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Education

- 2013 M.F.A. Studio Art, Concentration: Ceramics.
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, *James Nelson Raymond Fellowship Awardee*
- 2003 B.F.A. Studio Art, Concentration: Sculpture. Instituto Allende.
Universidad de Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. México, *Summa Cum Laude*

Work Experience

- 2023 – Present Assistant Professor, University of Notre Dame, IN
- 2013 – 2023 Teaching Artist, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2012 – 2013 Teaching Assistant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2003 – 2004 Adjunct Professor, Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.

Awards

- 2024 "CTA State and Lake Public Art Commission" (Phase II, Design) Chicago, IL
- 2023 "CTA State and Lake Public Art Commission" (Phase I, Proposal) Chicago, IL
- 2022 "Memorials Pilgrimage" 3AP, 3 Arts, Chicago, IL
"Individual Artists Program Grants" DCASE, Chicago, IL
- 2021 "Make a Wave Award" 3 Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2020 "JMF COVID-19 Relief Fund", Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York City, NY
"Individual Artists Program Grants" DCASE, Chicago, IL
"FCA Emergency Grant COVID-19 Fund" Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York City, NY
"Finalist Award in Sculpture" Illinois Arts Council Agency, Chicago, IL
- 2019 "Career Opportunity Fund" Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York City, NY
- 2017 "Proyectos Independientes" FONCA (Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes) Mexico City, Mex.
- 2016 "Emerging Artist Grant" Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York City, NY
- 2014 "Jóvenes Creadores" FONCA, Mexico City, Mex.
"Extraordinary Abilities Visa" U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- 2013 "Artist's Grant" Vermont Studio Art Center, Johnson, VT
"James Nelson Raymond Fellowship" 2013 SAIC Fellowship Competition, Chicago, IL
- 2012 "John W. Kurtich Travel Scholarship" The New Berlin and Documenta, Berlin/Kassel, Germany.
"PECDA Study Abroad" Instituto Queretano de la Cultura y las Artes, Querétaro, Mex.
"2012-2013 International Graduate Scholarship" The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2011 "The Incentive Scholarship" The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 "National Prize of Visual Arts" 1st Place in Sculpture, Galería Libertad, Querétaro, Mex.
"Apoyarte" Grant. Instituto Queretano de la Cultura y las Artes, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
Honorable Mention, "National Ceramic Award" Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mex.
- 2008 "Masks" Fundación DRT Grant, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 1999 2nd Place "Masks" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.

Selected Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 "9/100 Works" Riley Hall, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
 "Constructs" The Mission Projects, Chicago, IL
- 2021 "Campo Santo" Savannah Gallery for Contemporary Art, Indiana University Northwest, Gary, IN
 "Crowd Gate" Visual Arts Gallery, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2020 "Hold the Horses" Envisage Artist Retreat, Chippewa Falls, WI
- 2019 "Nascent States" Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
 "Polyrhythms" Skylight Gallery, Governors State University, University Park, IL
 "Composing Polyrhythms" Arrowhead Gallery, Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
 "Paradiddle" Test Site Projects, Las Vegas, NV
 "Ephemeral Memorials" Skylight Gallery, Governors State University, University Park, IL
- 2016 "Narrativas del Expatriado" Kruger Gallery, Marfa, TX
 "Deportable Aliens" C.G. Boerner, New York City, NY
 "La Paz" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 "Deportable Aliens" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 2014 "Recent Work" Mana Contemporary 613, Chicago, IL
- 2013 "Broken Dialogue" Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Campus, Chicago, IL
- 2011 "Rodrigo Lara: Retrospectiva" Museo de Arte Moderno, Toluca, Edo. Mex.
 "Devastación en carne propia" Galería Municipal, Querétaro, Mex.
- 2010 "Enjambre" Galería Atelier, Fabrica la Aurora, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Artifacts II" Cine Teatro Rosalío Solano, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
 "Enjambre" Galería Libertad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2009 "Masks" Galería DRT, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2008 "Rodrigo Lara" Estudio y espacio, Rodrigo Lara, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
 "Gravedad y emoción" Salvador Zúñiga Gallery, Casa de la cultura de, Celaya. Gto. Mex.
- 2008 "Creación humana" BU Gallery, Fabrica la Aurora, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Cuerpos en movimiento" Galería Contemporanea, San Juan del Río, Qro. Mex.
 "Artifacts" Atelier Gallery, Fabrica la Aurora, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Figura Humana" DRT Gallery, Querétaro Mex.
- 2007 "Secuelas de Guerra II" Centro cultural Ignacio Ramírez El Nigromante, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Retrospectiva" Coleccionista Mario Ponce, México D.F.
- 2006 "Urbe indiferente" Artes México, Carlos MuRo Gallery, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Secuelas de Guerra" Universidad del Valle de México, Campus Querétaro. Qro. Mex.
- 2003 "La Intensidad de un Tiempo" Museo de la Ciudad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2002 "Movimientos Gestuales" Pérgola Gallery, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 Mural "Villa y la Revolución" Permanent exhibition, Francisco Villa Elementary School San Juan Juvenal, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2025 CAL (Cooperativa de Agentes Líquidos) Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mex.
- 2024 "Permanent collection installation," Palmer Museum of Art, Penn State University, PA
 "EXPO Chicago" The Mission Projects, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL
 "Cerámica SURO a story of collaboration", La Casa de México en España, Madrid, Spain
 "Arte Diseño Xicágo II" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 2023 "Amuleto" San Juan, Puerto Rico
 "REVEAL: Recent Acquisitions 2020-2023," American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA
 "Loving Forms" Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL
 "Not Just Another Pretty Face" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL

- "Cerámica SURO a story of collaboration" Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- "Amuleto" The Franklyn, Chicago, IL
- "Amuleto" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- "Convictions" Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
- 2022 "LatinxAmerican" Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
- "Thee Architects" Saratoga Clay Arts Center, Schuylerville, NY
- 2021 "LatinxAmerican" DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2020 "Fake Real" Lubeznik Center for the Arts, Michigan City, IN
- "In Flux: Chicago Artists and Immigration" Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
- "Solo un poco aquí: Day of the Dead" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- "Don't You Stop, We Won't Stop" The Franklin, Chicago, IL
- 2019 "Not Just Another Pretty Face" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- "Reminiscence" One After 909, Chicago, IL
- "Cross Currents: Intercambio Cultural" Smart Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2018 "Exposición Inaugural" Museo de Arte Contemporáneo, Querétaro, Mex.
- "Living Architecture" 6018 North, Chicago, IL
- "¡No se olvida! Remembering the Tlatelolco Massacre" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- "The Annual" Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
- 2017 "Papantla tus hijos vuelan" Installation at 6018 North, Chicago, IL
- "Rise from the Rubble, Weather the Winds" Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL
- "Art Miami" Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Miami, FL
- "Rodin and the Contemporary Figurative Tradition" Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, Grand Rapids, MI
- "Expo Chicago" Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL
- "Memoria Presente" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- "Creación en Movimiento" Centro Cultural Universitario Tlatelolco, Mexico City, Mex.
- "Layer Cakes" Zolla-Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL
- "Four Saints in Three Acts" DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
- 2015 "Chapel" Installation with 6018 North, Expo Chicago, IL
- "Nuestras Historias" (Permanent Exhibition) National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- 2014 "Day of the Dead: Rito y Recuerdo" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- "Front and Center" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- "Playground" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 "Metamorphosis" Noyes Art Center, Evanston, IL
- "MFA Show" Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
- 2012 "New Work" Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL
- 2011 "Ceramics Annual of America", Fort Mason, San Francisco CA
- 2010 "70 Artistas una misma causa" Museo de Arte de Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2009 "Cuerpo presente" Museo de la Ciudad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- "El MACAY, Anfitrión de la plástica nacional" Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Ateneo de Yucatán, Mérida, Yucatán. Mex.
- 2008 "Estaciones y Terminales" Galería Libertad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- "Colectiva" Kunsthaus Santa Fe, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- "Bienal Pedro Coronel" Ex-templo de San Agustín, Zacatecas, Zac. Mex.
- "Exposición Colectiva" Galería Náxica, Mexico City. Mex.
- 2007 "Talentos Queretanos" Galería DRT, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- "Elemento Básico" Centro Cultural Ignacio Ramírez El Nigromante, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- 2006 "Arte en Espiral" Museo de Arte de Querétaro, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- "Function and Beauty" Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL
- "En tus manos" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
- "9/11 Un lustro después" Museo de la Ciudad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2005 "Concurso de arte Libertad", Galería Libertad, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- "Postcards" Staatliche Akademie der Bilden Künste, Karlsruhe, Germany

- 2004 "Day of the Dead" L'association pour l'estampe et l'art populaire, Paris, France
 "Pilsen Open Studios" Casa Aztlán, Chicago, IL
 "Ounce of Art, Pound of Cure Auction" West Loop Studio, Chicago, IL
 "3rd Annual Pilsen Cultural Celebration" Harrison Park, Chicago, IL
 "Summer Art Show" Flat Iron Arts Building, Chicago, IL
 "Rejectamenta" Gross Park, Chicago, IL
- 2003 "Day of the Dead: Reflections of the Soul" National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
 "Collective Exhibition" Galería Indigo, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Change of Season" Corazones 19 Gallery, Guanajuato, Gto. Mex.
 "3 Dimensional" Kunsthaus Santa Fe, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- 2002 "Photography Collective Exhibition" Galería Pérgola, San Miguel de Allende Gto. Mex.
 "De Todo Tipo" Área 51, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- 2001 "Comprarte" Cámara de Diputados, Toluca, Mex.
 "Retrospective Exhibition 50 years of Art in San Miguel de Allende" Galería Pérgola, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- 2000 "Day of the Dead Exhibition" Galería Pérgola, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
 "Artefilia" Galería Pérgola, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
- 1999 "Crossed Paths" Galería Pérgola, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.

Residencies

- 2025 Joan Mitchell Center Residency, New Orleans, LA
- 2022 Cerámica Suro, Guadalajara, Mexico
 Memorials Pilgrimage, Czech Republic, Germany, and Austria
- 2021 MASS MoCa, North Adams, MA
- 2020 Envisage Residency, Chippewa Falls, WI
- 2019 Rogers Art Loft, Las Vegas, NV
- 2018 Mana Residency, Miami, FL
- 2017 Cross Currents: Intercambio Cultural, Havana, Cuba
- 2016 Ragdale, Lake Forest, IL
- 2015 ACRE, Steuben, WI
- 2014 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

Selected Visiting Artist & Lecturer

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
 Cornish College of the Arts, Seattle, WA
 University of Notre Dame, IN
 Cerámica Suro, Guadalajara, Mexico
 Marjorie Barrick Museum of Art, Las Vegas, NV
 John Kurtich Scholarship, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
 Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico
 Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV
 Governors State University, University Park, IL
 Latino Art Now Conference, Conversation with Cesareo Moreno and Vincent Valdez, University of Illinois in Chicago, IL
 Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
 National Museum of Mexican Art, Conversation with Daniel Quiles, Chicago, IL
 Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
 Santa Fe Clay, Santa Fe, New Mexico
 The School of the Art Institute of Chicago (Departments of: Ceramics, Art History, and Contemporary Practices), IL

Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI
Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto, Mexico
Universidad del Valle de México, Querétaro, Mexico

Selected Publications

- 2024 *Seven up-and-coming Chicago artists to collect now*, Elly Fishman, WBEZ Chicago, IL
- 2023 *Not Just Another Pretty Face 2023*, Hyde Park Art Center, Catalogue, Chicago, IL
Making Space, Mark Ballogg, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *Not Just Another Pretty Face 2019*, Hyde Park Art Center, Catalogue, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Emerging Artists Grant, Catalogue, Joan Mitchell Foundation, New York City, NY
Memorials, Rodrigo Lara, 160 Pg. monograph, FONCA/Editorial Calygramma, Querétaro, Mex.
- 2016 *Breakout Artists*, Lee Ann Norman, NewCity, Chicago, IL
La Paz: Rodrigo Lara Zendejas @ HPAC, Kevin Blake, Bad at Sports, Chicago, IL
Mirar hacia ambos lados, Giorgio Lavezzaro, Excelsior, Mexico City, Mex.
- 2015 *Critics' Picks*, Zeenat Nagree, ARTFORUM International
Los monstrous de la xenofobia, Gerogina Valverde, Contratiempo, Chicago, IL
Mascaras y Artefactos, Rodrigo Lara, 80 pg. catalogue, Editorial Calygramma, Querétaro, Mex.
5 Shows to see now, No.1 Rodrigo Lara Zendejas, Lee Ann Norman, NewCity, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Rodrigo Lara, Barro Desmembrado*, Federico de la Vega, Revista Cerámica, Madrid, Spain
- 2013 *Memorial de Cuerpos, Rodrigo Lara*, Separata Art Magazine, No. 29, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2012 *Ceramics Annual of America*, Ilena Finocchi, Ceramics Monthly, January 2012 U.S.A.
- 2010 *Masks and Artifacts, Rodrigo Lara*. Separata Art Magazine, No. 18, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
- 2008 *DRT Artists, Rodrigo Lara*. Real State, No. 54. Mex.
- 2007 *Bolts of Emotion, Rodrigo Lara Shapes his World*, Rachel Hartman. Senses Magazine, Issue 1 Vol. 4, California
- 2006 *Rodrigo Lara's Figurative Ceramics*, Elizabeth Reichert. Ceramics Art and Perception, Issue 63, Adelaide, Australia

Selected Collections

Palmer Museum of Art, Penn State University, PA
American Museum of Ceramic Art, Pomona, CA
Colección Cerámica Suro, Guadalajara, Mex.
National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL
DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Rogers Foundation, Las Vegas, NV
Centro de las Artes de Querétaro, México
Museo de Arte Moderno del Estado de México
Gobierno del Estado de Querétaro
Fundación DRT, Querétaro, México
Fundación Black Coffee Gallery, Guadalajara, Mex.

Teaching Experience

- 2024 "The Portrait and the Figure in Ceramics" Oxbow School of Art (Affiliated with SAIC), Saugatuck, MI
"Ceramics I" University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
"Ceramics II" University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
"Animals and Creatures" University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

	"Advanced Ceramics" University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
2023	"Ceramics II" University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
2020	"Present Your Practice" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL *
	"Drawing for Sculpture: Animals and Creatures" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL *
	"Drawing for Sculpture: Portrait and Figure" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL *
2020	"Bridge Program" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2019 – 2023	"Sculpture: Animals and Creatures" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2015	"Sculpture II" Chicago High School for the Arts, Chicago, IL
	"Painting: Muralism" Chicago High School for the Arts, Chicago, IL
2014	"Mass and Form" Rodrigo Lara Studio, Chicago, IL, USA
2013 – 2023	"Sculpture: Portrait and Figure" Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
2013	"Modeling the Figure (Mass and Form)" Santa Fe Clay, NM
	"Sculpture, Metal Figure" Teaching Assistant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2012	"Advanced Ceramics" Teaching Assistant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
	"Mold Making" Teaching Assistant, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2010	"Sculpture Techniques" +Art School, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
	"Human Figure" Rodrigo Lara Studio, Querétaro, Qro. Mex.
2003	"Portrait" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
	"Introduction to Sculpture" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
2002	"Human Anatomy" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
	"Plastic Integration" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.
	"Human Figure" Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.

Volunteer Work

2019-2021	Advisory Board, Artist Board Member, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
2019	"Achieving an O-1 Visa and Life in the U.S. After Graduating from an MFA" Guest Speaker, International Affairs, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
2018-Present	Co-Founder "Alcahuetes Social Club" Rodrigo Lara studio, Chicago, IL
2017	Juror for "The Submission", The Mission Gallery, Chicago, IL
2011	Class "Sculpture and Painting Classes" <i>Fundación Needed</i> Orphanage, Queretaro, Qro. Mex.
2010-2011	Class "Painting and Sculpture Classes" <i>La Alegría de los Niños</i> Orphanage, Queretaro, Qro. Mex.
2001	Class "Painting and Sculpture Classes" <i>Mexiquito</i> Orphanage, San Miguel de Allende, Gto. Mex.