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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 *Constant Hitmaker*, Left Field Gallery. Los Osos, CA

*The Enormity of an Atom*, Western Illinois University. Macomb, IL

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**

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

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**

- 2026 *Dibs*, ANDREW RAFACZ. Curated by Jenal Dolson. Chicago, IL
- Deep Cuts!* The Plan. Curated by Olivia Zubko. Chicago, IL
- Heat of the Moment*, Parlour and Ramp. Curated by Noah Kashiani. Chicago, IL
- Tacoma Sculpture Park*. Dock 6 Collective. Chicago, IL
- Shelf Show*, Sawhorse. Chicago, IL
- Rockford University Faculty Exhibition*. Rockford University Art Gallery. Rockford, IL
- 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 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

Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI

## **Lectures**

2025 Visiting Artist Lecture, McHenry County College. Crystal Lake, 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

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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.
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"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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