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EDUCATION

**2018** | Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Chicago, IL

**2004** | Bachelor of Fine Arts in Illustration, American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL

SELECT EXPERIENCE

**2019-present** | American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL | **Visual Communications & Illustration Faculty**  
Design Methodology, Typography, Graduate Portfolio, Corporate Branding, Digital Illustration,  
Abstraction Magazine Faculty Advisor, & Independent Study Advisor.

**2008-present** | Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE), Chicago, IL  
Multiple Roles: **2008-2011, 2014-present** | **Interdisciplinary Teaching Artist**, multiple  
Chicago Public Schools (CPS), Adult + Youth Learners & English/Spanish Instruction  
(Telpochcalli Elementary School, George Washington High School, Taylor Elementary School,  
Ray Graham Training Center High School, Alex Haley Elementary School, Leman Middle School (West  
Chicago), Kinzie Elementary School, & New Sullivan Elementary School)

**2020** | **Curator**, Convergence: Response to a Moment, Artist / Researcher Partner Program  
in partnership with ACRE

**2018** | **Curator**, Atlas Technology & Arts Integration Exhibition, Summer Institute

**2010-2014** | **Program Manager**, Portfolio Design Project (4 year, research based arts integration  
program) Built longterm partnerships with 10 CPS school, 50 teachers & artists, academics & school  
administrations. Designed and implemented program model, professional development, & 1 million  
dollar budget.

**2018-present** | Changing Worlds, Chicago, IL | **Graphic Designer**

**2016-2018** | School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), Chicago, IL  
**Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Contemporary Practices Department: Core, Core Transfer

**2004-2011** | After School Matters (ASM), Chicago, IL | **Lead Artist, Gallery 37 & multiple CPS schools,**  
Printmaking, Graphic Design, Mixed Media, Mural Arts

COLLECTIVES

**Chicago ACT Collective**, Artist Member, Chicago, IL, 2016-present | Socially & politically engaged artists  
creating forms of resistance that promote collaboration & dialogue across multiple communities, reflect on  
& respond to current and local issues.

**Mother Art: Revisited**, Founding Member, Chicago, IL, 2017-present | Mother Artists from  
across North America collaborate to interrupt & intervene through installations & written work.

**Extended Practice**, Artist Member, Chicago, IL, 2019-present | artist-led collaborative project by Sara  
Holwerda and Angela Lopez created to support & make visible the work and needs of artist mothers. EP  
celebrates and supports artist mothers by creating childcare-supported professional practice workshops,  
accessible exhibitions and community-building opportunities.

PUBLICATIONS

**2021** | Shelter in Place Artist Mothers Work, Compiled by Tulika Ladsariya and Angela Lopez

**2020** | El Arte de Hablar Con Mi Reflejo, Compiled by Jessica Mueller, AIGA Heart of Gold Grant

Emergency Index: An Annual Document of Performance Art, Vol. 9, Ugly Duckling Press

Mothers' Days, by Lenka Clayotn, debuted in *Labor: Motherhood & Art in 2020*, University Art  
Museum at New Mexico State University

Chicago Reader Coloring Book, Pandemic Fundraiser

**2019** | Project for Empty Space, Maternal Journal #2

**2018** | Collective Terrain, Inaugural Issue

Artist Parent Index, artistparentindex.com

Arte + Corear | Art + Running Zine, Telpochcalli School, Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education

Mother Art Revisited Review, Issue 1

**2017** | Lead Chicago, Chicago Act Collective

**2008** | Windows and Mirrors: Reflections on the war in Afghanistan, American Friends and Service Committee,  
Godwin-Ternbach Museum

## AWARDS

**2019** | Heart of Gold Community Grant, AIGA Chicago, Chicago, IL  
**2017** | Acting Up Award, The Chicago Community Trust, Chicago, IL  
Clay Morrison Scholarship, The School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL  
**2016** | Roscoe Village Neighbors Education Grant, RVN Association, Chicago, IL  
Creative Schools Grant, Ingenuity, Chicago, IL  
**2008** | Chicago Looks, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL  
**2004** | Art of Sailing, USB Paine & Weber, Chicago, IL  
Art of the Plate, Dixie, Chicago, IL

## PRESENTATIONS

**2021** | Shelter in Place Artist Mothers Work: An Afternoon with Artist Mothers, Extended Practice, Virtual El Arte de Hablar Con Mi Reflejo, Virtual Book Releases, TCEP + CAPE, Chicago-based  
**2020** | A Dialogue on Family Learning During the Pandemic, Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education, Virtual Arts FAC Meeting + Grantee Panel, Norton Foundation, Seattle, WA  
**2019** | What is the Shape of Your Family? Family Workshop, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
Houston to Chicago; Rethinking Sustainable Art Practices as Mother Artists, SECAC, Chattanooga, TN  
Expert Exchange, School of the Art Institute Department of Career Services, Chicago, IL  
Defining Social Spaces + Identities, Space & Identity in Art & Learning, Borderless Studios & CAPE, Chicago, IL  
**2018** | Wear Lipstick: A Public Weigh In, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL  
**2016** | Meaningful Connections: Building Self-sustaining Parent Communities, Illinois State Board of Education 21st Century Spring Conference, Normal, IL  
**2013** | The Student Portfolio from a Writer's Perspective, Open Books, Chicago, IL  
**2012** | Arts Integration: The Arts and Literacy, Pirie Elementary, Chicago, IL  
Portfolios: Aspirations & Challenges, CAPE, Chicago, IL  
Teaching Artist Practice: Making Meaning Part 2, Experimental Station, Chicago, IL  
Teacher Self Assessment & Student Assessment, Intuit: Center for Outsider Art, Chicago, IL  
Intersections in Music/Art/Literacy, Lafayette Elementary School, Chicago, IL  
**2011** | Teaching Artist Practice: Making Meaning Part 1, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL  
Collaboration in the Classroom, Rumble Arts, Chicago, IL  
Portfolios & Archives in the Classroom, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL

## PRESS

**2020** | Lori Waxman, Four fantastic art shows to catch before they're gone, *Chicago Tribune*  
**2019** | Leruste, Alessandra, Exhibition Review: re: birth by Spilt Milk, *Decorating Dissidence*, London  
**2018** | Waldman, Shannon, Low Residency MFA Show Embraces Inquiry & Vulnerability, *Fnewsmagazine*, Chicago  
**2016** | Stewart, Angela, Moms of CPS Students Present Family Inspired Art, *Chicago Sun-Times*

## COLLECTIONS

Joan Flasch Special Collection, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL  
Library of Congress, Washington D.C.  
Center for Book and Paper Arts, Columbia College, Chicago, IL  
Anthony Michael Interior Ingenuity, Chicago, IL

## SELECT EXHIBITIONS

**2021** | Chicago ACT Collective Exhibition, Chicago Art Department (CAD), *upcoming July 2021*  
Convergence: Pivoting During the Pandemic, Virtual Platform, Curator + Exhibiting Teaching Artist, Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education (CAPE), Virtual  
FIVE, Dr. Scholl Exhibit Mezzanine Gallery, Marmion Academy, Aurora, IL  
On Tyranny, MotherArt: Revisited, Zion Faith Center, Chicago, IL & Joaquin Neighborhood of Provo, UT

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**2020** | Knots & Nodes: Mother to Mother, Chicago Art Department (CAD), Chicago, IL  
TYPEFORCE 11, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL  
Collectively Shifting, Womans Caucus for Art, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL

**2019** | Extended Self: Transformations & Connections, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
Re:birth, Spiltmilk, MotherArt: Revisited, St. Margaret's House, Edinburgh, United Kingdom  
Networks of Resistance, Chicago ACT Collective, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL  
Sheroes – Revoluciones, MotherArt: Revisited, Lon-Art, Ugly Duck, London, United Kingdom  
Interruptions: MotherArt: Revisited, Hairpin Arts Center, Chicago, IL

**2018** | MFA Thesis Exhibition, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL  
Peeling Back The Grey: Chicago Act Collective, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL  
Collaborative Collisions: Mother Art Revisited, CC's Art Garage, Bridgeport, Chicago, IL  
Care, Marmion Academy, Aurora, IL

**2017** | Always Open Studios, School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

**2016** | Comadres en el Arte, Intuit Center for Intuitive & Outsider Art, Chicago, IL & Under the Bridge Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Natural Born Artists, RAW Art Festival, Chicago, IL

**2015** | Natural Born Artists, RAW Art Festival, Chicago, IL

**2014** | Heart Beats, La Catrina Cafe, Chicago, IL  
Pulling the Gesture, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

**2012** | Visual Politics, Santa Cruz Art League, Santa Cruz, CA  
Regard: Resist: React, Governors' State University, University Park, IL

**2011** | Juxtaposition, Women Made Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Hate Breeders, International Print Portfolio Exchange

**2010** | Art Loop Open, Chicago Loop Alliance & Chicago Artists' Coalition, Chicago, IL  
Windows and Mirrors: War in Afghanistan, American Friends & Service Committee  
Arch Street Meeting House, Philadelphia, PA; Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, CUNY, Flushing, NY; Mercado La Paloma, Los Angeles, CA; Social & Public Art Resource Art Center (SPARC), Venice, CA; Guilford College, Greensboro, NC  
50 Aldermen/50 Artists, The Chicago Photography Center, Chicago, IL  
Johalla Projects Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2008** | Art of Democracy, Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL  
Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, Chicago, IL & New York Society of Etchers, New York City, NY

**2007** | Letterpress & Screen Printing Exhibition, American Academy of Art, Chicago, IL  
Women's Works, Northwest Area Arts Council, Woodstock, IL  
Triplicate, Humboldt Exhibition, Chicago, IL

**2006** | Residency Exhibition, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

**2005** | The Printmaker, 4 Art Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2004** | Women's Works, Northwest Area Arts Council, Woodstock, IL

## VOLUNTEER

**2021** | Passionate Focus, Second Sense, Juror, Chicago, IL

**2018-2019** | MakeWork Auxiliary Council, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Member

**2018-2019** | Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education Associate Board, Artist Representative

**2014-2020** | Jahn School Bilingual Advisory Council, Parent Representative, Artist, Chicago, IL

**2016-2021** | Jahn Fine Arts Council, Parent Representative, Chicago, IL

**2014-2018** | Jahn School of Fine Arts Local School Council, Chicago Public Schools

**2012** | Blue Island Arts and Culture Committee, Community Representative, Blue Island, IL

## LANGUAGES

Spanish, advanced conversational