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Education

- 2018 **MFA Ceramics**, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2017 **Post Graduate Diploma in Modern and Contemporary Indian Art History and Curatorial Studies**, Dr. Bhau Daji Lad Museum, Mumbai, India
2015 **BFA**, Tufts University/ School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
2013 **BFA**, Study Abroad, L'École Nationale Supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France

Honors, Awards & Residencies

- 2021 Resident, Anderson Ranch, Colorado, USA (Fellowship)
2020 Resident, CONA Foundation, Mumbai, India
2019 Resident, HATCH Projects, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL, USA
Resident, Søndre Green Farm, Norway
Resident, Vermont Studio Center (VSC Artist Grant) , Johnson, VT
2018 Resident, ACRE Artist Residency (SAIC Alumni Scholarship), Steuben, WI
Graduate Dean Professional Development Award, SAIC, Chicago, IL
2017 Oxbow School/Residency (Neiman Scholarship), Saugatuck, Michigan
2014 Ali Pratt Travel Grant, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Juried Drawing Award Recipient, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
President's Research Award, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Selected Exhibitions

- 2021 *E/Merge*, National Indo-American Museum, curated by Shaurya Kumar, Lombard, IL
Eternal Network 2021, Terrain Biennial, Oak Park, IL
Bird show, curated by Erin Toale, Chicago, IL
Grand Valley State Ceramics Forum, NCECA, Ohio
2020 *Turn the Light*, Floating Museum, Gallery 400, Chicago, IL
2019 *Group Show*, Shrine Empire Gallery, New Delhi, India
Stranger than paradise, curated by Elizabeth Lalley, ACRE, Chicago, IL
In the mud and slush of opinion and tradition, the body becomes landscape and I become a transparent eyeball, curated by Alexis Brocchi, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
Survey 1, curated by Alexis Brocchi, Elliot Reichert and Jeff Robinson, CAC, Chicago, IL
Cultural Transit Assembly, Floating Musuem, Austin Town Hall, Chicago, IL
2018 *Symbiosis*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Detroit, MI
MFA Show, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
2017 *Making a Forest (Solo Exhibition)*, Gallery 1922, Chicago, IL
DYAD, David Salkin Creative, Chicago, IL
A i r tight, Silent Funny, Chicago, IL
You Can Go With This or You Can Go With That, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
2016 *Reflexion*, Gallery 1922, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

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- 2015 *Strategic Plan 2020*, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
South Asia Exchange curated by Mark Cooper, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
Juried Sculpture, Drawing and Painting Shows, SMFA, Boston, MA
Dual-Identity/Nostalgia curated by Chinami Micheals, Tufts University, Somerville, MA
- 2013 *Cookbook*, L'École nationale supérieure des Beaux-Arts, Paris, France
Tenfold curated by Ethan Murrow, Ogo Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2012 *Juried Drawing Show*, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
Masters of Japanese Painting, Nagoya/Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Nagoya, Japan

Lectures and Workshops

- 2020 Panel Discussion on Individual and Social Artistic Practice with Faheem Majeed, Shreyas Karle and Hemali Bhuta.
- 2019 Gallery talk, Shrine Empire, Delhi, India
Gallery talk and workshop, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL, USA
Panel Discussion, Buserud Kunstsenter, Drammen, Norway
Workshop, The Valley School, Bangalore, India
- 2018 Workshop and Alumni Lecture Series, Sanjeevan Vidyalaya, Panchgani, India
- 2017 Graduate Lecture Series, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Lecture, Ceramics Forum, Grand Valley State University, Michigan
- 2016 Graduate Lecture Series, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2015 Workshop, The Valley School, Bangalore, India (Age 16-18)
- 2014 Senior Thesis Lectures, The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Professional Experience

- 2020 - Co-Founder, Atmo: Reading + Praxis Platform
- 2020 - Heading local engagement, Alt Eff: All Living Things Environment Film Festival
- 2021 - Lead Artist, Floating Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Documentary Photography, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Technical Assistant, 3D Printing in Clay and Modeling, Floating Museum, Chicago, IL
Teaching Assistant for Marie Hermann, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Graduate Admissions Ambassador, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2017 Teaching Assistant for William J O'Brian, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Teaching Assistant for Xavier Toubes, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
Graduate Admissions Ambassador, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2016- 2015 Co-founder and Ceramics Instructor at Saulé Studio, Panchgani, India
- 2015 Research Assistant for Dr. Susan Bean to research raw clay sculpture tradition in India
- 2015 Research and product photography for Mapro Foods, Panchgani, India
- 2015 Photography and Cinematography for Himalayan Club, Mumbai, India
- 2015 Intern for B.R.Pandit, Ceramics Artist, Mumbai, India
- 2012 -2011 Student Docent, The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA