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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

2026 *The Enormity of an Atom*, Western Illinois University. Macomb, IL (*forthcoming*)

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

2027 *Still Life with Bowl of Universe*, Ari Norris & Timothy Norris.
Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art. Chicago, IL (*forthcoming*)

2026 *30 (Thousand) Years*, Ari Norris, Timothy Norris, & Patricia Opel.
Holland Area Arts Council. Holland, MI (*forthcoming*)

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

Selections from the Permanent Collection, Cain Gallery, Del Mar College. Corpus Christi, TX

2024 *The 100th Show*, Left Field. 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. 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

Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI

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 O'Malley-Pugh Endowment Fund

Sally Stevens Scholarship in the Arts

Selected Bibliography / Press

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2023 Massa, Daniel. Northern Star. "NIU Exhibits Bring Together the Old and New." northernstar.info. Web. April 3, 2023.

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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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2018 Bad at Sports. "Top V. Weekend Picks (1/11-1/17)." badatsports.com. Web. Jan 11, 2018. "Shooting Pool with a Rope" at Baby Blue Gallery, Chicago, IL.

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niu.edu / niuarts.com. Web. July 2018

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