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Education

2013 Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts
University of California, San Diego
2010 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Arts (Painting)
University of Florida
2010 Bachelor of Art in Art History
University of Florida

Selected Exhibitions

2027 **Group Exhibition** (*upcoming June*), New Orleans Healing Center / *Come to me, here beside the River*, organized by Kolaj Institute, New Orleans, LA
2026 **Group Exhibition** (*upcoming October*), Kreeger Museum / *Out of Bounds*, Washington, DC
2026 **Group Exhibition**, New Orleans Jazz Museum / *Come to me, here beside the River*, organized by Kolaj Institute, New Orleans, LA
2026 **Solo Exhibition**, Causeway / *Familiar without a name* / Cocoa Beach, FL
2025 **Group Exhibition**, uncovered collective / *Hypernormalisation* / London, UK
2025 **Solo Exhibition**, tangerine gallery / *The Weight of Becoming* / Chattanooga, TN
2025 **Solo Exhibition**, *Untitled Frankenstein*, Morlan Gallery / Lexington, KY
2024 **Group Exhibition**, Uncovered Collective/ *TRIBUTE—to our future silicone overlords* / Essex, UK
2024 **Group Exhibition**, Midmountain / *Regeneration: Grief in Story and Song* / Natural Bridge Station, VA
2024 **Solo Exhibition**, Wofford College / *Under the Tussling Surface* / Spartanburg, SC
2024 **Group Exhibition**, Phantasmal Gallery / *Spiralling* / UK / online exhibition
2024 **Group Exhibition**, Stove Works / *Art of the South* / curated by Number: Inc. Magazine, Chattanooga, TN
2023 **Group Exhibition**, Orange Art Projects / *Eclecticism* / Queens, NY / online exhibition
2023 **Group Exhibition**, Augsburg University Art Galleries / *In Rotation* / Minneapolis, MN
2022 **Group Exhibition**, Field Projects Gallery / *NOT EVEN HOME WILL BE WITH YOU FOREVER* / online exhibition

2022 **Group Exhibition**, houseguest gallery / *In the Weeds: Camouflage and its Discontents* / Louisville, KY
2022 **Group Exhibition**, Henry Sheldon Museum / *Artists in the Archives: Community, History, & Collage* / Middlebury VA
2022 **Group Exhibition**, Design & Agency at Augsburg University/ *In Rotation* / online exhibition
2022 **Group Exhibition**, Mason-Sharfenstein Museum of Art / *Contemporary Art from the Permanent Collection* / Demorest, GA
2021 **Group Exhibition**, Stove Works / *Together is Better* / Chattanooga, TN
2021 **Group Exhibition**, CICA Museum / *In Touch* / Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
2017 **Solo Exhibition**, Mason-Scharfenstein Museum of Art / *Insider(Outsider)* / Demorest, GA
2016 **Group Exhibition**, Hamiltonian Gallery / *[recombinant] fellows* / curated by Camilo Alvarez / Washington, DC
2016 **Solo Exhibition**, Hamiltonian Gallery / *Spread* / Washington, DC
2015 **Group Exhibition**, Hamiltonian Gallery / *Fellows Converge* / curated by Jennie Carlisle / Washington, DC
2015 **Solo Exhibition**, Hamiltonian Gallery / *More human than I am, alone* / Washington, DC
2014 **Group Exhibition**, Kavachnina Contemporary / *art-Broken* / curated by Alejandro Bellizzi / Miami, FL
2014 **Group Exhibition**, Hamiltonian Gallery / *new. (now).* / curated by Amanda Jiron-Murphy / Washington, DC
2014 **Group Exhibition**, Curious Matter / *Terra Incognita* / Jersey City, NJ
2013 **Group Exhibition**, San Diego Museum of Art / *Summer Break 2013: Double Portraits* / curated by Amy Galpin / San Diego, CA /
2013 **Solo Exhibition**, VAF Gallery / *Amass* / UCSD / San Diego, CA
2012 **Group Exhibition**, Helmuth Projects / *To Be Determined* / curated by Emily Elizabeth Goodman / San Diego, CA

Readings/Artist Talks/Lectures

2026 **Artist talk**, "The Art of River," hosted by Kolaj LIVE Online / Online artist talk
2025 **Artist talk**, Transylvania University / Lexington KY
2024 **Artist talk**, Wofford College / Spartanburg SC
2023 **Artist talk**, "Artists in the Archives: Beyond Humans," hosted by Kolaj with Sheldon Museum / Online artist talk
2018 **Artist talk**, Transylvania University / Lexington, KY
2016 **Artist talk**, *Spread* / in conversation with author and science writer Sam

Kean / Hamiltonian Gallery / Washington, D.C.

2015 **Artist talk**, *More human than I am, alone* / Hamiltonian Gallery / Washington, D.C.

2014 **Artist talk**, *new. (now).* / Hamiltonian Gallery / Washington, D.C.

2013 **Reading and Artist talk**, University Art Gallery / UCSD

2012 **Collaborative Reading**, Experimental Drawing Studio / *"Drawing Blanks" in conversation with Lesley Stern* / UCSD

Bibliography/Catalogs/Interviews

2026 (*upcoming*) **Islandia Journal** / Issue 13: Creature Feature

2026 **Art Critter Magazine Podcast** / "Elizabeth Allen Cannon + Allison Spence" / YouTube interview / July 2026

2025 **Women United Art Magazine** / Issue IX Winter 2025

2024 **Art Seen Magazine** / The Curators Salon / Issue 14: Winter 2024

2023 **Ruckus Journal** / in the weeds / Nathaniel Hendrickson / January 17

2022 **kolaj magazine** / artists in the archive / book / edited by Ric Kasini Kadour

2019 **New American Paintings** / no. 142 South Issue

2016 **Washington Post** / "In the Galleries: A limited number of Shades of Gray" / Mark Jenkins/ December 9

2016 **Washington City Paper** / "Hamiltonian Gallery's Latest Group Show Finds Comraderie in Loneliness" / Capps, Kriston / December 2

2016 **Washington Post** / "In the Galleries: The beauty of nature, in all its horror" / Mark Jenkins / April 29

2016 **Washington City Paper** / Margaret Carrigan / April 22

2015 **2015 Hamiltonian Catalog** / Hamiltonian Artists / December 2015 / forward by Ian Maclean Davis

2015 **Washington Post** / Mark Jenkins / July 25

2015 **Capitol File** / Summer 2015

2015 **[out of nothing]**, issue #8, April 2015, "To Dissect, To Dice"

2014 **The LIFESTYLE**, May 2014 / *Artist Feature*

2014 **Curious Matter**, *Terra Incognita* / exhibition catalog

2013 **San Diego Museum of Art**, *Summer Break: Double Portraits* / exhibition catalog

2013 **University of California, San Diego** / *Amass* / exhibition catalog with essays by Emily Elizabeth Goodman, Brett Zehner, Samara Kaplan

Residencies

2022 Collagists in the Archive / Stewart-Swift Research Center at the Henry Sheldon Museum, VT / one-month online residency / May
2021 Stove Works Residency / one-month residency / March
2020 Hambidge / two-week residency / December
2016 Millay Colony / one-month residency, July
2015 Elsewhere Residency / artist retreat, August
2013 Vermont Studio Center / one-month residency, March

Fellowships/Awards/Grants

2024 COFRS Grant: Florida State University, $20,000
2019 FYAP Grant: Florida State University, $20,000
2016 Washingtonian Collection Grant: DC Commission of the Arts and Humanities
2016 Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation Creative Fellowship
2015 Hamiltonian Fellowship
2014 Hamiltonian Fellowship
2013 Vermont Studio Center Fellowship

Related Professional Experience

2022 "How to Build a Monster: Hybridity and its Challenge to the Dominate Order" / SECAC 2022 / Baltimore MD
2016 Panel Co-Chair / SECAC 2016 / "Anatomically Incorrect: Body Horror in Visual Culture" / October 2016
2012 Founding Member / Experimental Drawing Studio / UCSD

Employment

2026- **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Art, Art History, and Design, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
2018-2026 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Art, College of Fine Arts, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL