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CURRICULUM VITAE

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Pieced/Pierced*, Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo Park, MD
2024 *7,000 Pieces of Me*, Perspective Gallery, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
2023-24 *Foreign Bodies*, Offsite Gallery, Norfolk, VA

INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Books and Art: Celebrating 100 Years at the Charles H. Taylor Group Show*, Hampton, VA
2025 *Visionary Horizons*, Inaugural Commonwealth Artists Coalition Exhibition, For All Handkind Gallery, Norfolk, VA
2023-24 Atrium Artists in Residence Group Exhibition, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA

JURIED EXHIBITIONS (Selection)

- 2025 *Interwoven Worlds*, Maryland Federation of Art & The Asian Arts & Culture Center at Towson University, Annapolis, MD
2025 *Allied Arts Annual Juried Show*, Allied Arts Association, Gallery at the Park, Richland, WA
2025 *Fiber Friends*, Kinhouse Gallery, Fort Wayne, IN
2025 *31 Women*, Suffolk Art League, Suffolk Art Gallery, Suffolk, VA
2024 *Virginia Artists Exhibition*, Charles Taylor Center, Hampton, VA
2024 *Radius 250 Biennial*, Artspace, Richmond, VA
2024 *Made in VA Biennial*, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Virginia Beach, VA
2023 *Still*, Art Fluent Gallery, Boston, MA (online)
2022 *Small Works*, Charles H. Taylor, Hampton, VA
2022 *Artists Who Teach*, Charles H. Taylor, Hampton, VA
2022 *Splash 23: The Best of Watercolor*, published by Artists Magazine & American Artist
2022 *CBW Spring Members Show*, The Phillips Gallery, Virginia Beach, VA
2022 *Flourish: National Juried Exhibition Featuring Botanical and Floral Artworks*, D'Art Center, Norfolk, VA
2021 *Best of the East Coast*, Gallery 311, Raleigh, NC
2021 *Questions*, Martha's Vineyard Drawing Prize 2021 (online)
2021 *Virginia Artists Exhibition*, Charles Taylor Center, Hampton, VA
2021 *Practice What You Teach Exhibition*, The Artists Gallery, Virginia Beach, VA
2021 *Awash in Color CBW Member Show*, Gallery 21, Norfolk, VA
2021 *Virginia Watercolor Society Members Show*, Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center, Portsmouth, VA
2020 *Garden of Life*, The Artists Gallery, Virginia Beach, VA
2020 *Artists Who Teach Exhibition*, Charles Taylor Center, Hampton, VA

COLLECTIONS

The Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, 2025, Anitos Quilt

LOANS

The Sentara Brock Cancer Center, Norfolk, VA, 2025-26, Sisters & One the Brink of Becoming Acquainted

GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, & HONORARIUMS

2025 Virginia Beach Individual Artists Grant, Virginia Beach Cultural Affairs Department, Virginia Beach, VA
2024 *Made in VA Biennial*, Participation Honorarium, Museum of Contemporary Arts, Virginia Beach, VA
2024 Money for Women/Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, New York, NY
2024 ViBe Creative District Workshops & Lectures Grant,
2024 Creative Residency, Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA
2024 Artist in Residence, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA
2024 Visiting Artist/Speaking Engagement, APIDA+ Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
2024 Honorarium: Diverse Voices and Perspectives Lecture, Virginia Tech
2023 Emergency Artists Grant, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY
2023 Virginia Beach Arts Center Professional Development Grant

AWARDS

2025 Second Place, 31 Women, Suffolk Art Gallery, Suffolk, VA
2022 Second Place, Artists Who Teach, Charles H. Taylor Center, Hampton, VA
2022 Finalist, Splash 23: The Best of Watercolor National Magazine
2022 Best in Show & Member's Choice, Spring Colors, Cape Henry Collegiate, Virginia Beach, VA
2022 NAEA Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (ED&I) Conference Scholarship, New York, NY
2021 Juror Prize, Questions, Martha's Vineyard Drawing Prize, Dukes County, MA
2021 Second Place, Awash in Color, Gallery 21, Norfolk, VA
2021 Honorable Mention, VWS Members Show, Art & Cultural Center, Portsmouth, VA
2020 Best of Show, Garden of Life, The Artists Gallery, Virginia Beach, VA
2020 Southern Atelier Portrait Drawing Workshop Scholarship, Bradenton, FL
2019 Honorable Mention, CBW Fall Members Show, Norfolk, VA
2017 Honorable Mention, The Graceful Envelope, Washington, DC
2008 Award of Merit, Free Spirit, Center for Cultural Arts, Suffolk, VA
2006 Honorable Mention, Best of Virginia Artists, Williamsburg, VA
1993 Honorable Mention, Neptune Festival Student Art Show, Virginia Beach, VA

EDUCATION

- Gemological Institute of America, Accredited Jewelry Professional, 2012
- James Madison University, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art History Minor, 1999

JUROR

2025 Juror, Artistic Discovery Contest, 3rd Congressional District of Virginia
2025 Juror, Flourish: An Annual Juried National Exhibit of Floral and Botanical Artworks, D'Art Center, Norfolk, VA
2025 Juror, Hambidge Center for Creative Arts & Sciences, Summer 2025 Residencies, Rabun Gap, GA
2022 STEAM-H Essay Contest Judge, Virginia Women's Council
2019 Juror, 57th Annual Ocean View Art Show, Norfolk, VA
2019 Juror, Boys & Girls Club of Southeast VA, National Fine Arts Exhibit
2019-23 Juror, Governor's School for the Arts, Portfolio Auditions, Norfolk, VA
2018 Curator, The Artist's Muse Exhibition, Art Studio on the Boulevard, Virginia Beach, VA

STEWARDSHIP

2024-Present Co-founder, Virginia Coalition of Visual Artists
2022-Present Vice Chair, WHRO Community Advisory Board
2022-23 Virginia Beach City Public Schools Equity Committee
2022-23 Virginia Arts Education Association, DEIA Committee
2021-23 Vice Chair & Education Committee Chair, Virginia Asian Advisory Board
2021-23 Virginia Watercolor Society, Creasy-Johnson Scholarship Committee

2021-23 President, Chesapeake Bay Watercolorists
2021-23 Contributing Writer, Portrait Society of America, Cecilia Beaux Literary Committee

EDUCATOR

2024-Pr. *Teaching Artist*, Virginia Commission for the Arts
2018-Pr. *Art Instructor*, Governor's School for the Arts, Norfolk, VA
2012-Pr. *Art Instructor*, Private Classes & Workshops

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS (Selection)

2025 Guest Speaker, The Great Goodness Podcast
2025 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month Instagram Live interview with Delegate Kathy Tran
2025 Panelist, *The Role of Art in Social Justice and Social Change*, Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA
2025 Panelist, *Motherhood Through the Lens of Contemporary Art*, Conference on Women & Gender, Christopher Newport University, Newport News, VA
2024 Guest Artist, Tidewater Quilters Guild, Virginia Beach, VA
2024 *Friday Friends Speaker Series, Creativity & Innovation District*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
2024 Exhibition Opening Reception Artist's Talk, Perspective Gallery, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
2024 Lecturer, APIDAHM Presents: *Learning Lunch Series*, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
2024 Guest Speaker, Creative Mornings VB: What is NATIVE? The Garage, Virginia Beach, VA
2023 Moderator, *Made in Virginia: A Conversation About Filipino American Art*, Virginia MOCA, Virginia Beach, VA
2022 Panelist, *Identity, Belonging, & Self-Determination for Filipinos in Hampton Roads*, TCC, Norfolk, VA
2022 Panelist, *Who are Filipinx? Hybrid Panel Discussion at Virginia Tech*
2021 Panelist, *Beneath the Surface: Conversations About Race in Hampton Roads*, hosted by EVMS, Virginia MOCA, Virginia Beach, VA
2021 Panelist, *Beneath the Surface: Conversations About Race in Hampton Roads*, hosted by EVMSI, Portsmouth Art & Cultural Center, Portsmouth, VA

IN THE MEDIA (Video Links Provided)

- [Local Artists Loan to Sentara's Brock Cancer Center to Lift Patients' Spirits](#)
- [Curate 757, Season 9, Episode 1: Rowena Federico Finn](#)
- [WHRO Arts & Culture Interview: Virginia Beach artist brings Filipino quiltmaking to the Virginia MOCA](#)
- [Virginia Fil-Am showcases roots in contemporary art exhibit](#)
- [Curate 757, Season 5, Episode 1: Art in the Time of COVID, Part 2](#)
- [Coast Live: Painting Demonstration for the Chrysler Museum \(clip\)](#)

PUBLICATIONS (Author/Artist)

- "Elizabeth Sparhawk-Jones: *Painting on the Pulse*," The Art of the Portrait: Journal of the Portrait Society of America, pg. 4-5, Vol. 24, Issue No. 97
- "Primal Ties," cover art for novelist Dwight Tusig
- "Reclaiming the Feminine: An Interview with Reisha Perlmutter," The Art of the Portrait: Journal of the Portrait Society of America, pg. 4-5, Vol. 24, Issue No. 94
- "Virtual Figure Drawing Offers Artists Fish and Camaraderie During Pandemic," *Portrait Society of America blog*, June 15, 2021. *The Art of the Portrait Quarterly Journal*, Volume XXII, Issue No. 90.

PUBLICATIONS (Featured)

- *Spotlight Interview*, APIDA+ Center Newsletter, Virginia Tech, April 2024
- Interview, "Drawing from Experience," pg. 25, The Chrysler Quarterly Journal, Spring 2023
- "The Art of Inspiration" Interview by Melody Agbisit, PhD, Good to be Home Magazine, Issue No. 10, Fall 2022
- Featured artwork, *Splash 23: The Best of Watercolor*, Finalist, pg. 35; *Artists Magazine & American Artist*, Summer 2022
- "Virginia Watercolor Society exhibition Returns to Portsmouth, running June to September," by Alison Johnson, *The Virginian-Pilot*, June 22, 2021