

Education

2002-2004	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Sculpture	Masters of Fine Arts
2000-2001	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago Sculpture	Post-Baccalaureate
1995-1999	Macalester College, St. Paul, MN Major: Studio Arts	Bachelor of Arts

Professional Work Experience

2015, 17, 18	Faculty Organizer. <i>Annual SAIC Iron Pour</i> Crab Tree Farm	Lake Bluff, IL
2015	Reviewer. Undergraduate <i>National Portfolio Review Day</i> The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2007-10, 14-15	Faculty Academic Advisor. SAIC Office of Student Affairs The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2012-2013	Assistant Director of Academic Advising. SAIC Office of Student Affairs	
2010-2012	Full-Time Academic Advisor. SAIC Office of Student Affairs The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2010	Fallen 21 Commission. Chicago Fire Department Memorial Plaque Back of the Yards	Chicago, IL
2009-2010	Site Coordinator. <i>20th Anniversary SAIC Iron pour</i> Crab Tree Farm	Lake Bluff, IL
2008-2010	Co-Founder. <i>Happy Accident Sculpture Studio</i>	Chicago, IL
2010	Guest Artist for Andrew Denton's 3D Sculpture class critiques East Carolina University	Greenville, NC
2009	Mentor. <i>Powertools 4: Home, Work, Studio</i> symposium The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Invited Artist. " <i>Crit-O-Rama</i> " Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Grand Rapids, MI
	Reviewer. <i>Western Graduate Portfolio Review Day</i> San Francisco Art Institute	San Francisco, CA
2006-2009	Reviewer. <i>Central Graduate Portfolio Review Day</i> The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2007	Substitute Foundry Technician. SAIC foundry The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2003-2007	Co-facilitator. Orrington Artist-in-Residency Program Orrington Elementary	Evanston, IL
2006	Substitute Wood and Metals Shops Technician. SAIC Wood/Metals Shops	
2005	Visiting Artist. Sculpture Department, Winter Interim <i>Woodworking</i> Class The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Guest Artist. for Gerry Christiansen course critiques Harrington Design College	Chicago, IL

Exhibitions

2017	Eye Level: Group exhibition The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2016	Holy Cow! Look at the size of that thing: Group exhibition Beverly Arts Center	Chicago, IL
2015	RAW: Group exhibition Brownstone	Bangkok, Thailand
	Postcard Pusher: Group exhibition Atelier Tramway	Villars sur Glane, Switzerland
2013	Resonance: Group exhibition for the Japanese American Service Committee's fundraiser Floating World Gallery	Chicago, IL
	artWORK6, The S/AIC staff and faculty art exhibition: Group exhibition Sullivan Galleries, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Permutations: Solo exhibition The OSA Monthly Art Show, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2012	Interaction: Group exhibition Korean Cultural Center of Chicago (KCCoC)	Wheeling, IL
	A Garden by Design: Group exhibition Harold Washington College President's Gallery	Chicago, IL
2011	Stasis: Solo exhibition Intertwined: Group exhibition Korean Cultural Center of Chicago (KCCoC)	Wheeling, IL
	Sexier: Group exhibition Zhou B Art Center	Chicago, IL
2010	BamBUDDHAed! Or I Ching, You Ching, We All Ching... for I Ching: Group exhibition portage ARTspace	Chicago, IL
	Art Prize: Group exhibition Women's City Club	Grand Rapids, MI
	Junctional: Group exhibition <i>The 6th Annual Guerrilla Truck Show</i> <i>NeoCon World's Trade Fair 2010</i> extension	Chicago, IL
2009	Paul Who? And why the !@# \$ should I care?: Group exhibition slow Gallery	Chicago, IL
	Material Afterlife: Group exhibition Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Grand Rapids, MI
2008	Honeycomb Ceiling: Solo exhibition Chicago Cultural Center Pedway Open Studio Program	Chicago, IL
	Unpacked/Offset: Solo social exhibition Northern Illinois University Art Museum	DeKalb, IL
2007	Molehills: Group exhibition Beverly Arts Center	Chicago, IL
	Remake: The Sequel. Asian American Showcase XII: Group exhibition Gene Siskel Film Center	Chicago, IL
2006	The World is Flat: Group exhibition Galerie Lifebomb	Berlin, Germany
	Don Celender Memorial Exhibit: Group exhibition Macalester College	St. Paul, MN
2005	Fakature: Group exhibition Macalester College	St. Paul, MN
	Experiment 400/5: Group exhibition Gallery 400, University of Illinois, Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Street Stories: Group exhibition Walsh Gallery	Chicago, IL

Invited Projects

- 2019, 17, 11, 09** *Foundry Tree*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
National Conference on Cast Iron Art & Practices, Sloss Furnaces, **Birmingham, Alabama**
- 2018** *Foundry Tree*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
Western Cast Iron Art Alliance conference **Granite City, Illinois**
International Conference on Contemporary Cast Iron Art **Scranton, Pennsylvania**
Chicago Crucible **Hamilton, Michigan**
Midwest FireFest **Cambridge, Wisconsin**
- 2017** *Foundry Tree*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
Sculpture Trails **Solsberry, Indiana**
- 2016** *Project: Vision, a nonprofit youth organization*: invited art contributor for fundraiser
Chinatown **Chicago, IL**
- 2015** *Foundry Tree*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
Lake Bluff 25th Anniversary Iron Pour, Crab Tree Farm **Lake Bluff, IL**
- 2011** *Foundry Tree Project*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
8th Annual Down on the Farm Iron Pour **Decorah, IA**
- 2010** *Open Studio* for International Sculpture Center Chicago Chapter meeting
Butler Street Foundry **Chicago, IL**
- 2010** *ReBuilding Exchange Wine & Design Contest and Lighting Design Competition*
ReBuilding Exchange **Chicago, IL**
- 2010** *Foundry Tree*: Online Digital Photography Social Networking Project
Indianapolis Art Center's 3rd Biennial Iron Casting Symposium **Indianapolis, IN**
6th International Conference of Contemporary Cast Iron Art **Wales, United Kingdom**
Lake Bluff 20th Anniversary Iron Pour, Crab Tree Farm **Lake Bluff, IL**
East Carolina University **Greenville, NC**
- 2006** *The Massage Project*: Invited solo performance
SAIC Exhibition and Events Retreat **Saugatuck, MI**

Residencies

- 2018** **Artist-in-Residence.**
Rose Raft Artists and Musicians Residency **New Douglas, IL**
- 2009-10** **Arts-in-Industry Residency.**
Butler Street Foundry **Chicago, IL**
- 2006** **Artist-in-Residence.**
Alternator Gallery for Contemporary Art **Kelowna, BC, Canada**
Professional Artist-in-Residence.
Ox-Bow School of Art And Artists' Residency **Saugatuck, MI**
- 2003-2006** **Visiting Artist.**
Orrington Elementary School **Evanston, IL**
- 2001-02, 05-06** **Artist-in-Residence.**
Crab Tree Farm **Lake Bluff, IL**

Awards

2016, 2011	Ten Year and Five Year Employee Recognition.	
2014	Sculpture Department Professional Development Award.	
2009	Presidential Urban Engagement Grant.	
2008	Grainger Faculty Enrichment Grant.	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2006	Alliance of Artists Communities. Nomination	Providence, RI
	Canadian Artists' Representation	
	Le Front Des Artistes Canadiens	British Columbia, Canada
2003	Mary Koga Award.	
	Japan America Society of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2000	Fred Forster Fellowship.	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL

Lectures

2014	Sculpture Department and Foundry Tour for Academic Advising Training	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2012	A Garden by Design exhibition: Artist lecture.	
	Harold Washington College President's Gallery	Chicago, IL
	Artist's talk. Eric May's "You Art What You Eat" Class.	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2010	Visiting Artist/Curator lecture.	
	East Carolina University	Greenville, NC
2009	Catastrophically Injured Police Memorial invited presentation.	
	Soldier's Field Lecture Hall and Gold Star Families Park	Chicago, IL
	Sculpture Department Faculty lecture series.	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Invited Lecturer.	
	Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts	Grand Rapids, MI
2008	Chicago Artists Month Pecha Kucha Night Event. (featured but not attended)	
	Martyrs'	Chicago, IL
	Artist Lecture.	
	Waubonsee Community College	Sugar Grove, IL
2007	Visiting Artist Lectures.	
	Northern Illinois University	DeKalb, IL
2006	Artist's talk.	
	PAR, Ox-Bow	Saugatuck, MI
	Rotary Centre for the Arts	Kelowna, BC, Canada

Boards / Committees

2012	Invited Member. NACADA Summer Institute Retreat for SAIC in Austin, TX	
	Leader. Academic Advising New Student Guide Committee	
	Invited Member. Office of Student Affairs Retreat Committee	
2010	Invited Member. Adjunct Promotion Committee	
2009-2010	Invited Member. Dean's Studio Seminar Committee	
2008-2010	Elected Secretary. SAIC Chapter of American Association of University Professors	
2008-2009	Elected Part-time Faculty Representative. SAIC Dean's Committee on Part Time Concerns	
2006	Member. SAIC Ad Hoc Part Time Concerns Committee	
	The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL

Teaching

- 2019** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry: Iron Casting*
- 2018** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Basics*, and *Foundry: Iron Casting*
- 2017** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture and Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects Departments: *Foundry: Transformed Objects*
- 2015, 16** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Basics*
- 2015** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Advanced Projects*
- 2013-2014** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Basics*, *Foundry Advanced Projects*, *Foundry: Industrial Morphologies*
- 2010** **Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Projects*, *Mold Making and Casting*, *Foundry Basics*
- 2009** **Instructor/Adjunct Assistant Professor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry Projects: Components, Inclusions and Events*, *Foundry: Transformed Objects*, *Mold Making and Casting*
Instructor. Campus Life: *Casting Identity* SAIC Family Weekend Workshop
Student Affairs: *Critique Workshop* SAIC New Student Orientation
Admissions: *Mapping Desire* SAIC Perspective Student Workshop
- 2008** **Instructor.** Sculpture Department: *Sculpture As Medicine: Fetishes, Physiological Spaces, and Healing Actions*, *Foundry: Transformed Objects*, *Foundry: Hybrid Objects*, *Foundry Projects*
- 2007** **Instructor.** Sculpture Department: *Sculpture as Medicine*, *Foundry*, *Transformed Objects*, *Foundry Projects*, *Sculptural Practices: Concepts, Materials, Processes*.
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago **Chicago, IL**
- 2003-2007** **Instructor.** Orrington Artist-in-Residency Program
Orrington Elementary **Evanston, IL**
- 2006** **Instructor.** Sculpture Department: *Foundry*, *Cutting Edge Sculpture*, *Foundry Projects*, *Mold Making and Casting*
- 2005** **Instructor.** Sculpture Department: *Beginning Foundry*, *Foundry Projects*
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago **Chicago, IL**

Collections / Permanent works

- 2006, 2016** ***Stone Carvings Series***
Crab Tree Farm Foundation **Lake Bluff, IL**
- 2006** ***Cast Iron Meditation Bench***
Ox-Bow School of Art **Saugatuck, MI**
- 2005** ***Yoyo Bench, Double Arch Bridge***
- 2001** ***Burr Oak Bell***
Crab Tree Farm Foundation **Lake Bluff, IL**
- 2000** ***Tao Door***
Macalester College Library **St. Paul, MN**
Elephant Bench* and *Mazullo's Lever
Janet Wallace Fine Arts Gallery **St. Paul, MN**

Workshop leader

- 2014** *Teacher toolbox* SAIC Workshop for high school art educators
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago **Chicago, IL**
- 2012** *Bucket Ecosystem* workshop
Harold Washington College **Chicago, IL**
- 2010** *Patterns and Nature; tree-inspired bronze casting workshop*
Morton Arboretum **Lisle, IL**
- 2009** *Casting Identity* SAIC Family Weekend Workshop for Campus Life
Critique Workshop SAIC New Student Orientation for Student Affairs
Mapping Desire SAIC Perspective Student Workshop for Admissions
The School of the Art Institute of Chicago **Chicago, IL**

Curatorial

- TBD** **Co-Curator.** *TBD*
Indiana University Southeast **New Albany, IN**
- 2016** **Co-Curator.** *Holy Cow! Look at the size of that thing*
Beverly Arts Center **Chicago, IL**
- 2010** **Co-Curator and Juror.** *Cast Shadows*
East Carolina University **Greenville, NC**
- 2008** **Curator.** *Sculpture As Medicine* class, student exhibition
International Museum of Surgical Science **Chicago, IL**
Co-Curator. *Mountain: A force of Faketure* (A Faketure Consortium Project)
Beverly Arts Center **Chicago, IL**
- 2007** **Co-Curator.** *Molehills.* (A Faketure Consortium Project)
Beverly Arts Center **Chicago, IL**
Curator. *Faketure* Exhibition
Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center **St. Paul, MN**

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- **25th Anniversary Crab Tree Farm Iron Pour Catalog**. Individual Giving, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, **Chicago, IL, August, 2015**.
- **“Ima-chan”**, Bailliwik Issue 10, **Portland, OR, Autumn, 2013**. <http://www.bailliwik.org/issue10>
- **DePaul Asian American Art Oral History project, 2012**. http://via.library.depaul.edu/oral_his_series/
- **“Craftsman and Make build the Ultimate Santa’s Sleigh,”** MAKE Magazine Blog entry by Christina Pei. **December 3, 2010**. http://blog.makezine.com/archive/2010/12/craftsman_tools_and_make_build_the.html
- **“A foodie’s tour of ArtPrize: Eat your way through coffeehouses, restaurants featuring art”**, by Sue Dow, The Grand Rapids Press, **Grand Rapids, MI, September 22, 2010**.
- **“36 views of Shio Mountain”**, Bailliwik Issue 8, **Chicago, IL, Autumn, 2010**. <http://www.bailliwik.org/>
- **“SAIC Iron pouring Community”** by Roxanne Samer, Chicago Art Magazine, **Chicago, IL, June 7, 2010**.
- **“Steel sculptures mimic nature's roots”**, by Sandy Illian Bosch, Pioneer Press PioneerLocal.com, Member of Sun-Times Media, **Chicago and Chicago Suburbs, April 22, 2010**. <http://www.pioneerlocal.com/westernsprings/entertainment/2164776.doings-disteelroots-042210-s1.article>
- **“Gabriel Akagawa; Cast Shadows and Curatorial processes”** WZMB 91.3 ECU Student Radio, Live radio interview by Andrew Denton and Laura Wood, **Greenville, NC, February 19, 2010**.
- **“Forging Forward: Artist pours heart, hope into reviving 119-year-old family foundry,”** Story by Rick Kogan and Photos by Charles Osgood, Chicago Tribune, **Chicago, IL, February 7, 2010**. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/features/style/ct-sun-0207-foundry-20100205,0,34495.story>
- **“The re-invention of Butler Street Foundry: iron workers and art students share a vision,”** Story and Photos by Layton Ehmke, Medill Reports, Northwestern University, **Chicago, IL, December 2, 2009**. <http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=150865>
- **“The Year of Iron: Forging a community,”** Story and photos by Jen Mosier, F Newsmagazine, **Chicago, IL, October 26, 2009**. <http://fnewsmagazine.com/wp/2009/10/the-year-of-iron/>
- *Artists’ Readings*, <http://artistsreadings.wikispaces.com/>, website database founder and senior editor.
- **“Chicago in Visual Vocabulary,”** by Sigalit Zetouni, Chicago Life Magazine, Supplement to the New York Times, **November, 2008**.
- **“Waste displaced, later embraced,”** by Steven Schnarr, The Columbia Chronicle, Columbia College, **Chicago, IL, October 13, 2008**.
- **“My Art, My Family,”** by Gabriel Akagawa, Chicago Artists Resource Artist Story, **Chicago, IL, September, 2008**. <http://www.chicagoartistsresource.org/visual-arts/node/16755>
- **“Take part in 'Unpacked/Offset' at NIU Art Museum”**, Daily Chronicle, **DeKalb, IL, May 8, 2008**.
- **“NIU Class 'freezes' during art reception”**, Daily Chronicle, **DeKalb, IL, May 8, 2008**.
- **“Tell a nature story for a massage at NIU Art Museum”**, Daily Chronicle, **DeKalb, IL, April 3, 2008**.
- **“3-D modeling programs”** by Gabriel Akagawa in the Chapter “Application Readiness,” *The Artist’s Guide to Public Art: How to Find and Win Commissions*. By Basa, Lynn. (New York: Allworth Press. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, co-publisher), p. 45-46, **March 2008**.
- **“Artist ‘Unpacks’ 21st century's complex relationship to nature”**, Daily Chronicle, DeKalb, IL, **March 20, 2008**.
- **“Internship leads to partnership in foundry industry,”** by Sonja Schneider, Journal News, **Chicago IL, February 28, 2007**.
- **“Demonstrating global impact,”** by Poria Priegert, Kelowna Daily Courier, **Kelowna, BC, June 26, 2006**.
- **“Visiting exhibition explores nature and artifice”**, by Charles Campbell, The Mac Weekly, **St. Paul, MN, November 11, 2005**.
- **“Young artists work in color, community,”** by Kathy Routliffe, Evanston Review, **Evanston, IL, December 4, 2003**.

Volunteer / Outreach

2017	Art Institute of Chicago and Field Museum Fieldtrip Parent Volunteer Namaste Charter School	Chicago, IL
2013	Juror. BAC 37 th Annual Art Competition Beverly Arts Center	Chicago, IL
2011, 2013	Pour Team Captain. <i>Annual SAIC Iron pours</i> Crab Tree Farm	Lake Bluff, IL
2012	Greeter. LeRoy Neiman Center Grand Opening	
2011, 2012	Graduate Seating Committee Member. Commencement Ceremony	
2011	Setup and arrival group member. Student Dormitory Move-in. Cashier. SAIC Holiday Art Sale. School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2010	Deputized Fire Watcher for Editor's Choice <i>Fresh Baked Canonballs</i> Iron Pour the Henry Ford, Maker (City) Faire by Make Magazine	Detroit, MI
	Juror. Julie Reynolds Shaw 2010 Artists' Grants Art Resources in Teaching programs	Chicago, IL
	Woodshop planning ReBuilding Exchange	Chicago, IL
2009	Faculty Sponsor. <i>Atelier Farda</i> Student group Student Donation co-Coordinator. Preston Jackson and Archibald Motley Student Fund Auction The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
	Faculty Co-Supervisor. <i>A Capella Cupoli</i> , SAIC Iron Pour Illinois Arts Casting	Oregon, IL
	Technical Advisor. Buckingham Fountain Railing Restoration Happy Accident Sculpture Studio and Butler Street Foundry	Chicago, IL
	Juror. Evolving Artists Art Competition & Exhibit Beverly Arts Center	Chicago, IL
2007, 2009	Faculty Supervisor. <i>The Molten Metal Group</i> : SAIC students attending the Southern and National Conferences on Cast Iron Art at Sloss Furnaces	Birmingham, Alabama
2005-2009	co-Coordinator. Remet Corporation's Shaping the future award; juried SAIC's foundry student The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL
2007	Booth Attendant. Crab Tree Farm Special Exhibition Display, SOFA. Navy Pier	Chicago, IL
2002-2009	Graduate Student, Resident Artist, Faculty Volunteer. <i>SAIC's Annual Lake Bluff Iron Pour</i>	
2002-2008	Residency Recruiter/co-Coordinator. Crab Tree Farm Foundation, proprietor John H. Bryan	Lake Bluff, IL
2007	Sculpture Representative. Transfer Students Orientation.	
2005-2007	Faculty Coordinator. The Base Space Committee: Sculpture department documentation space. The School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL