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CURRICULUM VITAE

SOLO & INVITATIONAL EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Pieced/Pierced* Solo Exhibition, Stone Tower Gallery, Glen Echo Park, MD
- 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
- 2024 *7,000 Pieces of Me* Solo Exhibition, Perspective Gallery, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- 2023-24 *Foreign Bodies* Solo Exhibition, Offsite Gallery, Norfolk, VA
- 2023-24 Atrium Artists in Residence Group Exhibition, Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA

JURIED EXHIBITIONS (Selection)

- 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
- 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 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

LOANS

The Sentara Brock Cancer Center, Norfolk, VA, 2025-26

GRANTS & RESIDENCIES

- 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, Perspective Gallery & APIDA+ Center, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA
- 2024 Money for Women/Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, New York, NY
- 2023 Emergency Artists Grant, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY

ARTWORK AWARDS

- 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

EDUCATION

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

JURYING EXPERIENCE

- 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 Judge, STEAM-H Essay Contest, 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 EXPERIENCE

- 2025-Pr. Member, 757 Creative Reuse Center Board of Directors
- 2022-Pr. Vice Chair, WHRO Community Advisory Board
- 2022-23 Member, Virginia Beach City Public Schools Equity Committee
- 2022-23 Member, Virginia Arts Education Association, DEIA Committee
- 2021-23 Vice Chair & Education Committee Chair, Virginia Asian Advisory Board
- 2021-23 Member, 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
- 2021 Chair, Virginia Watercolor Society Workshop, Portsmouth, VA

EDUCATOR EXPERIENCE

- 2024-Pr. Teaching Artist, Virginia Commission for the Arts
- 2018-23 High School Art Instructor, Governor's School for the Arts, Norfolk, VA
- 2012-Pr. Private/Contract Art Instructor

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 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 *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 Guest Artist, *Peninsula Watermedia Society*, Torggler Fine Arts Center, Newport News, 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)

- [Curate 757, Season 9, Episode 1: Rowena Federico Finn](#)
- [WHRO Arts & Culture Interview: Virginia Beach artist brings Filipino quilting to the Virginia MOCA](#)
- [Creative Mornings VB](#)
- [Curate 757, Season 5, Episode 1: Art in the Time of COVID, Part 2](#)
- [Coast Live: Painting Demonstration for the Chrysler Museum \(clip\)](#)
- ["My Third Place" promotional ad for Chrysler Museum](#)
- [Agency Arts Interview Part 1; Part 2; Part 3](#)
- [Virginia Beach Art Center Interview](#)

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
- Interview, *Halo Halo Na!* Filipino-American Magazine, Vol. 1, October 2018
- Featured artwork, *Best of Virginia Artists*, 2005
- Featured artwork, *Scriptsit Journal*, Back cover and pg. 21, Vol. 25, No. 3, December 2002