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EDUCATION

- 2025–2027 M.A., Art Education (expected)
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Recipient, New Artist's Society Scholarship
- 2022 B.F.A., Studio Art
New York University, New York, NY
3.79 GPA, cum laude

EXHIBITIONS

*denotes group exhibition

- 2026 [*Right to Assemble*](#), the Center on Addison, (Chicago, IL)*
- 2025 *Utopian Pride Flag #3*, Edition of 100 hand-held pride flags for the Town of Wethersfield Pride Festival, (Wethersfield, CT)
- 2024 *In Defense of Black Leisure*, Performance with Noel W Anderson Studios at the 15th Gwangju Biennale, Gwangju Biennale Foundation (Gwangju, South Korea)*
Free Flag Ironing, Performance in Washington Square Park (New York, NY)
A Pre-Utopian Pride Flag Code, featured publication at Printed Matter's booth, Frieze Art Fair New York, The Shed (New York, NY)*
Utopian Pride Flag #16, Three-month-long public installation at 1115 Willoughby Ave. Brooklyn (New York, NY)
- 2023 *Free Ironing*, Recurring performance, Tompkins Square Park (New York, NY)
Free Flag Ironing, Recurring performance, Queer bars (New York, NY)
- 2022 *Will There Really Be a Morning?*, The Commons Gallery (New York, NY)*
Big Bang, Noise Gallery (New York, NY)*
My Video Show, Tanthem Gallery (New York, NY)

PUBLICATIONS & WRITING

- 2025 [*"Tesseract Feminism: Mapping the Fifth 'Wave' with Hyper-Geometry"*](#)
short essay, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Prof. Sarah Ross
- 2024 [*"A Pre-Utopian Pride Flag Code,"*](#) self-published essay, printed at Directangle Press, [distributed by Printed Matter, Inc.](#)
- 2023 *"Conversation With Mia,"* [*You Stir The Pot: Recipes for Change, Volume 1*](#), published by Victoria Manganiello, [distributed by Snake Hair Press](#)
- 2022 [*"Coffee and Anthills,"*](#) self-published collection of short stories and poetry

RESIDENCIES

2024 Directangle Press Artist Residency (Bethlehem, New Hampshire)

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

2026 Joan Flasch Artist's Book Archive, S.A.I.C. (Chicago, IL)

2025 Town of Wethersfield Historical Society (Old Wethersfield, CT)
The Earl of Bushwick (Brooklyn, NY)

2024 Directangle Press (Bethlehem, NH)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2025–Present Teaching Assistant, *S.A.I.C.* – Chicago, IL
Contemporary Practices Department
Performance Department
Printmaking Department

2024–2025 Textile Consultant, *Derek Fordjour Studio* – Bronx, NY

2020–2024 Studio Manager, *Noel W Anderson Studios* – Bronx, NY

2019–2020 Installation Technician, *Real Art Ways* – Hartford, CT

INSTITUTIONAL INSTRUCTION

2022–2024 *New York University, Steinhardt* – New York, NY
Guest Lecturer – Fiber Department
Guest Lecturer – Printmaking Department

AFFILIATIONS

2026–Present Co-Founder, *Alternative Maps Cartography*– Chicago, IL
[Virtual map](#) for [the Chicago Race Riot of 1919 Memorial Project](#) with [Firebird Community Arts](#)

2026–Present Member, Lower Baritone, *Chicago Gay Men's Chorus* – Chicago, IL

2024–Present Co-Chair, *Town of Wethersfield Pride Committee* –
Wethersfield, CT