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## Education

Master of Museum Studies | Iberoamericana University, Mexico City. 1992-94  
Post-Graduate in Contemporary Textile Art | Akademia Sztuk Pięknych im. Władysława Strzemińskiego of Fine Arts, Poland (1989-91)  
Bachelors of Art in Graphic Design | Anahuac University, Mexico City (1984-88)  
Diploma in History of Art | Centro de Artes SIAC. AC. Mexico City (1988)

## Work Experience

**Instructor, Studio Director, and Founder** | Oakville Arts Studio Inc. (2008 - 2020)  
**Curator** | Oak Heights Art Gallery (2008 - 2021)  
**Professor and Program Coordinator** | Faculty of Design & Architecture, Post-Graduate Textile Design; Anahuac University, Mexico City (1988 - 2001)  
**Docent and Researcher** | Textile Museum of Canada (2005 - 2015)  
**Community Engagement Coordinator and Workshop Leader** | Canadian Tapestry and Texture Centre, Not-for-Profit Organization (2015 - 2015)  
**Founder and Director** | Textil Creativo. Mexico City (1990-2001)

## Solo Exhibitions

2013 *Form and Surface*: Lee Chin Gallery | Burlington Art Centre, ON  
2012 Featured Artist, Gallery Lion Brand Yarn, NY, USA  
2011 *Textures from the Forest* | Burlington Art Centre. F.R.Perry Gallery. Burlington, ON  
2003 *Fibre Art: The Art of Tapestry* | ISTHMUS School of Design and Architecture, Panama City  
1997 *YQUITQUI- ICXTLI* | La Cortesana Art Gallery. Morelos State University. Cuernavaca, Mexico  
1996 *Woven Images* | Embassy of Venezuela. Mexico City  
1995 *Onirica Textil* | National Museum of Revolution. Mexico City  
1995 *Onirica Textil* | ENEP Acatlan University. Mexico City  
1992 *Ixchel: Fibre Art*. Colegio de Contadores Públicos de México. México City.  
1991 *Tapestry Exhibit* | TextilCreativo, Culture House. Mexico.  
1991 Contemporary Fibre Art. Hall I | UNESCO Building. Paris, France  
1990 *Ixchel: Colour in Time* | Mezzanine Gallery, Executive Building, PEMEX. México City.  
1990 *México in Poland* | Szkoła Sztuk Plastycznych. Łódź, Poland  
1989 *Pre-Columbian Art in Batik* | Dom Kultury. Łódź, Poland  
1988 Ixchel and her Tapestries. Touring Exhibition. Mexico  
1985 *To the Beat of the Loom* | Culture House. Mexico City  
1983 *Harmony in the Shape* | Culture House Reyes Heróles. Mexico City  
1981 *Creative Textile* | Samuel Menache Gallery. Mexico City  
1979 Painting Exhibition | Culture House. Mexico City

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## Group Exhibitions

- 2023 Nature explorations and Earth Etchings | MA Musee D'art de Rouyn-Noranda, QB
- 2021 *From Lausanne to Beijing Fibre Art Biennale*, **Excellence Award** | Academy of Fine Arts and Design, Tsinghua University and the China National Arts and Crafts Society
- 2020-21 TTI INTERFACE Tapestry Exhibition, Travelling Exhibit through United Kingdom and Canada
- 2020 *Woven By Hand: Contemporary Canadian Tapestries* Exposition La Magie des Fils; Tapisseries Canadiennes Contemporaines | Maison du Citoyen, and Centre d'art de la Sarre. Gatineau, QC
- 2019 Premiere International Large Scale Tapestry Exhibit | NEED INSTI .Oakville, ON
- 2019 International Travelling Exhibit | American Tapestry Alliance. USA
- 2017 ART VISIONS Exposition Internationale D'art contemporain | Cours Des Arts. Brunstatt, France
- 2015 *TEXTILE ICONS AND THE NEW EDGE*, One year Travelling Exhibit through 11 Museums in USA | (Opening) Muskegon Museum of Art. Michigan, USA
- 2013 Triennial of Contemporary Textile Art | Textile Museum of Kamienna Góra. Łódź, Poland
- 2013 *When Thirteen Moons Entwine*, Moon Rain Centre Outaouais. | International Textile Encounter. Gatineau, QC
- 2012 World of Threads Festival: *Quiet Zone* | QEP CCC ; *De Rerum Nature* | Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre; *Memento Mori* | The Gallery at Sheridan College.
- 2012 *Gathering Weavers* | Mississippi Valley Textile Museum. Almonte, ON
- 2011 *Mexico-Canada: Contemporary Textile Art* | Anahuac University. Mexico City
- 2011 *Art at the University* | Universidad Anahuac. Mexico City
- 2010 Newcomers Art Exhibit | Town Hall. Oakville, ON
- 2010 *Tapestry and Painting* | Visual Arts Centre. Mississauga, ON
- 2010 200th Anniversary of Mexican Independence | Mexican Consulate in Ottawa, ON
- 2009 *Illuminated Threads*. Tapestry Exhibition | City Hall, Poltimore, QC.
- 2009 ArtWorks Oakville, Halton Regional Offices. Oakville, ON
- 2007 **World of Threads Festival**. International Textile Forum | *Common Thread*, Towne Square Gallery ; *Gilded Threads*, Oakville Town Hall ; *Nine Lives National Exhibition*. Timothy's Coffee Shop ; *Threads that Bind*, Sheridan College. *The Salon of the Common Thread*. Hanna McLeod Building ; *Kaleidoscope*, Royal LePage Offices, Town Square Gallery Exhibition. Oakville, ON
- 2007 *Illuminated Threads - Embracing Universe* | UNAM Gallery. Gatineau, QC.
- 2007 Tapestry Exhibition, Harmony Group | Gloucester Gallery. Ottawa, ON
- 2005 **World of Threads Festival** | Sheridan College, Oakville, ON.
- 2000 ArtWorks Oakville. ON.

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- 1996 *Hidden Universe* | Universidad Iberoamericana. Mexico City.
- 1992 First National Encounter of Young Art. National Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico
- 1998 *Mexico-Polonia : Contemporary Miniature Textiles* | Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City.
- 1986 I Biennale of Textile Art. Juried Show | National Museum of Modern Art. Mexico.
- 1983 *It's Own Theme* | Unicornio Blanco Cultural Centre. Mexico City.
- 1983 *Veracruz: Plástica y Color* | Instituto Veracruzano de Cultura. México
- 1983 Instituto Allende de Cultura. Guanajuato, Mexico.
- 1979 Painting Exhibition | Town Hall. Mexico City.

## **Lectures**

*The Hunt of the Unicorn*. Cloisters, MET, NY | *History of Tapestry*. Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre, Oakville, ON | *History of Tapestry*, Burlington Handweavers Guild. Burlington Art Centre, ON | *Tapestry: Tradition Vs. Innovation*, Museo Textil de Oaxaca, Mexico | *Pre-Columbian Natural Dyes*, Burlington Handweavers and Spinners Guild, Burlington, ON | Lecturer, Etobicoke Guild of Handweavers and Spinners. ON | Lecturer : Textile Museum of Canada. Toronto, ON | Lecturer : Mexican Consulate Women's Group. Toronto, ON | 5 Counties Seminar. Regional OHS. Lecturer & Workshop leader. Georgetown, ON | Lecturer: Clanmore Montessori School. Oakville, ON | Lecturer : Handweavers and Spinners Guild. London Guild of Embroiderers | Lecturer : Oakville Art Group. Oakville, ON | Lecturer : Burlington Arts Centre. Guild of Handweavers and Spinners of Burlington. ON | 2WASOON. Keynote Speaker. Canadore College, North Bay, ON | Lecturer : PROBUS Mississauga Group. ON | Lecturer and workshop leader : St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Oakville, ON | Tapestry Workshop Leader, McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Kleinburg, ON | *Textile Art for Architectural Spaces* : School of Architecture of Latin America, ISTHMUS. Panama City, Panama

## **Memberships**

Northumberland Hispanic Cultural & Heritage Club - Secretary  
Oakville Handweavers and Spinners Guild - President  
British Tapestry Group - Member  
Handweavers Guild of America - Member  
FASS Network (Fibre Arts Shares Space) Founder  
World of Threads Festival - Past Co-Chair  
Canadian Tapestry Network  
Steering Committee, Oakville, ON - Member and Publicity Coordinator  
Canadian Tapestry Network, BC - Member  
Guild of Canadian Weavers - Member  
Oakville Arts Council - Member

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## **Professional Involvements and Awards**

Award of Excellence : *From Lausanne to Beijing Fibre Art Biennale* (2021) | 2020 International Symposium Natural Dyes in North America, Selected- ROM/Ryerson Art Exhibition | Selected Artist for World Tapestry Now, ATA | Nominated for the **24th and 26 annual RBC Canadian Women Entrepreneur Awards** | Weaving the Future Grant, 2018, American Tapestry Alliance, USA | Selected Juror. Burlington Handweavers Annual juried show *Gems* | **CCA** Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant | **OAC** Ontario Arts Council Grant : Mid-Career Visual Artist | Nominee 100 Mexicans Abroad, Artistic Career Recognition, 2015. Madrid, Spain | Selected Artwork for the VI International Biennial of Contemporary Textile Art. AIR Selected Mexican Artist for the 200 Celebration of Independence; Mexican Consulate. Ottawa, ON | Award Winner (Visual Arts Category). Oakville Arts Council *Stars Among Us*. Oakville, ON | Finalist (Visual Arts Category). Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON | Best in Show Award; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON | Best in Show Award; Sheridan College; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON | 3rd Place, National Competition of Fabric Design | Juried Show Small Format Textiles: Mexico-Poland; Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City