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EDUCATION

2025 Master of Fine Arts Student, Western University, London, Ontario, Canada

2022 Honours BA, Fine Art: Studio Practice, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada

1994 Master of Electronic Engineering, China

1991 Bachelor of Electronic Engineering, China

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2025 FAH Chair's Entrance Scholarship, Western University, Ontario, \$1200

2024-2025 Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council, \$2000

2024-2025 Emerging Artist Project Creation Grant, Ontario Arts Council, \$5000

2024 Emerging Artist Award, Arts Awards of Waterloo Region, Ontario, \$2000

2024 Third Place Award, Fourth Annual Juried Show of Visual Arts, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario, \$500

2024 Second and Third Place Award, *Press 2024, Juried Exhibition*, The Button Factory Arts, Waterloo, Ontario

2023-2024 Exhibition Assistance Grant, Ontario Arts Council, \$1500

2023 First Place Award, *Annual Juried Exhibition: Duality*, Button Factory Arts, Waterloo, Ontario

2023 Department Award Winner for Distinguished Academic Achievement in Fine Arts, Waterloo, Ontario

2022 Best Digital Award, *Annual Juried Exhibition*, Button Factory Arts, Waterloo, Ontario

2022 Curator's Choice Award, *epilogue*, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

2022 Carol Hudgins Memorial Book Award, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

2021 Hamilton Artist Inc.'s Award for Distinction, *Ignition 10*, Hamilton, Ontario, \$550

2015 Dean's Honours List, Faculty of Art, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

2015 Carol Hudgins Memorial Book Award, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Impression*, Farrie Gallery, Homer Watson House & Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario

2025 *Tangible Experience*, Cambridge Centre for the Arts, Cambridge, Ontario

2024 *Tangible Experience*, Rotunda Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario

GROUP EXHIBITION

- 2025** *Hiding in the Plain Sight/site*, Homer Watson House & Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2025** *DRAFTS 6*, Mapping Diasporic Identities, Grebel Gallery, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2025** *Internal Voice*, Etobicoke Civic Centre Art Gallery, Toronto, Ontario
- 2025** *Unbound*, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Richmond Hill, Ontario
- 2024** *Negotiating Culture*, Martin Luther University College, Wilfred Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2024** *Globe Studios Fall 2024 Art Show*, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2024** Juried Exhibition, *Negotiating Culture*, Grand River Artist Collective, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2024** Annual Juried Show of Visual Arts, Art Gallery of Mississauga, Mississauga, Ontario
- 2024** Waterloo Park Promenade Exhibition, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2024** The Ontario Miniature Print Exhibition (*TOMPE2024*), London, Ontario
- 2024** #63 Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, Ontario, <https://toaf.ca/gallery/wen-li>
- 2024** *Press 2024, Juried Printmaking Exhibition*, The Button Factory, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2024** *Artist at Work*, Homer Watson House & Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2024** *Member's Exhibition 2024*, The Button Factory, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2023** *Collective Colours, 2023 Annual Juried Show*, Homer Watson House & Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2023** *2023 Annual Show*, Grand River Artist Collective, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2023** *Duality, Annual Juried Exhibition*, Button Factory Arts, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2023** *Artist in Residence Exhibition*, Point Pelee National Park, Ontario
- 2023** *Globe Studios Autumn 2023 Invitational Art Show & Open House*, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2023** *Press: Juried Printmaking Exhibition*, The Button Factory, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2023** *IDK, it lights up or something*, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2023** *Booked*, The Artery Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2023** *Disembody*, Homer Watson House & Gallery, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2022** *Art\$Pay Annual Show and Sale*, Kitchener, Ontario
- 2022** *Previously On*, The Artery Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2022** *Annual Juried Exhibition*, The Button Factory, Waterloo, Ontario
- 2022** *epilogue*, The Artery gallery, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario
- <https://uwaterloo.ca/fine-arts/undergraduate/programs/honours-graduation-exhibition/epilogue-2022-fourth-year-exhibition/epilogue-wen-li>
- 2021-22** *Ignition 10*, Hamilton Artist Inc. Hamilton, Ontario
<https://www.theinc.ca/exhibitions/ignition-10/>
- 2017** *12pt*, The Artery gallery, Waterloo, Ontario

2013 *Brush with Art*, University of Waterloo, Stratford, Ontario

OTHER PROFESIONAL ACTIVITIES

2025 Presenter at UAAC-AAUC Conference 2025, York University, Toronto, Ontario

2025 Artist talk, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, Ontario

2025 Interview with Promenade Community Radio Magazine, Kitchener, Ontario
<https://open.spotify.com/episode/6hxWtT53OO5CDvRCIXsnbJ?si=O8rNOvyBTR-kzWHkPgo2rA&t=609>

2025 Artist in Residence, Walking & Art: Discussions at the Wayside, Gibraltar Point Centre for the Arts, Toronto Island, Ontario

2025 Artist in Residence, Pat the dog, Uptown Waterloo BIA, Waterloo, Ontario,
<https://femmefolksfest.ca/uptown-waterloo-bia-artists-in-residency/>

2024 Assistant Curator, Negotiating Culture, Grand River Artists Collective, Kitchener, Ontario

2024-2025 Board of director, CAFKA - Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener and Area, Kitchener, Ontario

2023 Critique Night, Grand River Artist Collective, Kitchener, Ontario

2023 Tony Onley Artists' Project, Wells, British Columbia

2023 Artist in Residence, Point Pelee National Park, Ontario

2022 Artist Talk, online at Hamilton Artist Inc, Ontario, Canada
<https://www.youtube.com/live/hP2cMu6GFNo?si=a85jpAcBnCY9hdkj>

OTHER TECHNICAL SKILLS

2024 Pochoir workshop by Elizabeth Forrest, Waterloo, Ontario

2024 Stencil Silk Screen Print workshop by Judy Major Girardin, Waterloo, Ontario

2024 Watercolor Screen Print workshop by Judy Major Girardin, Waterloo, Ontario

2024 Post degree Studio course, Expanded Media, University of Waterloo, Ontario

2023 Cyanotype Toning workshop with Amber Lee Williams, University of Waterloo, Ontario

2023 Post degree visual Cultural course: Castles: Fact and fiction, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

2023 Post degree studio Course: Tech and Art, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario