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Education

2021 MA - Metalwork, Jewelry Design, and Digital Fabrication - Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL

2019 BFA - Sculpture - Northern Illinois University. DeKalb, IL

Solo Exhibitions

2025

Fully Filtered, Artruss. Chicago, IL

Solo presentation at Door County Contemporary Art Fair with The Plan. Fish Creek, WI

An Exercise in Restraint, McHenry County College. Crystal Lake, IL

2024

Just Dust, David Salkin Creative. Chicago, IL

2022

Quartet for the End of Time, The Plan. Chicago, IL

2019

the Treachery of Objects, David Salkin Creative. Chicago, IL

Two & Three Person Exhibitions

2025

Still Life with Bowl of Universe, Ari Norris & Timothy Norris.
Truman State University Art Gallery. Kirksville, MO

2023

Introspective Dream Assembly, Ryan Burns & Ari Norris. Guest curated by Esau McGhee. Riverside Arts Center. Riverside, IL

2021

Our Two Scents, Marvin Chan & Ari Norris. Cleaner Gallery + Projects. Chicago, IL

2018

Shooting Pool with a Rope, Derek Ernster, Jose Jimenez, & Ari Norris. Baby Blue Gallery. Chicago, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2025

Biennial 33, South Bend Museum of Art. South Bend, IN

Luminarts Visual Arts Exhibition, John David Mooney Foundation. Chicago, IL

Purpose of a System is What it Does, Sawhorse. Chicago, IL

Miniotics, Pop Gun at Weatherproof. Chicago, IL

Alumni Art Exhibition, Muskegon Community College. Muskegon, MI

2024

The 100th Show, Left Field Gallery. Los Osos, CA

Faculty Biennial Exhibition, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL

Twenty-Somethings, Holland Area Arts Council. Holland, MI

2023

West, Wester, Westest 4, Curated by Ryan Travis Christian. Left Field Gallery. Los Osos, CA

Selections from the Irie Collection, McHenry County College Art Gallery. Crystal Lake, IL
2022

The Patriot, O'Flaherty's. New York, NY

2019

5th International Exhibition on Conceptual Art, Czong Institute for Contemporary Art (CICA) Museum. Gyeonggi-do, South Korea

More Small Painting(s); an Exhibition Homage to CvD, Lawrence & Clark. Chicago, IL

The Plant Show, Ground Level Platform. Chicago, IL

Rulers, Coco Hunday. Tampa, FL

Artist Residency Alumni Exhibition, Main Street Arts. Clifton Springs, NY

53rd Annual National Drawing and Sculpture Show, Cain Gallery, Del Mar College. Corpus Christi, TX

2018

the 75th Rockford Midwestern Biennial, Rockford Art Museum. Juried by Aron Packer. Rockford, IL

Impromptu, Rubberneck Gallery. Chicago, IL

2017

Midwest Sculpture Exhibition, Indiana University Kokomo Art Gallery. Curated by Tara Scott. Kokomo, IN

14th Annual Regional Juried Exhibition, Freeport Art Museum, Juried by Dan Addington. Freeport, IL

Artist-in-Residence

2022

Artist-in-Residence at Art Casting of Illinois, inc. Oregon, IL

2021

Artist-in-Residence at Art Casting of Illinois, inc. Oregon, IL

2019

LAUNCH Invitational Residency at Chicago Artists Coalition. Chicago, IL

2018

Artist-in-Residence at Main Street Arts. Clifton Springs, NY

Public Collections

Notre, Chicago, IL

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL

The Bank of Kaukauna, Kaukauna, WI

Private Collections

Chicago, IL

Dearborn, MI

Evanston, IL

Grand Rapids, MI

Los Angeles, CA

Milwaukee, WI

Naperville, IL

Vancouver, BC, Canada

Virgil Abloh Estate

Washington, D.C.

Public Speaking

2025

Visiting Artist Lecture, McHenry County College. Crystal Lake, IL

Artist Talk with Timothy Norris, Truman State University. Kirksville, MO

2023

Artist Talk with Ryan Burns, moderated by Esau McGhee, Riverside Arts Center. Riverside, IL

Awards

2025

Luminarts Visual Arts Fellowship, Luminarts Cultural Foundation.

2020

John X. Koznarek Memorial Scholarship Fund

Lester K. Smith Creative Art Scholarship

2018

Michigan Council for the Arts & Cultural Affairs - Public Arts/Sculpture. Minigrant Arts Projects

O'Malley-Pugh Endowment Fund

Sally Stevens Scholarship in the Arts

Selected Bibliography / Press

2025

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2024

Kaye, Gareth. Chicago Spleen. "*Four (Minus One) for Friday: Ari Norris: Just Dust @ David Salkin Creative.*" Web. April 26, 2024.

2023

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2022

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2021

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2019

Alyea, Ginny Van. Chicago Gallery News (CGN) "the Newest Thing; What Collectors are Buying Now."
Print & Web. Fall 2019 Issue.

Coco Hunday. "Rulers," Exhibition Catalog. PDF/Web. 2019.

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Print. February 15, 2019.

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the Visual Arts," Exhibition Catalog.

West, SK. "'Rulers,' Explores Measurements and Leaders at Coco Hunday in Tampa." Creative Loafing.
cltampa.com. Web. June 5, 2019.

2018

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Regarding "Shooting Pool with a Rope," at Baby Blue Gallery, Chicago. IL.

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Regarding "Impromptu," at Rubberneck Gallery. Chicago, IL.

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Northern Illinois University, "Ari Norris - Huskie Spotlight." *NIU Website / NIU CVPA Arts Blog*.
niu.edu. / niuarts.com. Web. July 2018

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Rockford Art Museum, "The Rockford Midwestern Biennial 2018," Exhibition Catalog.
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