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Personal Information

Born: El Paso, TX

Education

1991 M.F.A. New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

1986 B.F.A. University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX

Teaching Experience

1988-1991 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Art Department, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2005 *Relationships: the ebb and flow*, eye lounge, a contemporary art space, Phoenix, AZ
- 2004 *The World Stage, a play in finite acts*, @ Central Gallery, Burton Barr Library, Phoenix, AZ
- 2001 *Wu Li Works*, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
- 1998 *élan vital*, New Directions Gallery, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale AZ (gallery talk)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2005 *Trading Voices*, Arizona/Colorado Juried Exhibition, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Arvada, CO.
Ten, @ Central Gallery, Burton Barr Central Library, Phoenix, AZ (invitational)
Art Detour, eye lounge, a contemporary art space, Phoenix, AZ
Flood, The Icehouse, Phoenix, AZ (invitational)
- 2004 *Martinez, Munoz, Reveles, and Romero: Current Work by UTEP Graduates*, Invitational, L Gallery, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX (gallery talk)
Chicano Art for Our Millennium, Mesa Southwest Museum, Mesa, AZ (traveling nationally and internationally)
Surface Appeal, Juried Exhibition, Steele Pavillion Gallery, Herberger Theater Center, Phoenix, AZ
2004 Latina/o Annual Art Auction, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (invitational)
Traditions, Boundaries and Cross Currents, a showcase for Contemporary Latin American Artists, Dinnerware Contemporary Arts, Tucson, AZ
7th Annual Artlink Juried Exhibition, Sixth Street Studios, Phoenix, AZ (juror's award)
- 2003 *Peaceable Kingdom Invitational Exhibition*, Steele Pavillion Gallery, Herberger Theater Center, Phoenix, AZ
First Annual Latina/o Art Auction and Symposia, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

- 2002 *Gush, Contemporary Abstract Paintings*, @Central Gallery-Burton Barr
Central Library, Phoenix AZ
Annual National Juried Exhibition, Dinnerware Contemporary Art Gallery,
Tucson, AZ
Annual Print Exhibition, Northern Arizona State University, Flagstaff, AZ
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
King Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2001 Pima Community College Art Gallery (three person exhibition), Tucson,
AZ
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
King Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 2000 atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Art from the Heart 2000, Phoenix City Hall, Grand Atrium, Phoenix, AZ
The Millennium Show, The New Art, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
- 1999 *Miniatures*, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
99 Cups, Galeria Mesa, Mesa Arts Center, Mesa, AZ
Vessels, atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Adair Margo Gallery, El Paso, TX
atelier 31, Kirkland, WA
Arizona Aqueous XIV, Tubac Center of the Arts, Tubac, AZ
- 1998 *Art From the Heart 98*, Cultural Exchange Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Gallery 10, Santa Fe, NM
Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1997 *M.A.R.S. Annual Blu-Lite Invitational Exhibition*, Mars Artspace, Phoenix,
AZ
La Phoenixera XVII, Juried Art Exhibition, Mars Artspace, Phoenix, AZ
Gallery 10, Santa Fe, NM
Woman in the Visual Arts-1997, 11th Annual International Competition,
Erector Square Gallery, New Haven CT
Hispanic Artist of the Southwest, Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
7th Biennial, Seven State Juried Exhibition, Dinnerware Contemporary Art
Gallery, Tucson, AZ
- 1996 Gallery 10, Scottsdale, AZ
*Neighbors in the Desert, Southwestern Cultural Perspective in
Contemporary Art*, Sedona Art Center, Sedona, AZ
Form and Metaphor, A National Art Exhibition, Eastern New Mexico
University, Portales, NM
Art Zone, A Regional Art Exhibition, Singer Gallery, Denver, CO
(first place cash award)
Graythorne Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
- 1995 Graythorne Gallery, Scottsdale, AZ
Here and Now: Arizona Contemporary Artist, Arizona State University Art
Museum, Nelson Fine Arts Center, Tempe, AZ
La Phoenixera XV, Juried Art Exhibition, Mars Artspace, Phoenix, AZ
- 1992 *Seventeenth Annual National Invitational Drawing Exhibition*, Emporia
State University, Emporia, KS

- National Drawing Competition*, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT
(purchase award)
- Close to the Border*, A Biennial Exhibition, New Mexico State University,
Las Cruces, NM (purchase award)
- 1991 *The Metaphorical Journey*, Graduate Thesis Exhibition, New Mexico State
University, Las Cruces, NM
- Latina and Native American Women's Exhibition*, Guadalupe Cultural Arts
Center and Locust Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 1990 Invitational Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts Gallery, University of Texas at
El Paso, El Paso, TX
- Juried Art Exhibition, University Art Gallery, New Mexico State
University, Las Cruces, NM (cash award)
- 1989 *From the Center*, Corbett Center Gallery, New Mexico State University,
Las Cruces, NM
- Graduate Drawing Competition*, A National Exhibition, Allen Priebe
Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, WS
- El Paso Arts Alliance, El Paso, TX
- 1988 Juried Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts Gallery, University of Texas at El
Paso, El Paso, TX (cash award)
- 1987 *Works on Paper*, Lincoln Arts Cultural Center, El Paso, TX
- Juntos '87*, Annual Juried Art Exhibition, El Paso, TX
- Juried Art Exhibition, Fox Fine Arts, University of Texas at El Paso, El
Paso, TX (cash award)
- 1986 *Juntos '86*, Annual Juried Art Exhibition, El Paso, TX
- Two of a Kind*, Graduating Exhibition, University of Texas at El Paso, El
Paso, TX

Commissions

- 2000 Limited Edition Lithograph, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State
University, Tempe, AZ (Segura Press)

Personal Awards and Honors

- 2003 Phoenix Municipal Court Print Collection, Juried Public Art Program,
Phoenix Arts Commission (Purchase Award), Phoenix, AZ
- 1998 Created artwork for publicity for Fiesta '99, Hispanic League of the
Piedmont Triad, Winston-Salem, NC
- 1996 Created artwork for the announcement and poster for the El Paso Pro
Musica International Chamber Music Festival, El Paso, TX
- 1988 Cash Award for design of poster for the National Hispanic Association
of Rhode Island, Providence, RI

Publications

- 2005 *Triumph of Our Communities, Four Decades of Mexican American Art*,
Bilingual Press/Editorial Bilingue. Tempe, AZ

- Bilingual Review Press, Latin American Literary Review Press, Fall and Winter Catalog 2005, Bilingual Press, Hispanic Research Center, Tempe, AZ (cover)*
- 2004 *El Paso Empowerment Zone, Annual Report, 2004, El Paso, TX (cover)*
Chicano Art for our Millennium, Collected works from the Arizona State University Community, Bilingual Press/Editorial Bilingue, Tempe, AZ
- 2002 *Contemporary Chicana and Chicano Art, artist, works, culture, and education, Volumes I and II, Bilingual Press, Hispanic Research Center, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ*

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- 2005 *Photo installation is about 'having an experience', The Arizona Republic, p.3 October 22, Phoenix, AZ*
Phoenix Downtown, May, p.6&7, Phoenix AZ
- 2004 *Rubin's ready, El Paso Times, September 19, Living 1F, El Paso, TX*
Artwork captures world's sins and virtues, The Arizona Republic, p.7, April 4, 2004, Phoenix, AZ
Phoenix Downtown, January cover, Phoenix, AZ
Artista Latina, El Paso Times, January 10, Living 1D, El Paso, TX
- 2002 *Flights of Fancy, America West Magazine, August, Volume 18, Number 6, p.18, Tempe, AZ*
- 1997 *Pardon my French, City AZ, Volume 1, No. 4, summer, p.101, Phoenix, AZ*

Permanent and Private Collections

New Mexico State University
Brigham Young State University
Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art
Arizona State University, Hispanic Research Center
City of Phoenix, Municipal Court House
Robin Dumas
Deborah Gorman
Jacklyn St. Aubyn
Kathleen M. Norman M.D.
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Art Kalleres
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Mark Obermayer
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