mexican American Art*, Bilingual Press/Editorial Bilingue. Tempe, AZ
Bilingual Review Press, Latin American Literary Review Press, Fall and Winter Catalog 2005, Bilingual Press, Hispanic Research Center, Tempe, AZ (cover)
Roberta Burnett, *Photo installation is about 'having an experience'*, The Arizona Republic, p.3 October 22, Phoenix, AZ
Forrest Martin, *Enlightenment at One's Fingertip*, Phoenix Downtown, May, p.6&7, Phoenix AZ
- 2004 *El Paso Empowerment Zone, Annual Report, 2004*, El Paso, TX (cover)
Chicano Art for our Millennium, Collected works from the Arizona State University Community, Bilingual Press/Editorial Bilingue, Tempe, AZ
Rubin's ready, El Paso Times, September 19, Living, 1F, El Paso, TX
Ernest McIntyre, *Artwork Captures World's Sins and Virtues*, The Arizona Republic, p.7, April 4, 2004, Phoenix, AZ
Forrest Martin, *World Stage, a play in finite Acts*, Phoenix Downtown, January cover, Phoenix, AZ
Ramon Renteria, *Artista Latina*, El Paso Times, January 10, Living 1D, El Paso, TX
- 2002 *Contemporary Chicana and Chicano Art, artist, works, culture, and education*, Volumes I and II, Bilingual Press, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- 2001 *Flights of Fancy*, America West Magazine, August, Volume 18, Number 6, p.18, Tempe, AZ
- 1998 Debra L. Hopkins, "élan vital. Drawings and Paintings by Monica Aissa Martinez." Curator's essay, New Dimensions Gallery, Scottsdale Cultural Arts Center, Scottsdale, AZ, May 1995.
Pardon my French, City AZ, Volume 1, No. 4, summer, p.101, Phoenix, AZ
- 1996 Linda A. McAllister, *Here and Now; Arizona Contemporary Artist's, Part 1*, curator's essay, Nelson Fine Arts Center, Arizona State University, Tempe AZ September 1996

Permanent and Private Collections

New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM (4 works)
Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ (2 works)
Arizona State University, Hispanic Research Center, Tempe, AZ
City of Phoenix, Municipal Court House, AZ
City of Glendale, AZ
Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Robin Dumas, CA
Deborah Gorman, NM

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Art Kalleres, IN
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Ray and Pat Gardea, NC
Dennis and Linda Smith, AZ
Ron and Michele Nelson, AZ
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Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Maryellen Brannon, AZ
Ron and Sue Gillette, AZ
Dr. and Mrs. William and Eleanor Hoffman, AZ
Beverly Brandt, AZ
J.R. and Nancy Roth, NC
Brett Goldfarb, WA
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Kathy Taylor, AZ
Ed and Jone Murray, WA
Andrew and Marion Conti, AZ
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Mark and Laura Peterson, WA
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Susan Barth, CA
Gary and Mary Keller, AZ
Thomas Keller, AZ
Shawn Keller, AZ
Gilberto Cardenas, IN
Ruben Valdez, MD and Sally Valdez, AZ
Forrest Martin, AZ
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Christy Puetz, AZ
Bryn Bulkley, AZ
Elisa and Roberto Martinez, TX
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Leezie Kim and Gary Restaino, AZ
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