

EDUCATION

- 09 – 12 Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL. colum.edu
-MFA Interdisciplinary Arts and Media
-Dwight Follett Full Fellowship for Graduate Studies
-Class President 2012
- 98 – 03 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. indiana.edu
-BFA Photography/Art History Minor

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

- 2023 Midjourney for Creatives Certificate
2017 Adobe Certified Expert (ACE) in Photoshop and Illustrator
2005 Intern: Optimus (post-production), Chicago, IL. optimus.com
2004 IU Bloomington Web Dev Certificate, Bloomington, IN. indiana.edu
2003 Intern: International Center of Photography (digital dept), New York, NY. icp.org
2002 Indiana University Study Abroad Program, Florence, Italy

OCCUPATIONS

- 2019 - Present **Adobe Instructor/Design Director:** Denver Ad School: Denver, CO. denveradschool.com (remote)
- Instructor for all levels of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere, After Effects
- Curriculum developer and final portfolio advisor
- 2004 - Present **Freelance Artist/Designer:** Las Vegas (2021-Present); (Chicago 2004-21) gravesmichelle.com
- Interdisciplinary visual artist, Senior level Photoshop retoucher, private lesson Adobe instructor, graphic/web designer, pre-press assistant, studio/onsite photographer, curator.
- 2017 – 2021 **Head Curator/Owner:** State of the Art, LLC, Chicago, IL. stateofheartchicago.com - since 2018
- consultant/curator/installer of artwork on rotation for corporate and industry clients
Chair/Co-founder: Agitator Co-operative Gallery (NFP), Chicago, IL. agitatorgallery.com
- curator, finance & marketing member, program organizer, web developer
- 2012 – 2021 **Adjunct Professor:**
Columbia College Chicago, IL. Television Dept. colum.edu 2012 - 2021
- *Photoshop Bootcamp for Motion Graphics*
North Central College, Naperville, IL. Information Systems Dept. noctrl.edu 2013 – 2015
- Photoshop, Illustrator, Web Page Development (HTML, CSS, Dreamweaver, Wordpress)
- 2007 - 2020 **Non-Profit Co-Founder, Skater:** Former Board Member/Marketing Mgr. (ChicagoOutfitRollerDerby.com)
A charitable, internationally ranked roller derby team. Bench Coach (2014 – 2020);
Marketing Manager (2007 – 2010); Active Skater (2007 - 2013)
- 2015 – 2017 **Digital Advisor/Instructor:** Chicago Portfolio School & Digital Bootcamp, Chicago IL.
chicagoportfolio.com & digitalbootcamp.com
- Advisor and tutor for Chicago Portfolio students in imaging, print and web
- Instructor for basic to advanced Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator & InDesign
- 2012 – 2014 **Photographer Assistant:** Riverbend Studio, Chicago, IL. blog.riverbendphotostudio.com
- Photo editor/organizer, designer of photo albums using Adobe suite, on-site shoots
- 2003 - 2013 **Artist Assistant:**
Salavon, Jason - salavon.com Chicago, IL, '06 – '13
Project/Admin/Inventory Manager, retouching, video editor, installation assistant
Nakagawa, James - osamujamesnakagawa.com Okinawa, Japan '06 – '07 (Guggenheim
Recipient 2009) Assistant in concepting, production and retouching
Witz, Dan - danwitz.com New York, NY, 2003
Street art detail, Document photographer.

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2023 Nevada Arts Council Project Grant for "Keep Going," Goldwell Open Air Museum, Rhyolite, NV
2022 Art Commission for the *West Las Vegas Mural Project* sponsored by the City of Las Vegas, NV

(AWARDS continued)

- 2020 *Who's Who Society*, 2020 Recipient, Chicago, IL
2019 Art Commission for *America's Well Armed Militias*, SPACES Gallery, Cleveland, OH
2017 Emerging Artist "Outstanding Submission" award, Cleve Carney Gallery, DuPage, IL
2013 Commission, for the installation of *Transgression Through Your Breath*, 2012, *Luminaria Festival*, Instituto Cultural de Mexico, San Antonio, TX
2012 Ground Floor Biennial Nominee, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
The Lya Dym Rosenblum Award, Travel Grant, Columbia College Chicago, IL
2011 Critical Encounters: Image and Implication Grant, Columbia College Chicago, IL
Columbia College Chicago Mini-Grant Fellowship Runner-Up, Chicago, IL
Panelists: Yolanda Cursach, Assoc. Director of Performance, MCA, Chicago, IL
Lanny Silverman, Chief Curator of Exhibitions, Chicago Cultural Center, IL
2010 College Art Association Conference Travel Grant, New York, NY
2009 Dwight Follett Graduate Fellowship, Columbia College Chicago, IL
2004 Best 3D Still Honorable Mention, IDEAS Festival, Bloomington, IN
2003 Evelyn "Pat" Glazier Fellowship, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
1998 Gold Key Portfolio Award, Indiana Scholastic Art Awards, Indianapolis, IN
National Scholastic Art Awards Honorable Mention, Indianapolis, IN
1997 Photography Guild Scholarship, Greater Lafayette Art Museum, IN

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2023 Stevens, Richard. ["In these tough times, new art piece a reminder to 'Keep Going'."](#) pvtimes.com, Oct 2023.
Holmes, Brent. ["Rabbit Holes + Seeing Red,"](#) doublescoop.art, Jan 2023.
O'Connell, Sarah. ["Core Contemporary to present The Alchemy of Resistance"](#) eatmoreartvegas.com
Burn, Nancy. [Las Vegas Outdoor Murals Honor Historic Westside At The West Las Vegas Arts Center](#), KCLV Channel 2. YouTube. Jan 18, 2023.
- 2022 Ahlborn, Madeleine. ["American Roulette exhibit points art at gun culture,"](#) Alamosa Citizen, Oct. 2022
Hall, Debbie. ["American Roulette exhibit examines a difficult subject."](#) *Eat More Art*, Jan. 2022
- 2021 Dickensheets, Scott. ["Gun Violence the subject of art exhibit 'American Roulette,'"](#) *ReviewJournal.com*. Nov 2021
Dickensheets, Scott. ["Taking Aim"](#), *Neon, Las Vegas Review Journal*, Nov 2021. p6, Print.
Ihejirika, Maudlyne. ["American Roulette' exhibit examines gun violence in America as Chicago wrestles to rein it in."](#) *Chicago Sun Times*, June 2021
["Chicago marks Gun Violence Awareness Day amid rising shootings."](#) ABC 7 Chicago, June 2021
- 2019 Sharp, Sarah Rose. ["In Response to Rappant Mass Shootings, Artists Offer Visceral Reality."](#) *Hyperallergic.com*. Sept 2019
Litt, Steven. ["Gun rights explored in provocative 'Well Armed Militias' exhibit at Spaces."](#) *Cleveland.com*. Sept 2019
- 2018 [Packington Review 10th Anniversary Issue](#). Summer 2018
["We talk about the Order of Time with artist Michelle Graves!"](#) *You're the DJ, I'm the Podcaster with Mike Kincaide*, Aug 15, 2018
[CGN Interview Series, Michelle Graves of Agitator Co-operative Gallery](#), Chicago Gallery News, June 26, 2018
[Meet Michelle Graves of Agitator Gallery](#), Voyage Chicago, May 1, 2018
- 2017 [Artist Michelle Graves](#), Radio One Chicago, IL. July, 2017
[Badart.ist](#), Los Angeles, CA. July, 2017
- 2015 Adobe Youth Voices (presentation), Chicago, IL. June 2015
Focus On The Arts (presentation), Highland Park, IL. Apr 2015
Packington Review – A Journal of Literature and the Arts. [Winter 2014/2015](#)
- 2013 Frye, Andy. "In The Present Moment Through Art," *Five on Five: Women's Flat Track Roller Derby Magazine*, Fall 2013: 56-57. Print.
- 2012 *Transgression Through Your Breath*, New Media Caucus Showcase, LA Center for Digital Art, Feb 2012
Guerrilla Girls' Ask: Does this art museum represent you? WBEZ Chicago
Public Radio interview with the [Guerrilla Girls](#), Feb 29, 2012
- 2011 *Art Chicago Fair*, Design Applause! Apr 2011. Web
Jessica. *Hearts A Bluhm*, In The Chi-Loop. Web
- 2010 *Post Human // Future Tense Exhibition Catalog + Essays*, Chicago, IL
- 99-03 Various publications in Indiana

FINE ART EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 Sculpture reveal of *Keep Going*, Goldwell Open Air Museum, Beatty, NV
Use Other Door, Core Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV
 Group Text: The Art of Words, Winchester-Dondero Cultural Center, Las Vegas, NV
SOLO EXHIBIT *The Alchemy of Resistance*, CACI Residency, Core Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV
 West Las Vegas Mural Project receptions, West Las Vegas Art Center, NV
- 2022 *American Roulette*, Clara Hatton Gallery, Colorado State University, CO
American Roulette, Cloyde Snook Gallery, Adams College, Alamosa, CO
American Roulette, Geneva Center for the Arts, Geneva, IL
- 2021 *American Roulette*, Core Contemporary, Las Vegas, NV
American Roulette, Epiphany Arts Center, Chicago, IL
Collaboration with John Airo, Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Momentum In Survival*, mural for Berwyn Arts Initiative, Berwyn, IL
The Explosion is Here, collaboration with John Airo, Agitator Gallery, Chicago, IL
Endurance, mural on facade of Violet Hour, Chicago, IL
West Town Beauty, Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
Divine Femininity, Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *America's Well Armed Militia*, SPACES, Cleveland, OH
Subtransversal Homesick Blues, collaboration with John Airo, Fitting Room Gallery, Portland, OR
Studies in Growth and Survival, collaboration with John Airo, Ars Memoria Gallery, Chicago, IL
Confessions, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL (curator)
- 2018 **SOLO EXHIBIT** *Time Influential*, Morpho Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Ravenswood Art Walk, live art, Chicago, IL
Show of Shows, CC's Art Garage, Chicago, IL
 1 Year Anniversary, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Object + Image, Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
 Member Exhibition, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Emerging Artists: Collaborative Collisions, C.C.'s Art Garage, Chicago, IL
 Side Street Studio Arts, live art, Elgin, IL
- 2017 *Holiday Silent Auction*, Agitator, Chicago, IL
5 Years Later, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL (curator)
 Grand Opening, Agitator Co-operative Gallery, Chicago, IL
ONE: Emerging Artists, Cleve Carney Gallery, Dupage, IL
Nasty Woman, Stan Mansion, Chicago, IL
Dissent, Ars Memoria, Chicago, IL
Common Denominator with Rachel Reuter: Fulton Street Collective, Chicago, IL
SOLO EXHIBIT *Remember That I Am Alive*, Suns Out Clothing/SquidBoat, Chicago, IL
Grassroots: Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
Collections: Side Street Gallery, Elgin, IL
Words Matter: Side Street Gallery, Elgin, IL
- 2016 *5x5 Resident Artist*, Fulton Market Kitchen, Chicago, IL
 State of the Art: Selected Artists Exhibition, mcgarrybowen, Chicago, IL
 Reggae Fest: Featured Artist, Chicago, IL
The Human Mask: Layers of the External, Voices of the Internal, Deadly Prey Gallery, Chicago, IL
 Atomic Sketch: Featured Artist, Green Eye, Chicago, IL
30 Seconds: Guerrilla Pop-Up Short Film Festival, Washington, D.C. (curator)
- 2015 **SOLO EXHIBIT** *BREATHS BEATS + BEEPS*, Reed's Local, Chicago, IL
Artists on Board 2, ArtDeckCo, Oakland, CA
 Salt Lake City International Tattoo Convention, ArtDeckCo, Salt Lake City, UT
Keep it 100, Chicago Truborn, Chicago, IL
Focus on the Arts: 25th Celebration, Highland Park, IL
Document, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
Atomic Sketch, Featured Artist, Green Eye, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Hoarded Ephemeralities*, Garage Sale (Show) with Trisha O. Martin. Tritriangle, Chicago, IL
Artists on Board 2, ArtDeckCo, Chicago, IL & Portland, OR
LOVESick, 32Forty, Chicago, IL
The Vinyl Frontier, Chicago Truborn, Chicago, IL
- 2013 32Forty Grand Opening, Live Art with Photoshop, Chicago, IL
 North Coast Festival Street Art Exhibit, Chicago, IL

(FINE ART continued)

- 2013 Chicago Truborn Grand Opening, Chicago, IL
If All Else Fails, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
Luminaria Commission, Instituto Cultural de Mexico, San Antonio, TX
Word 6, An Architecture of Multi-Modal Poetry/Text, Columbia College Chicago, IL
- 2012 *How Performance Thinks*, PSi Conference, London, England
Transgression Through Your Breath, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Columbia College Chicago, IL
Dios de los Muertos, MultiKulti, Chicago, IL
First Generation: A Revolution of Thought, Columbia College Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Art Chicago/NEXT*, Columbia College Chicago, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL
Another Tangent, Live Writing Performance, Reggies Rock Club, Chicago, IL
Here to Here -><3, Live Writing Performance, Crocodile Lounge, Chicago, IL
No Sweat 2011, Collaborative Performance, Manifest, Columbia College Chicago, IL
No Sweat Promo, Critical Encounters: Image and Implication, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Word: Type + Image, C33 Gallery, Chicago, IL
Right Now, C33 Gallery Monitors (documentation reel), Chicago, IL
New Media Caucus Showcase, SVA, New York, NY
Right Now, Rhino Fest, Live Writing Performance, Prop Thtr, Chicago, IL
FUNdraiser, Work Studio Chicago, Chicago, IL
Interrogating the Future of Interdisciplinary Art, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL (curator)
- 2010 *Clouds Are All I See*, Performance, Columbia College Chicago, IL
This is My Home, Columbia College Chicago, IL
Post Human // Future Tense, International Exhibition, Columbia College Chicago, IL (curator)
NO SWEAT 2010, Collaborative Performance, Columbia College Chicago, IL
Grand Opening, Work Studio Chicago, Chicago, IL
Identity: Mapping Connections, Work Studio Chicago, IL
ARTifacts, Columbia College Chicago, IL
Orange Skin Party 2010, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *LumbArt*, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
Open Studio Exhibit, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
- 2007 *LumbArt*, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
Open Studio Exhibit, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *Design Festa 2006*, Tokyo, Japan
LumbArt, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
Open Studio Exhibit, Splat Flats Art Community, Chicago, IL
- 2005 *All on the Outside*, Mail Art Exhibition, Michigan City, IN
- 2004 Duo Exhibition with Alyssa Hill, Restaurant Tallent, Bloomington, IN
IDEAS Festival, Bloomington, IN
- 2003 *BFA Photography Exhibit*, SoFA Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Real, BFA Photography Thesis Exhibition, SoFA Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Allotropy, Annual Exhibition by Primary Colours, Indianapolis, IN
Exposure, Warehouse, Indianapolis, IN
- 2002 *BFA Photography Exhibit*, SoFA Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Guaranteed Transmission, Multimedia Exhibition, Bloomington, IN
Allotropy Annual Exhibition by Primary Colours, Indianapolis, IN
Toys, by Primary Colours, Indianapolis, IN
Take It, Indiana University BFA Photography, Bloomington, IN
- (Selected)
2001-1997 *Good Times at the Princess Theater*, Indiana University BFA Photography, Bloomington, IN
Colors of Spring, Photo Co-op, Seattle Beanery, Lafayette, IN
Expressions, Photo Co-op, Barnes and Noble, Lafayette, IN
Photo Guild Annual Exhibition, Greater Lafayette Art Museum, Lafayette, IN