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CV

PUBLICATIONS

Shim Chung Who Lives Alone | 2027, HarperAlley. Author & Illustrator.

Unhappy Camper by Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu | 2024, HarperAlley. Graphic novel. Colorist.

Firebird | 2023, HarperAlley. Graphic novel. Author & Illustrator.

Becoming Who We Are: Real Stories About Growing Up Trans | 2024. A Wave Blue World. Hardcover and softcover anthology. Contributing Illustrator.

Datura Magazine | Issue 4, 2025. Issue 3, 2024. Issue 2, 2023. Issue 1, 2022. Editor and Publisher.

Gladiolus Magazine | Issue 1, 2024. Black Josei Press. Contributing Writer.

Knapsack Magazine | Volume 1 : "Cassette." 2024. Lucky Pocket Press. Softcover Anthology. Contributing Writer.

Chogwa Magazine | Issue 13, 2023. Contributing Translator and Artist.

Strange Horizons | Issue "30 May 2022." and Issue "31 May 2021." Contributing Illustrator.

Remembering LB City Vol.2: "Practice Practice Practice" | 2021, Hyperlink Press. Softcover anthology. Contributing Artist.

I Prefer The Pierrot That Knows Sadness | 2021, ShortBox Comic Fair. Nominated for 2021 Broken Frontier Award "Best Oneshot." Author & Illustrator.

Measuring Up by Lily LaMotte and Ann Xu | 2020, HarperAlley. Graphic novel. Colorist.

Song Of The Court by Katy Farina | 2020, Union Square Kids. Graphic novel. Flattening assistant to Colorist Ashanti Fortson.

Cameraman | 2019, Diskette Press. Risograph printed minicomic. Author & Illustrator.

Dates! Volume 3 | 2019, Margins Publishing. Softcover anthology. Contributing Illustrator.

Heartwood: Non-binary Tales of Sylvan Fantasy | 2019, Power & Magic Press. Hardcover anthology. Contributing Artist.

The Sun And The Wayward Wind | 2018, Dandelion Wine Collective. Softcover anthology. Editor and Publisher.

TRADE SHOWS

Small Press Expo | 2025, 2022-2024, 2016-2019. Exhibitor. Bethesda, MD.

Comic Arts LA | 2025, 2024, 2017-2019. Exhibitor and Panelist. Los Angeles, CA.

Comic Arts Richmond | 2025. Exhibitor. Richmond, VA.

Brooklyn Independent Comics Showcase | 2025. Exhibitor. Brooklyn, NY

Massachusetts Independent Comics Expo | 2025, 2017-2019. Exhibitor. Cambridge, MA.

Toronto Comic Arts Festival | 2024, 2019. Exhibitor. Toronto, ON, Canada.

Ann Arbor Comic Arts Festival | 2023. Exhibitor. Ann Arbor, MI.

Gallery Nucleus Risograph Zine + Art Fest | 2023. Exhibitor. Los Angeles, CA.

ZINE COOP Party | 2023. Featured publication. Virtual and Hong Kong, China.
DC Zine Fest | 2022, 2019. Exhibitor. Washington, DC.
Hallowzine | 2022, 2021. Organizer. Baltimore, MD.
ShortBox Comics Fair | 2021. Exhibitor. Virtual.
Singapore Art Book Fair | 2021. Featured publication in Queer Zine Room. Bukit Merah, Singapore.
Emergence Zine Fair | 2021. Exhibitor. Brooklyn, NY.
Bluestockings Comics Fest | 2021, Virtual. 2019 in New York, NY. Exhibitor and Host for Virtual Happy Hour Artist Spotlights.
Sass + Zine Fair | 2019. Exhibitor. Brooklyn, NY.
Museum of Comic and Cartoon Arts Festival | 2016-2019. Exhibitor. New York, NY.
Vancouver Comic Arts Festival | 2018. Exhibitor and Panelist. Vancouver, BC, Canada.
FlameCon | 2018, 2017. Exhibitor. New York, NY.
Comic Arts Brooklyn | 2018, 2017. Exhibitor. Brooklyn, NY.
Chicago Alternative Comics Expo | 2018. Exhibitor, Guest Artist in Residence, and Workshop Instructor. Chicago, IL.
MICA Zine Fest | 2017. Organizer. Baltimore, MD.
DC Art Book Fair | 2017, 2016. Exhibitor. Washington, DC.
Brown Paper Zine and Small Press Fair | 2017. Exhibitor. Baltimore, MD.

GROUP GALLERY SHOWS

연습연습연습 // **PracticePracticePractice** | 2021. Exhibiting artist. SPACE 1&2 in Seoul, South Korea.
Sequential Self: Gender and Identity In Comics | 2021. Exhibiting artist. Moudy Gallery at Texas Christian University. Fort Worth, TX.
Post-It Show | 2019, 2022, 2023. Exhibiting artist. Giant Robot. Los Angeles, CA.
Red Envelope Show | 2020, 2021. Exhibiting artist. Grumpy Bert. Los Angeles, CA and Brooklyn, NY.
Tobeyou | 2017. Exhibiting artist. Light Grey Art Lab. Minneapolis, MN.
Shake | 2017. Exhibiting artist. Tectonic Space. Baltimore, MD.

SCHOOL VISITS

Sequential Artists Workshop | 2025. Workshop instructor for "Friday Night Comics" (30 students). Virtual and Gainesville, FL.
School of Visual Arts | 2025, 2023. Visiting artist for SVA Senior Lecture Symposium for BFA Comics and Illustration (50 students). Virtual and New York, NY.
Loyola University Maryland | 2025. Visiting author/illustrator for Nguyễn Khôi Nguyễn's "Comics Creation" undergraduate course (15 students). Baltimore, MD.
Origins High School | 2025. Visiting author/artist through Lambda Literary's LGBTQ Writers in Schools program (5 students). Brooklyn, NY.
The Lab School of Washington | 2024. Visiting author/illustrator and drawing workshop instructor for eighth grade students (48 students). Washington, DC.
Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice | 2024. Visiting author/illustrator through Lambda Literary's LGBTQ Writers in Schools program (20 students). Bronx, NY.
Fort Hamilton High School | 2024. Visiting author/illustrator through Lambda Literary's LGBTQ Writers

in Schools program (15 students). Virtual and Brooklyn, NY.

Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) | 2024. Visiting artist for Sara Lautman's "Reading and Writing Graphic Narratives" undergraduate course (15 students) 2023 for Sara Lautman's "Creative Writing For Illustrators" graduate degree course (15 students). 2020 for graduate department head Rebecca Bradley's M.A. Illustration program (10 students). Baltimore, MD.

TEACHING, GRANTS, RESIDENCIES, & PANELS

Fountain Pen Workshop | 2025. Instructor for a fountain pens demonstration and drawing workshop. Fantom Comics. Washington, DC.

Figure Drawing With Sunmi | 2024. Host and instructor for figure drawing session. Baltimore Museum of Art at Lexington Market. Baltimore, MD.

Meditations On Blue: A Zine Making Workshop | 2024. Instructor for workshop for drawing and painting with indigo pigment to make into single artist book/"zines." Blue Light Junction. Baltimore, MD.

Figure Drawing Night | 2023. Host and instructor for figure drawing session. Silver Sprocket. San Francisco, CA.

Figure Drawing at Heavy Manners Library | 2023. Host and instructor for figure drawing session. Heavy Manners Library. Los Angeles, CA.

Golden Record and Loudest & Smartest | 2023. Participant for comics reading with Rosemary Valero O'Connell, Alex Krokus, and Trinidad Escobar. Silver Sprocket. San Francisco, CA.

Comics Out Loud | 2023. Participant for comics reading with Freak Comics Collective. Adobe Books. San Francisco, CA.

Ignatz Awards | 2021. Judge for nominations. Bethesda, MD.

Maryland State Arts Council | 2021. Grant Recipient. Baltimore, MD.

Gender and Authenticity in Narratives | 2018. Panelist at Comic Arts LA with Carta Monir, Beatrix Urkowitz and Remus M. Jackson. Los Angeles, CA.

We're Here! Non-Binary Publishers and Creators Talk Shop | 2018. Panelist at Vancouver Comic Arts Festival with Joamette Gil, Hye Mardikian, Odera Igbokwe, and Sfé R. Monster.

TRANSIT Inbound Residency at CHIPRC | 2018. Artist in residence. Chicago Independent Publishing Resource Center (CHIPRC). Chicago, IL.

Pyrite Press and Doggo Studios Present: A Night Of Comics Readings and Animation Showcase | 2018. Participant for comics reading with Lily Padula, K. Wroten, and Ben Passmore. Fantom Comics. Washington, DC.

LGBTQ In Comics | 2017. Panelist at Comics Arts LA with Blue Delli quanti, Mel Gillman, Taneka Stotts, and Iasmin Omar Ata. Los Angeles, CA.

MICA UP/Start Venture Competition | 2017. Grant Recipient. Baltimore, MD.

Education

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS | 2017 | MARYLAND INSTITUTE COLLEGE OF ART (MICA)

- Major – Illustration
- Student Workstudy in GFA for supervising Friday evening figure drawing, nature library and gallery operations, and in the Printmaking department as a digital print technician.
- Cum Laude, Deans List. Scholarships include Academic Achievement Award, MICA Recognition Award, Trustee Scholarship, MICA Grant, Dean's Grant, MICA Competitive Scholarships '15, '16, '17.

Skills

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in English. Conversational and proficient in reading, writing and translating of Korean.

PROGRAMS AND FILE MANAGEMENT

- Proficient in Clip Studio Paint, Adobe Suite (Acrobat, Photoshop, InDesign, Lightbox), Microsoft and Google Office Suites (Word, Excel, Presentations), Apple iPad, Mac, and Windows OS.

TRADITIONAL MEDIUMS

- Proficient in painting and drawing with oil, acrylic, pencil, crayon, pastel, charcoal, and more on a variety of surfaces, including indoor mural work. Specialized in watercolor, gouache, marker and ink.

EVENT PLANNING AND SOLE-PROPRIETORSHIP

- 9 years of managing small publishing presses, independent publications, exhibiting at comic festivals and zine/book fairs throughout North America, as well as organizing local artist markets and events.

TEACHING AND GUEST SPEAKERSHIP

- Experienced in teaching workshops and public speaking for all age ranges at high schools throughout New York City through Lambda Literary and The Lab School in Washington, DC, as well as universities such as Loyola University Maryland, MICA, and School Of Visual Arts.

Experience

FREELANCE ILLUSTRATION | EINSTEIN LITERARY/DUNOW, CARLSON, AND LERNER AGENCY | 2015-PRESENT

- Experienced in illustrating, lettering, designing, and formatting hybrid digital/traditional illustrations and comics for print and web. Published debut Young Adult graphic novel *Firebird* with HarperAlley on July 18, 2023, the first in a two-book deal, along with having worked on other children's graphic novels and illustration projects for clients such as HarperCollins, Hachette, The School Library Journal, CollegeHumor and more. Continues to manage budgeting, accounting, and communication with publishers, printers, manufacturers, retailers, and other collaborators, along with participating in various events and group gallery shows throughout North America.

STUDIO MANAGER | LUCKY POCKET PRESS & FRIENDS STUDIO | 2020-2023

- Organized and ran open studio hours by appointment. Utilized MZ790 Risograph printer for self-published projects. Co-organized "Hallowzine," a small press publishing and art fair in Baltimore, MD which ran at Lucky Pocket Press Studio in 2021 and 2640 Space in 2022.

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE | CHICAGO PUBLISHERS RESOURCE CENTER (CHIPRC)/TRANSIT RESIDENCY | 2018

- Through the TRANSIT Inbound Residency Program, engaged with the community through teaching a risograph teaching workshop and participating in a comics reading with local cartoonist collective Two Cookie Minimum. Taught a zine-making workshop at CHIPRC and a comics brainstorming workshop at Chicago Alternative Comics Expo (CAKE). Worked on self-published project titled "Cities & Vessels," which was printed and assembled with CHIPRC's GR2750 risograph printer and bookbinding resources to debut at CAKE.

INTERM | PAPERBASE STUDIO | 2016

- Worked on commissioned risograph and letterpress printing projects, utilizing RP3700 risograph printer and Chandler & Price letterpress. Managed social media presence on Instagram, Twitter, and website blog. Assisted in running workshops, fundraising events, art fairs, and supervising weekly open studio time in Baltimore, MD.

INTERM | YOUTH IN DECLINE | 2015

- Assisted in the process of binding and trimming books, packaging and mailing orders, expanded wholesale outreach through communicating with independent bookstores. Learned how to use RP3105 risograph printer and utilized machine for self-published projects and printmaking in San Francisco, CA.