

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

Work Experience

Leadership Position

2025 Statewide Coordinator, Florida Prison Education Project (FPEP) Sponsored Nonprofit Programs at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

Statewide Coordinator, Project Development Specialist, and Lead Principal Investigator, Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison (FCHEP) Sponsored Nonprofit Program at the 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]

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Teaching

2026 Upcoming: Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

ART 3161C - Mixed Media [Spring]

ART 3737C- Narrative Sculpture [Spring]

Upcoming: Instructor, Valencia College West Campus, Orlando, FL

ART 1300C – Drawing I [Spring]

Upcoming: Instructor, Valencia College Osceola Campus, Kissimmee, FL

ART 1300C – Drawing I [Spring]

Upcoming: 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]

Selected Juried and Solo Exhibitions

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

(Jurors; Amalia K. Amaki, Artist, Art Historian, Curator, and Writer

Sara Reisman, Chief Curator at the National Academy of Design, NYC

Mary Savig, Lloyd Herman Curator of Craft and the Acting Curator-in-Charge of the Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery

Alba Triana, Sound and Intermedia Artist

Kate Wilson, Assistant Curator of 21c Museum Hotels)

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

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

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

(Curator, Keri Watson, Director, Florida Prison Education Project, Art History Professor, University of Central Florida)

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 and 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

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 2021, Regional Juried Exhibition, Fayetteville, NC

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

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)

Group Exhibitions

2024 *Headspace*, MFA Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Art Gallery, Orlando, FL

(Curator, Shannon Rae Lindsey, Director, UCF Art Gallery)

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

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

(Curator, LeAnne Schumann)

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

(Curator, Cassandra Oliveras-Moreno)

2020 *MIRAGE*, BFA Group Exhibition, University of Central Florida Gallery, Orlando, FL

(Curator: Theo Lotz, Executive Director of Flying Horse Editions, 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)

Residencies, Presentations, and Publications

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

Amplifying Voices, panelist, Florida Summit on Higher Education in Prison, hosted by Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison (FCHEP), The Celest Hotel, Orlando, FL, May 3-4

2024 *Transforming Boundaries: Intersections at the Assemblage of Self, System, and Spaces* panel, presenter, SECAC 2024 national conference, hosted by Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA, October 25

(Session Chair, Millian Pham Lien Giang, Assistant Professor at Auburn University
Conference Director, Dr. Tracy Stonestreet, Director of UMW Galleries University of Mary Washington)

Beyond the Bars Panel Discussion, panelist, Arts Garage Marshall Family Foundation Gallery, Delray Beach, FL, November 15

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* session, presenter, SECAC 2022 International Conference, hosted by the Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD, October 28
(Session Chair, Dr. Joo Kim, Associate Professor at University of Central Florida Conference Director, Kerr Houston, Co-Director and Instructor at MICA Maryland Institute College of Art)
- 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
Eclectic Knights XII Discussion, panelist, 1st Thursdays Community Art Show, sponsored by Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL, September 1

Awards, Scholarships, and Recognition

- 2025** Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Principal investigator, awarded \$750,000 grant for the Florida Coalition for Higher Education in Prison
- 2024** Laughing Gull Foundation, Principal investigator, awarded \$250,000 grant for the Florida Prison Education Project
- 2023** President's List Honors Student, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL [Fall and Spring]
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2019 Invited to join University of Central Florida's chapter of The National Society of Leadership and Success

Dean's List Honors Student, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL [Fall]

President's List Honors Student, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL [Summer]

2018 Dean's List Honors Student, Valencia College, Orlando, FL, [Fall]

2017 Dean's List Honors Student, Valencia College, Orlando, FL, [Fall]

President's List Honors Student, Valencia College, Orlando, FL, [Spring]

2016 George and Viola McLoughlin Scholarship, Orlando, FL

President's List Honors Student, Valencia College, Orlando, FL, [Fall]