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Education

- 2019 Master's in Fine Arts (pending) Two – dimensional Studio, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (December)
- 2016 Bachelor's in Art *cum laude*, Visual Arts, the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (June)
- 2013 Participation in a Summer Workshop of *Ecological Studies of freshwater and terrestrial macroinvertebrates in Quebrada de Oro at Mayaguez*, the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Professional Experience

- 2020 **Part-Time Lecturer**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Teaching Printmaking 1 course that focuses on the basic techniques or printmaking and Basic Drawing class in which the students learn to observe, understand and recreate objects and figures they observe.)
- 2019 **Printmaking 1 Instructor**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Aiding the students with different printmaking techniques such as relief printing, screen printing, monotype, and intaglio. Maintenance and safety knowledge in the lab and its equipment)
- Printmaking Teaching Assistant**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Aiding the professor in the printing process of relief printing, screen printing, intaglio, lithography. Lab technician and maintenance, Spring 2019, Summer I 2019)
- Gallery Assistant**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Curating, installing, creating labels and lighting adjustments for different exhibitions, recording guest artist lectures and other scholars and registering books, magazines, and catalogs donated to the School of Art Gallery, Spring and Summer 2019)
- 2018 **Assistant Curator**, FOLD: Art, Metaphor and Practice Exhibition at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Aiding with the installation of the artwork in different locations and packaging and handling of the artwork. February – March)
- Gallery Assistant**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Curating, installing, creating labels and lighting adjustments for different exhibitions, recording guest artist lectures and other scholars and registering books,

- magazines, and catalogs donated to the School of Art Gallery, Spring and Summer 2019)
- 2017 **Gallery Assistant**, School of Art at University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus (Curating, installing, creating labels and lighting adjustments for different exhibitions, recording guest artist lectures and other scholars and registering books, magazines, and catalogs donated to the School of Art Gallery, Spring and Summer 2019)
- 2015 **Internship** at the Museum of Art (MuSA) in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (learned the basics of the different administrative parts of the Museum, registration, how to maintain and manage different works of art, Summer 2015)

Grants/Awards

- 2019 Ford-EEOC Endowed Scholarship, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (August – December)
- 2018 Honorable Mention at the Juried Exhibition: TASA One Foot Exhibition 2018 at South Texas College Pecan Campus, McAllen, TX (October)
- NIU Urban Living Art Scholarship, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (August)
- UTRGV Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (June)
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- Int'l Student Fee Scholars Scholarship, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (June)
- Third Place Award in Water Media Category, 46th International Art Exhibition in the Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts, Brownsville, TX (April – May)
- 2017 Summer Scholarship given by The College of Fine Arts of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (June – July)
- 2016 Recognize as a Student Ambassador of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Award, Mayaguez, PR (May)
- Honor Student Award of the Art and Science Faculty from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)
- 2015 Honorable Mention Award at the 5Th Symposium of Undergraduate Investigation in Biology in the Art and Science Exhibition in the Biology building at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)

Honor Student Award of the Art and Science Faculty from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)

Recognize as a Golden Key International Honor Society Member: Chapter of The University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (October)

2013 Recognized as a Life Member of the National Service Fraternity Alpha Phi Omega, Upsilon Mu Chapter of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (December)

Honor Student Award of the Art and Science Faculty from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)

Exhibition Record

Exhibitions:

2020 **Juried Online Exhibition**, *Creative Distancing, Virtual Gallery*, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX (June, Juried by Clay Reuter)

Juried Online Exhibition, *Aqua: A Contemporary Art Show Online Exhibition*, Envision Arts Magazine (June, Juried by Envision Arts Magazine)

2019 **Juried Exhibition**, *Small Works 2019*, Main Street Arts, Clifton Springs, NY (November – January, Juried by Anna Kaplan)

Juried Solo Exhibition, *Art Behind the Glass Student of the Month*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Brownsville Rusteberg Art Gallery, Brownsville, TX (November)

Solo Exhibition, MFA Thesis Exhibition *Shattering Taciturnity*, Charles and Dorothy Clark Gallery, Edinburg, TX (August – October)

Invitational Exhibition, *Empowered Women/ Empower Women A FridaFest Exhibition* at Edinburg City Hall and Dustin Michael Sekula Memorial Library, Edinburg, TX (July)

Invitational Exhibition, UTRGV EVP Office For Research And Graduate Studies And New Program Development at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (May-August)

Invitational Exhibition, *Casa Abierta Ephemeral Show* in the Main Hallway at the School of Art of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (April)

Juried Exhibition, *Topophilia* in the Pulse Magazine in the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (March)

Juried Exhibition, *Juried Student Exhibition* in The Gallery at Rusteberg Hall of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, TX (March – April)

Juried Exhibition, *5th Annual Mujer- Eres International Art Exhibition* in B & E Art Studio, Brownsville, TX (March)

- 2018 **Juried Exhibition, TASA One Foot Exhibition 2018** at South Texas College Pecan Campus, McAllen, TX (October, Juried by Mark Clark)
- Invitational Exhibition, Empowered Women, | Empower Women A FridaFest Exhibition** at Edinburg City Hall, Edinburg, TX (June)
- Juried Exhibition, 46th International Art Exhibition** in the Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts, Brownsville, TX (April – May, Catalogue)
- Invitational Exhibition, A celebration of the Fine Arts Exhibition** in The Art Gallery 333, Corpus Christi, TX (April)
- Juried Exhibition, Chicas Bonitas: All Female Exhibition** in La Retama Library, Corpus Christi, TX (March-May)
- Juried Exhibition, Mujer- Eres Exhibition** in Platform 204, Harlingen, TX (February – March)
- Juried Exhibition, Noche de Recuerdos: Our Sacred Mother Exhibition** in The Movement Gallery, San Antonio, TX (September – October)
- 2017 **Invitational Exhibition, MFA 2017 Exhibition** in the Neuhaus Tower Chase Bank Lobby, McAllen, TX (December – March 2018)
- Invitational Exhibition, Pop Up Art Show** at the International Museum of Art and Science, McAllen, TX (April)
- Juried Exhibition, 11th Annual School of Art Juried Student Exhibition** in the UVAL Kika de la Garza Fine Arts Center, Mission, TX (April – May)
- Juried Exhibition, Juried Student Exhibition** in The Gallery at Rusteberg Hall of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Brownsville, TX (March – April)
- 2016 **Juried Exhibition, Cromática 2 Exhibition** in the Epifanio “Fano” Irizarry Gallery of the Ponce School of Fine Arts, Ponce, PR (November – December, Catalogue)
- Juried Exhibition, Annual Student Exhibition** in the Art Gallery of the Carlos E. Chardon Building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (April, Catalogue)
- 2015 **Juried Exhibition, Art Exhibition** of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Art students in the Museum of History of Ponce, Ponce, PR (October, Catalogue)
- Invitational Exhibition, 2nd Collective Art Exhibition** in the Graduate Studies Office of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (October)
- Juried Exhibition, 5Th Symposium of Undergraduate Investigation in Biology** in the Art and Science Exhibition in the Biology building at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)
- Juried Exhibition, Annual Student Exhibition** in the Art Gallery of the Carlos E. Chardon Building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (April, Catalogue)

- 2014 **Invitational Exhibition**, *Gallery Under the Stars Exhibition* in the Guayanilla Square Plaza, Guayanilla, PR (November)
- Juried Exhibition**, *Urban Cultural Festival* in San Juan, San Juan, PR (October, in collaboration with different artist and universities of Puerto Rico)
- Juried Exhibition**, *4th Symposium of Undergraduate Investigation in Biology Exhibition: Art in Science* in the Biology building at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (May)
- 2013 **Invitational Exhibition**, *Urban Printmaking Commemorating 100 years of Lorenzo Homar* intervention at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR (December)

Bibliography

Print Media

- Gerald Aguilar Padilla, “Visual Art Chapter” *Latino Book Review Magazine*, February 6, 2020. 31.
- Nancy Moyer, “Transcribing fears: Artist uses work to confront insecurities, problems.” *The Monitor*, September 23, 2019. 1C | *Vida Art*.
- Omar E. Zapata, “Shattering Taciturnity, Graduate student breaks out of her shell through art.” *The Rider, The Student Voice of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*, September 16, 2019. 6.
- Pulse Magazine* 2019, “(un)filtered,” *The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*, May 2019. 70.
- The Brownsville Museum of Fine Art, “46th International Art Show”, *The Brownsville Museum of Fine Art*, April 26 – May 26, 2018. 9.

Podcast

- Fernando Correa, “EP 170 – Jesmil M. Maldonado Rdriguez (INKTOBER 2019)”, *FENCast Spotify*, San German, PR, October 7, 2019.

Online Periodicals

- Carlos A. Acevedo, “T.G.C. Proudly Presents Friday Features Showcasing the Artwork of Jesmil Maldonado.” *The Garments Cartel Instagram*, access date: July 24, 2020. <https://www.instagram.com/thegarmentscartel/>
- Chroma Art Magazine*, “Chroma’s Inktober Winner: @jmmr_art, Jesmil M. Maldonado.” *Chroma Art Magazine*, access date: January 28, 2020. <https://magazinechroma.wixsite.com/chroma/emprendedores>
- Omar E. Zapata, “Shattering Taciturnity, Graduate students breaks out of her shell through art.” *The Rider, The Student Voice of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley*, access date: September 22, 2019. <https://www.utrgvrider.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Issue-4.pdf>

Nancy Moyer, “Academic artists from around Texas participated in the annual size-themed exhibition at STC” *The Monitor*, access date: November 5, 2018.
https://www.themonitor.com/life/article_e3b3dcd4-e073-11e8-affc-77f8e5c0ee03.html

Eva Williamson, “Empowered Women | Empower Women A FridaFest Exhibition,” *The City of Edinburg*, access date: July 11, 2018. <http://edinburgarts.com/womens-exhibit>

Ana L. Emmanuelli Rivera, “Exposición Cromático 2”, *ISSUU*, access date: December 11, 2016.
https://issuu.com/galeriaepifaniofanoirizarry/docs/para_issue_1

Selected Bibliography

Publications as Author

“Shattering Taciturnity: The Use of Visual Arts as a Method of Communication and Expression” (Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest LLC, 2020)

“Breaking the Silence / Rompiendo el Silencio” *Chicana/Latina Studies The Journal of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social* Volume 18, Issue 2 (Spring 2019), (San Antonio, TX: University of Texas at San Antonio, 2019. 10 – 23.

“Opposite Perspectives not so Opposite: Bonds and Benefits of Visual Arts in Natural Science Through the Work of L. Da Vinci, A. Stahl, and J. Michelli” (Mayaguez, PR: the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez Press, 2016)

Presentation

2016 “Opposite Perspectives not so Opposite: Bonds and Benefits of Visual Arts in Natural Science Through the Work of L. Da Vinci, A. Stahl, and J. Michelli,” *Humanities Department Thesis Presentations 2016*, faculty and students, sponsored by the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR, May 5.

Visiting Artist Lecture

2018 Artist Talk/ Workshop, Asuncion Rodriguez de Sala High School, Guayanilla, PR, December 11.

Professional Service

Community Service:

2020 Donated two artworks to the Rio Grande Valley Mutual Aid in order to raise fund for the Rio Grande Valley Community affected by Hurricane Hanna. (August)

2017 Donated artwork to the Puerto Rico Relief: Art Auction & Fundraiser in Edinburg, Texas. (November)

Volunteered in the IMAS UTRGV Outreach Event at the Brewster School in Edinburg, Texas. (April)

- 2016 Donated a work of art to the non- profit organization La Casa de Doña Here, Inc. for their Christmas auction “Navidad Gitana” in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (December)
- Volunteered in the Grand Opening of the Museum of Art in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (February)
- Collaborated in the creation of a mural for the FIFA Once Program of the FIFA Medical Commission in the Maria Luisa Arcelay School of the Sabalos Residential Community at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. (February)
- 2015 Assistant in an Art workshop given to Children on the Commemoration of the 172 birthday of Lola Rodriguez de Tio in San German, Puerto Rico. (September)
- Volunteer as Peer Counselor Student of the Department of Humanities in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez during the Freshman’s Welcoming Week (August)
- Assistant in the organization of the Annual Student Exhibition at the Art Gallery in the Carlos E. Chardon building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (March)
- Assistant in an Illustration workshop given to the community by the art student association (T.A.C.U.) at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (February)
- 2014 Volunteer in the Open House of the Department of Humanities in the Carlos E. Chardon Building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (Exhibiting work and giving information about the art association and the art programs, October)
- Assistant in a Color workshop presented to the community at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (Mainly working with a 9-year-old child, October)
- Volunteer as Peer Counselor Student of the Department of Humanities in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez during the Freshman’s Welcoming Week (August)
- Part of the Organization Comity of the Annual Student Exhibition at the Art Gallery in the Carlos E. Chardon building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (May)
- Volunteered in Relay for Life celebrated in Mayaguez, Puerto Rico at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (Sold Relay for Life merchandise and raised funds to donate, April)
- Volunteered as the caretaker of the Art Gallery in the Carlos E. Chardon building in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (January - May)
- 2013 Volunteered in the National Day of cleaning the coasts and other water sources in Puerto Rico, at the neighborhood El Mani, Mayaguez, Puerto Rico (September)

Volunteered as Peer Counselor Student of the Department of Humanities in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez during the Freshman's Welcoming Week (August)

Volunteered in the Open House of the Department of Humanities in the Rafael A. Mangual Coliseum in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (Exhibiting work and giving live demonstrations, March)

Volunteered in Relay for Life celebrated in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico in the Lucas Sievens Athletic Track (Made a small mural drawing of Thor for one of the teams, March)

2012 Volunteered as Peer Counselor Student of the Department of Humanities in the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez during the Freshman's Welcoming Week (August)

Volunteered in Relay for Life celebrated in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico in the Lucas Sievens Athletic Track (Sold Relay for Life merchandise and raised funds to donate, March)

Served as a translator at the Shriner's Children's Hospital activity in the Veteran Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Technical Abilities

2019 Printmaking Lab Technician, School of Art, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (Aiding the students with different printmaking techniques such as relief printing, screen printing, lithography and intaglio, maintenance and safety knowledge in the lab and its equipment)

Control the Bleed Certified, School of Art, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (knowledge in how to do or use a tourniquet and how to dress a wound)

Scissor Lift Certified, School of Art, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (knowledge of the safety and usage of scissor lift within the workplace)

2018 Printmaking Lab Technician, School of Art, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (Aiding the students with different printmaking techniques such as relief printing, screen printing, lithography and intaglio, maintenance and safety knowledge in the lab and its equipment)

Forklift Certified, School of Art, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg, TX (knowledge of the safety and usage of forklift within the workplace)

Mentoring

2020 Mentor for the student Alejandra Martinez participation in the Engaged Scholar Award for Creative Works at The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. (August – May 2021)

Professional Organizations

Golden Key International Honor Society Chapter of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR

National Service Fraternity Alpha Phi Omega (Upsilon Mu Chapter) of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez, Mayaguez, PR

Exhibitions Juried

2019 *Engage Scholar Symposium: Art Category*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus, Edinburg, TX (April)

2018 *Engage Scholar Symposium: Art Category*, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Edinburg Campus, Edinburg, TX (April)

Elementary and Middle School Art Competition at the Rio Grande Star County Fair, Rio Grande City, TX (March)

Travel/ Foreign Languages Spoken

Fluent in Spanish born and raised in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico. Study Abroad in Cuzco, Peru, in 2018.

Fluent in English. Currently pursuing a Master's degree in Edinburg, Texas.

Basic French. I took four courses during my Bachelor's degree.

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