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PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Detail-orientation
- Artistic Vision and Creativity

- Community art engagement
- Public art and Mural creation
- Data Visualization
- Program coordinator
- Project management

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Adobe Creative Suite
- Microsoft Office Suite

- Acrylic and Oil paint
- Food-based paint / ink
- Printmaking (Silk Screen, Relief)
- Collage

EDUCATION

2021 - 2024

Norfolk State
University (NSU)

MFA in Visual Studies

Painting

2016 - 2021

Maryland Institute
College of Art
(MICA)

BFA in Illustration

Cum laude, GPA 3.7
Additional coursework in Art Education

2019 - 2020

Old Dominion
University (ODU)

Non-Degree Seeking

Additional coursework in Studio Arts (painting)

2014 - 2016

Governor's School for the Arts (Visual Arts)

Ringling College of Art & Design (RCAD)

Pre-college Immersion Art Program

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024

Norfolk State
University (NSU)

Truth Be Told: Norfolk, VA

A traveling audio tour retelling the narratives of Hampton Roads' historically black communities. *Truth Be Told: Norfolk* was in collaboration with NSU Fine Art students, who created typography-based graphics inspired by community narratives.

Mapping An Inclusive History of Elizabeth River

An interactive art workshop with Portsmouth Public Schools educators led by NSU Fine Arts faculty and students. Attendees created mixed-media prints visualizing a more inclusive history of the Elizabeth River.

Lead Art Mentor, Instructor (High School)

CSET-H/S STEAM Summer Academy, Norfolk, VA | Screenprinting

2023

Norfolk State
University (NSU)

Program Coordinator

Fine Art Seminars and Workshops

Lead Art Mentor, Instructor (Middle School)

CSET-H/SS STEAM Summer Academy, Norfolk, VA | GIF Making

Exhibition Curator / Gallery Assistance *Ongoing*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

contd.

2021

Norfolk State University (NSU)

Graduate Assistant (*ongoing*)

Solomon Isekeije, Director: Division of Fine Arts

Art Mentor (*ongoing*)

Undergraduate Students, Fine Arts

Program Coordinator (*ongoing*)

Norfolk Drawing Group

Weekly model/drawing sessions

IxDA: Hampton Roads

User Experience/User Interface (UX/UI) development workshops with community members and industry professionals.

2019

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)

Art Instructor (Group)

Grade 8, Baltimore Design School, Baltimore, MD

AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS / ACHIEVEMENTS

2024

Norfolk State University (NSU)

Spartan Graduate Student Summer Research Grant

From Screens to Plate: Uncovering the Stories Behind Euro-Dominican Food

A series of screenprints exploring the material culture and ethnobotany of select Euro-Dominican food items.

2023 - ongoing

Norfolk State University (NSU)

Elizabeth River Project (ERP)

2021 - 2023

Norfolk State University (NSU)

Virginia Graduate Fellowship

2018 - 2021

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA)

Creative Visual Award Scholarship Illustration Scholarship Presidential Scholarship Maryland Institute College of Art Grant

PRESENTATIONS INVITED TALKS

2024

Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art (VA MOCA)

Art & Idea Exchange: NSU at Virginia MOCA

In-person panel discussion featuring select NSU Fine Arts faculty and Graduate student. Topics of discussion revolved around the 2024 - 2025 *Made In VA: Biennial* exhibition, as well as personal work and practices.

2021

Old Dominion University (ODU)

Undergraduate Research Symposium

Virtual Conference

EXHIBITION RECORD

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2024

The Taste of In-Between: Uncovering The Stories of Euro-Dominican Food

MFA Graduate Exhibition
The Origin Gallery, MacArthur Center, Norfolk, VA

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2024 - 2025

Made In VA: Biennial

VA Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA

2024

Delectable II

d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA

2023

Delectable I

d'Art Center, Norfolk, VA

EXHIBITION RECORD *contd.*

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023
NEON District: *NEON*
Festival

Navigators of Purpose
Culture Lounge, NEON District, Norfolk, VA

2022
Biafarin | Gallerium
(online)

Food Story
Biafarin | Gallerium (online) with accompanying publication
(official exhibition catalog)

Adiaphorous
112 W. Wilson Ave., NEON District, Norfolk, VA

2019
Maryland Institute
College of Art (MICA)

Undergraduate Art Education Juried Show
3rd Floor Illustration Gallery, MICA, Baltimore, MD

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

MURALS

2023
Brothers: Chops | Seafood | Spirits
Indoor mural for the main dining area of Brothers Restaurant, inspired by iconic landmarks and community leaders in Norfolk, VA.

2022
A Pot of Good Times
Outdoor mural for the rear wall of Ghent Grab & Go Supermarket, inspired by the food ingredients found in Caribbean and Indian cuisine, as well as the joy of sharing meals together.

The Lloowellyns
Outdoor mural for the trash enclosure of Ghent Grab & Go Supermarket, inspired by Norfolk's NEON District.

2021
Alice In Portsmouth
Outdoor mural for Tidewater Coffee, Inc. in Portsmouth, VA, inspired by the whimsical characters from *Alice in Wonderland* and the flavors and machinery of coffee and tea.

ART ENGAGEMENTS

2024
NSU X GEAR Recovery Program
A series of community engagement projects led by NSU students in collaboration with youth from the GEAR Recovery Program. In creating *Let's Eat Together*, the youth explored food and communal eating as symbols of identity and unity, using collaged food illustrations and assembling a kitchen table

2023
NSU X READY Academy and Kindred Spirits
A group of fine art students worked with READY Academy Elementary School youth to create works of art that explored their community and identity through infrastructure, education, and gardening.

Hope Through Artion: 39th Annual Berkley Reunion
At the Berkley Reunion, the community co-created a mural and took part in surveys on food insecurity, environmental justice, and waterway health.

Earth Wise
Community engagement art projects led by NSU artists and ERP members during their collaborative blue-greenway initiative, the Environmental Justice Incubator.

2022
Tidewater Gardens Farewell Event
An event celebrating Norfolk's Tidewater Gardens community to signal the start of its physical redevelopment. Promotionals, illustrating community housing complexes, were made for this event.

ART ENGAGEMENTS *contd.*

2021

Tidewater Gardens Walk & Talk

An event organized by City of Norfolk community leaders, organizations, and universities to celebrate and provide resources to the Tidewater Gardens community as they began to undergo displacement.

Happy Meal

During the TWG *Walk & Talk* event, community members worked together to assemble a mixed-media painting by collaging different ingredients found in their favorite meals or foods that they identified with.

COLLABORATIVE ANIMATION / GIFs PROJECTS *contd.*

2019

Peter's Inn

GIF made for the *Peter's Inn* restaurant website banner.
<http://www.petersinn.com/>

2019

Locrio de Pollo

A full color, digital illustration spread for *They Draw* website that visualizes a familiar family meal called locrio de pollo (chicken and rice).
<https://www.they-draw.com/illustrations/12809-locrio-de-pollo>

BIBLIOGRAPHIES 2023

Amin, Lakshmi Rivera. "A View From The Easel." *HyperAllergic*, 217 ed., (2023)

2022

"A Pot of Good Times." *NEON Norfolk*, Public Art (2022)

"The Lloowellyns." *NEON Norfolk*, Public Art (2022)

Bradley, Adam. "The Historically Black College Reconsiders the Studio Art Program." *New York Times*, T's Art Issue. (2022)

2020

Langrehr, Amy. "MICA: Illustrating the Edible." *Charm City Cook*. (2020)

COLLECTIONS 2024

Norfolk State University, Division of Fine Arts

Still Life (2022)

Acrylic paint, markers, paper collage on canvas
4 ft x 3 ft