

Alexander Alvarez

Multidisciplinary Artist & Educator

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2024 MFA, Emerging Media - Studio Art and Design, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2020 BFA, Studio Art - Painting Specialization, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Professional Experience

Teaching

2026 Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 3161C - Mixed Media [Spring]

ART 3737C- Narrative Sculpture [Spring]

Instructor, Valencia College West Campus, Orlando, FL

ART 1300C – Drawing I [Spring]

Instructor, Valencia College Osceola Campus, Kissimmee, FL

ART 1300C – Drawing I [Spring]

Instructor, Art & History Museum Maitland, Maitland, FL

Beginning Sculpture: Portrait Bust, 6-week course [Spring]

2025 Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 2203C- Design Fundamentals 3D [Fall]

Instructor, Art & History Museum Maitland, Maitland, FL

Beginning Sculpture: Portrait Bust, 6-week course [Fall]

Beginning Sculpture: Portrait Bust, 6-week course [Summer]

2024 Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 2701C- Beginning Sculpture [Fall]

ART 3737C- Narrative Sculpture [Fall]

Instructor, Florida Prison Education Project (FPEP), at Central Florida Reception Center's South Unit, Orlando, FL

ART 2203C- Design Fundamentals 3D [Fall]

ART 2201C- Design Fundamentals 2D [Summer]

Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 2203C- Design Fundamentals 3D [Spring]

ART 2300C- Drawing Fundamentals II [Spring]

2023 Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 2203C- Design Fundamentals 3D [Fall]

ART 2300C- Drawing Fundamentals I [Fall]

Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 2203C- Design Fundamentals 3D [Spring]

ART 3504C- Intermediate Painting [Spring]

2022 Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

ART 2300C- Drawing Fundamentals I [Fall]

ART 3504C- Intermediate Painting [Fall]

ART 2300C- Drawing Fundamentals I [Summer]

GRA 2101C- Introduction to Computer Art [Spring]

ARH 3820C- Visual Arts Administration Vitas [Spring]

2021 Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL.

GRA 2101C- Introduction to Computer Art [Fall]

ARH 3710C- History of Photography I [Fall]

Leadership Position

- 2026** Program Coordinator, Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
- 2025** Coordinator, Florida Prison Education Project, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Statewide Coordinator, Project Development Specialist, and Lead Principal Investigator, Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Event Operations and Assistant Coordinator, UCF Celebrates the Arts, UCF School of Visual Arts and Design's Design Department Exhibition [Spring Semester]
- 2024** Coordinator, Florida Prison Education Project, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Statewide Coordinator, Project Development Specialist, and Lead Principal Investigator, Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Event Operations and Assistant Coordinator, UCF Celebrates the Arts, UCF School of Visual Arts and Design's Design Department Exhibition [Spring Semester]
- 2023** Event Operations and Assistant Coordinator, UCF Celebrates the Arts, UCF School of Visual Arts and Design's Design Department Exhibition [Spring Semester]

Academic Appointments

- 2026** Graduate Faculty Scholar, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL
Appointed by the College of Graduate Studies to support graduate education and mentorship.

Awards, Scholarships, and Recognition

- 2026** Puffin Foundation Grant, Puffin Foundation
For *Bridging Narratives* — a traveling interdisciplinary exhibition integrating sculpture, painting, and installation with community-based workshops and public engagement.
- 2025** Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator, awarded \$750,000 grant for the Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison
- 2024** Laughing Gull Foundation, Co-Principal Investigator, awarded \$250,000 grant for the Florida Prison Education Project

Selected Juried and Solo Exhibitions

2026 *Artfields*, Regional Juried Competition, Lake City, SC (catalogue)

(Jurors; Mitchell Burleson, Interdisciplinary Artist & 2025 Grand Prize Winner

Ben Davis, Author & Art Critic

Lauren Schell Dickens, Chief Curator at the San José Museum of Art

Christopher Ho, Artist, Educator, and Organizer

Anne Collins Smith, Chief Curator of the New Orleans Museum of Art

To Alter or Abolish, National Juried Exhibition, Yavapai College Art Gallery, Prescott, Arizona (catalogue)

(Juror, Brittany Corrales, Curator, Arizona State University Art Museum, Tempe, AZ)

DreamMare, Juried Group Exhibition, Dark Side Studios, Mount Holly, NC

(Curator, Melissa Sue, Owner/Curator, Dark Side Studios, Mount Holly, NC)

2025 *America's Carceral Landscape*, Juried Exhibition, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Orlando, FL

(Curator, Keri Watson, Director, Florida Prison Education Project, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL)

2024 *Beyond the Bars*, Regional Juried Competition, Arts Garage Marshall Family Foundation Gallery, Delray Beach, FL

(Juror and Curator, Naja Hardmon, Curator for Arts Garage Marshall Family Foundation Gallery)

The Art Show, Juried Exhibition, Casselberry Arts Center, Casselberry, FL

(Juror and Curator, Justin Luper, Curator, Arts and Marketing Supervisor for the City of Casselberry)

War & Peace, Juried Exhibition, Gallerium, International Online Exhibition & Publication

2023 *NITTY GRITTY*, Solo Exhibition, So What! Art Gallery, Orlando, FL (catalogue)

(Curator, Jabe Jones)

2022 *Your Place at the Table III: Rooted*, Regional Juried Exhibition, 311 Gallery and Studio, Raleigh, North Carolina

UCF Art Night, Graduate Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Healing Art Exhibition 2022, Juried Group exhibition, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

2021 *Artfields*, Regional Juried Competition, Lake City, SC (catalogue)

(Jurors, Erin Jane Nelson, Director of Burnaway Publication

Jacqueline Keane Adams, Director at Columbia Museum of Art

Tonya Northington, Executive Director of Arthurst

Peter J Baldaia, Director of Cultural Affairs at the Museum of Hunstville

Willie Little, Artist)

LatinXhibit, Regional Juried Exhibition, The Arts Center Galleries, Fayetteville, NC

(Juror, Antonio Renteria, Director of Operations for Arts Council of Fayetteville/Cumberland County, Fayetteville, NC)

Windows of Understanding 2021, Online Exhibition, American Hungarian Foundation, New Brunswick, NJ

(Curator, Cassandra Oliveras-Moreno)

Eclectic Knights XIII, Local Juried Exhibition, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL

(Juror, Arielle Study and the OMA Associates Art Selection Committee Members at the Orlando Museum of Art)

2020 *Celebrating Hispanic Arts and Culture*, Statewide Juried Exhibition, Osceola Arts, Kissimmee, FL

(Juror, Marilyn Cortes-Lovato, Director of Osceola Arts, Kissimmee, FL)

Eclectic Knights XII, Local Juried Exhibition, Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL

(Juror, Rudy McDaniel, Director of School of Visual Arts and Design, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL)

Textured Vicinity, Local Curated Exhibition, Young Artist Gallery, Orlando, FL

(Curator, Jean-Claude Rausch)

Día De Los Muertos, Local Curated Exhibition, City Arts, Orlando, FL

(Curator, Kat Quast, Operations and Events Director of City Arts, Orlando, FL)

Group Exhibitions

- 2026** (Upcoming) *Us*, Group Exhibition, Art & History Museum Maitland, Maitland, FL
(Curator, Dan Hess, Head Curator, Art & History Museum Maitland, Maitland, FL)
- 2025** *Faculty Show*, Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Art Gallery, Orlando, FL
(Curator, Shannon Rae Lindsey, Director, UCF Art Gallery, Orlando, FL)
- 2024** *Headspace*, MFA Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Art Gallery, Orlando, FL
(Curator, Shannon Rae Lindsey, Director, UCF Art Gallery, Orlando, FL)
- UCF Celebrates the Arts*, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Orlando, FL
(Curator, Debi Starr, Associate Lecturer, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL)
- Art Knight 2024*, Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Gallery, Orlando, FL
- 2023** *UCF MFA Show*, Three-Person Curated Exhibition, City Arts, Orlando, FL
(Curator, Jean-Claude Rausch)
- UCF Celebrates the Arts*, MFA Group Exhibition, Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, Orlando, FL
(Curator, Debi Starr, Associate Lecturer, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL)
- Art Knight 2023*, MFA Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Gallery, Orlando, FL
(Curator, LeAnne Schumann)
- 2020** *MIRAGE*, BFA Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Gallery, Orlando, FL
(Curator: Theo Lotz, Executive Director of Flying Horse Editions, Orlando, FL)

Residencies

2025 *Hold Space*, residency, Ox-Bow School of Art affiliate of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Saugatuck, MI, September 15-23

Artist in Action 2024-2025, residency, Art & History Museum Maitland, Maitland, FL, September 2, 2024 to August 29, 2025

Presentations, and Publications

2026 (Upcoming) *Breaking Stereotypes: Recontextualizing Underrepresented Voices and Communities*, panel, session chair, SECAC Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, October 21

(Upcoming) *Con/Texture: Surface and Sense*, panel, presenter, SECAC Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, October 21

(Session Chairs, Dr. Roja Najafi and Dr. Catharine Ingersoll, Conference Director, Dr. Tracy Stonestreet, Associate Curator of Contemporary Art at the NCMA Raleigh and Winston-Salem, Maya Brooks)

2024 *Transforming Boundaries: Intersections at the Assemblage of Self, System, and Spaces*, panel, presenter, SECAC Conference, Atlanta, GA, October 25

(Session Chair, Millian Pham Lien Giang, Asst. Professor at Auburn University)

UCF Art Graduates to Make a Difference Through FPEP Program, UCF Today, Written by Ryan Randall, May 10, <https://www.ucf.edu/news/ucf-art-graduates-to-make-a-difference-through-fpep-program>

Anticipating Combustion MFA Thesis Defense, presenter, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, February 28

Arts Role in Social Change Artist Talk, speaker, sponsored by Carla Poindexter at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, March 9

2023 *Multidisciplinary Practice* Artist Talk, speaker, sponsored by Amer Kobaslija at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, April 3

2022 *Graduate Research in the Field of Arts*, panel, presenter, SECAC Conference, Baltimore, MD, October 28

(Session Chair, Dr. Joo Kim, Associate Professor at University of Central Florida)

2021 *Experimental Painting* Artist Talk, speaker, sponsored by Amer Kobaslija at University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, February 3

2020 *Young Alumni Council Discussions*, panelist, Young Alumni Council Art and Humanities Knight, sponsored by the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, November 17.

Eclectic Knights XII Special Virtual Event, Virtual Art Reception Artist Talks, panelist, sponsored by UCF College of Arts & Humanities and Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL, September 4