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## EDUCATION

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- 2023 Master of Fine Arts, Studio Art, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
2020 Master of Education, Postsecondary Administration, University of Southern California, LA, CA  
2016 Bachelor of Arts, Studio Art & Cognitive Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

## SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS, PROJECTS, AND INSTALLATIONS

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- 2024 Backlot, Cleo The Project Space, Savannah, GA  
Flush, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, Los Angeles, CA (Curatorial)
- 2023 KEEP OUT: I Love You, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, New York, NY  
Ai, Que Coisa Feia, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, Los Angeles CA  
Smoking Kills but I Really Want a Cigarette, Lauren Powell Projects / Artsy, Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 And Only Its Hands Are Left Pleading for Life, Alexey von Schlippe Gallery, Groton, CT
- 2021 Your Local Package Store, Dye & Bleach House Gallery, Willington, CT  
Ai Que Coisa Feia, Zaratan – Arte Contemporânea, Lisbon, Portugal  
Functional Obsolescence, Shed, Willimantic, CT
- 2020 Louis Vuitton Has its Own Island, Shelter in Place Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2019 A Song for David, Downtown Providence Parks Conservancy, Providence, RI  
A Pesca Milagrosa, McKenzie Gibson Studios, Warren, RI
- 2016 Daphne: UVA Thesis Show, Ruffin Gallery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA
- 2015 At Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner, Ruffin Gallery, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS, PROJECTS, AND INSTALLATIONS

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- 2023 Place Setting, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Venice Family Clinic Art Walk + Auction, Venice Clinic, Los Angeles, CA  
More Than Now, Moosey Gallery, London, UK  
Potluck, Hashimoto Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 Hollywood 100, Designer Con, Anaheim, CA  
Let Them Eat Fake, Bad Art Presents x BWG Gallery, London, UK  
Queer Kicks, Complex Con x Schlomer Haus Gallery, Long Beach, CA  
Cup Show 2, Space Ten Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
Bye Bye Cowboy, Arusha Gallery, London, UK  
For the Love of Dog, Hashimoto Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA  
Everything but the Kitchen Sink, La Luz de Jesus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
VOLTA, Presented by Ethan Cohen Gallery, Basel, CH  
Closed Switch, The Wurks, Providence, RI  
Shhh, SPRING/BREAK Art Show, New York, NY  
Weird Flowers, Curve Line Space, Los Angeles, CA  
EXPO Chicago, Presented by Ethan Cohen Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Closed Switch, The Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, CT  
Palm Beach Modern + Contemporary, presented by Ethan Cohen Gallery, Palm Beach, FL  
Birds of a Feather, KuBe Art Center, Beacon, NY
- 2022 Tread Lightly, Lauren Powell Projects, Los Angeles, CA  
Red Dot, Stove Works, Chattanooga, TN  
Touch Me Baby, Bad Art / The Bomb Factory Art Foundation, London, UK

Hammer Time, Zaratan – Arte Contemporânea, Lisbon, Portugal  
 Poetics of Materiality, Wavelength Space, Chattanooga, TN  
 True Colors, Troppus Projects, Kent, OH  
 At The Party, I Like Your Work, Online Exhibition  
 Like Spilling, Alexey von Schlippe Gallery, Groton, CT  
 ARTPM, Buoy Gallery, Kittery, ME  
 I Ran Out of Reasons, The Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT  
 2021 A Great Big Xmas Show, The Latent Space, Chicago, IL  
 Hammer Time, Zaratan – Arte Contemporânea, Lisbon, Portugal  
 It's Still the Side of a Ramp, Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 It's Just the Side of a Ramp, Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 2020 Black Summer, Meet the Youngs & SWANK, Los Angeles, CA  
 Protest in Place, SoLA Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA  
 Behind the Times, Solo Show & Alyssa Davis Gallery, New York, NY  
 2019 2814 Salon Show, BLDG N<sup>o</sup>2, Los Angeles, CA  
 Let's Hang, Art Share L.A., Los Angeles, CA  
 We Rise, LA Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA

## RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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2024 Artist in Residence, Wassaic Project, August 4-6, 2024, Wassaic, New York  
 Artist in Residence, Art House San Clemente, January 8 – February 23, 2024, San Clemente, CA  
 2022 Artist in Residence, Stove Works, June 2-30, 2022, Chattanooga, TN  
 Conference Participation Award, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 2021 Artist in Residence, Zaratan - Arte Contemporânea, July 1-30, 2021, Lisbon, Portugal  
 2020-2023 Crandall Fellowship, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT  
 2019 Artist in Residence, McKenzie Gibson Studios, June 1 – September 1, 2019, Warren, RI  
 Art Share L.A. Spotlight, Los Angeles, CA

## PRESS AND PUBLICATIONS

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2024 Article: Art Show With a Sense of Humor, [Savannah Morning News](#), June 6  
 Article: Trippy Highlights from LA's Spring/Break Art Show, [Hyperallergic](#), February 29  
 Article: Hashimoto Contemporary is having a "Potluck", [Juxtapoz](#), February 5  
 Article: Potluck. A Group Exhibition, [Meer Art](#), 27 January  
 2023 Article: ComplexCon 2023 Art, [Complex Magazine](#), November 8  
 Article: Why Artists Can't Quit Cigarettes, [T Magazine: The New York Times](#), September 9  
 Article: The Wild Spring/Break Art Show, [Brooklyn Magazine](#), September 7  
 Article: Hashimoto Does it for the "For The Love of Dog", [Juxtapoz](#), August 9  
 Article: Blissed-Out Art-Overdose: Upstate Art Weekend 2023, [Chronogram](#), July 25  
 Article: Cigarettes, Ceramics, and Curatorial Chaos, [Bmore Art](#), May 22  
 Article: See Spring/Break's Secret Show, [Untitled Magazine](#), May 19  
 Article: Ceramics Take Center Stage at Spring Break's Secret Show, [The Art Newspaper](#), May 19  
 Article: 'It's Like a Potluck': The Spring Break Art Show Returns, [Artnet](#), May 11  
 Article: Sculpture Slays at Spring Break's Surprise Show, [Hyperallergic](#), May 11  
 Article: Spring Break Goes for Broke, [Diversions LA](#), February 22  
 Article: LA's Spring Break Art Show is a Wacky Lucid Dream, [Hyperallergic](#), February 17  
 2022 Article: Open Air 2022 Intends to Spark Conversation at Avery Point, [UConn Today](#), August 16  
 2021 Article: From Portugal to Connecticut, [The Neighbors Paper](#), November 1  
 Article: Ai, Que Coisa Feia, [Direção-Geral das Artes Portugal](#), July 20  
 2020 Article: Meet UConn's MFA Studio Art Class of 2023, [Hyperallergic](#), September 14

- 2019 Article: Protest as Art, Art and Cake Los Angeles, July 31  
Article: LA's Most Fascinating Trash, Of Spiders and Strawberries Magazine, June 5

## WORKSHOPS & TALKS

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- 2024 Workshop: With Our Hands, Long Beach Museum of Art, Long Beach, CA, January 5
- 2023 Workshop: With Our Hands (Hands Hands), Lauren Powell Projects, LA, CA, November 19  
Talk: Ai Que Coisa Feia, The William Benton Museum of Art, Storrs, CT, April 19  
Panel: Tread Lightly, Lauren Powell Project, Los Angeles, CA, January 5
- 2022 Talk: Poetics of Materiality, Wavelength Space, Chattanooga, TN, October 27  
Workshop: Play Into My Hands, Stove Works, Chattanooga, TN, June 23  
Talk: Cheat On Me, Dry Ice Gallery, Chattanooga, TN, June 17  
Talk: Blah Blah Blah, Stove Works, Chattanooga, TN, June 9  
Panel: I Ran out of Reasons, The Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT, March 31
- 2021 Talk: Collecting, Hoarding, Archiving, Zaratan – Arte Contemporânea, Lisbon, Portugal, July 30