

## CV

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Originally from Mexico City, I am a Toronto based ceramic artist and pottery instructor. I am a highly self-motivated person, detail oriented, committed to solve technical and conceptual problems in my studio practice. Through functional and non-functional work, I am interested in exploring themes related to colonialism and migration.

I work with different types of clay and several making techniques. I am experienced with different types of firings. I have worked in design, publishing and advertisement, corporate sales and business conferences.

### EDUCATION

2022	Currently enrolled: Ceramic Materials Workshop. Digital Marketing Research. Online training. Sheridan College
2019	Pots, Purpose and Place workshop. W. Ostrom and K. Chaytor LSA, NS
2018	Surface to Surface workshop. W. Ostrom and U. Hargens LSA, NS
2017	Ceramics: Alternative strategies. W. Ostrom, J. McDonald LSA, NS
2016	Proyectos y Espacios Cerámicos workshop. A. Garraza. ENC, Jal. Méx.
2016	Mould making & surface imagery workshop. Angelo di Petta ON.
2013-2016	Ontario College Advanced Diploma in Craft and Design-Ceramics. High Honours. Sheridan College. Oakville, ON.
1985-1989	Industrial Design. UNIVERSIDAD AUTÓNOMA METROPOLITANA. México City. México. Not completed.

### AWARDS / RESIDENCIES

2022- 2023	Lunenburg School of the Arts, Artist in Residence. NS
2021-2022	Medalta International Artists in Residence Program. AB
2021-2022	Chalmers Professional Development Projects Grant. Ontario Arts Council
2019- 2022	Mississauga Potters Guild Mentorship Prog. by Susan Low-Ber RCA. ON
2019- 2021	Artist in Residence, Mississauga Potters Guild. ON
2018	Muscle Memory Symposium at ICS, Kecskemét, Hungary. OAC grant.
2017	Craft Ontario Juried Awards. Tucker's Pottery Supplies Grant ON
2016	Best of Sculpture. 55 Toronto Outdoors Art Exhibition Outdoors Art Fair Sheridan Silver Medal of Academic Excellence, ON Clifford Scholarship outstanding academic achievement, ON FUSION technical achievement award, ON Graduate Exhibition Best in Show, ON Guard.Me International Scholarship for academic standing, ON
2015	Medalta International Artists in Residence Program. AB Summer Student award. Shaw International Centre for Contemporary Ceramics.

## EXHIBITIONS, SHOWS AND PUBLICATIONS

- NEXT:** March 2023. Solo Show Lunenburg School of the Arts. NS  
2022 "AZUL-COLONIAL-BLUE" Solo Show. Yuill Family Gallery  
Historic Clay District. Medicine Hat, AB. May-July 2022  
"CONFLUENCE", Group Show. Gardiner Museum Shop. ON July 2022
- 2021 Pop up Christmas Exhibition. Shaw Centre, Medalta
- 2019-2021 Mississauga Potter's Guild Fall Sale ON  
The *Sin Fronteras* Monarch Butterfly Project- A Flight Without Borders  
Gardiner Museum, Toronto. ON  
The Body has Reason the Reason knows not of. CO, Toronto
- 2018 Muscle Memory Symposium Exhibition. ICS, Kecskemét, Hungary. OAC.  
Muscle Memory Exhibition. Canadian Embassy, Budapest, Hungary  
Roncy Rocks. Roncesvalles Village, Toronto. ON.
- 2017 The Crafted Dish, Canadian makers recipes book (in partnership with  
National Clay Week, proceeds in support of The Shop, Toronto)  
Union: in memory of Vivian Duong, Curated Exhibition. Oakville, ON  
21st Annual FUSION Clay and Glass Show, Juried Exhibition. TO  
Crafting the Future. Students and recent grads Exhibition. OCADU. TO  
28th Annual Cabbagetown Art & Crafts Sale. TO  
56 Toronto Outdoors Art Exhibition. Juried. Nathan Philips Square. TO  
Bricolage, Al Green Sculpture Studio. Canadian Sculpture Centre. TO
- 2016 55 Toronto Outdoors Art Exhibition. Juried. Nathan Philips Square. TO  
Sheridan Craft and Design Program Graduate Exhibition Oakville, ON  
Jonathon Bancroft Snell Gallery, London ON.  
Graduation Exhibition. Sheridan Gallery, Oakville, ON  
Four by Three Graduate Exhibition. Super Wonder Gallery, TO.  
Curio Graduate Exhibition. Gardiner Museum. TO.  
Reflections on Culture and Identity. Gardiner Museum. TO. Sheridan and  
Bead & Read Group and Indigenous Visual Culture Program at OCADU
- Feb.- Apr. 2023 Lunenburg School of the Arts, Pottery instructor  
2022-2023 E-Clay Research project.  
Sept. 2021- Jul. 2022 Medalta International Artists in Residence Program  
Pottery instructor and production assistant.
- May 2018 **International Ceramics Studio.** Kécskemet, Hungary  
April 2022 **CLAY Voices 3** @clayvoices Creator and producer  
March 2021 **CLAY Voices Season 2** @clayvoices  
October 2021 **WEMAJU** We are the Makers We are the Jurors contest @clayvoices  
Jun 2020-Apr. 2022 **CLAY Voices** on Instagram @clayvoices Creator and producer  
Oct. 2019 – 2021 Pottery Instructor. **Clay with Me, TO**  
Jan. 2019- 2021. Ceramic Studio Coordinator and instructor. **Gardiner Museum, TO**  
Nov. 2018- Sept. 2021. Studio-Tech and Instructor **Mississauga Potters' Guild, ON**  
March 2016 – present Sculptural and functional ceramics. **Studio Ceramic Artist**
- 1986- 2013 Graphic and Industrial Design. Publishing. Business Conferences. **México City**