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Education

- 2023 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME
MDes Fashion, Body and Garment, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- 2016 BA, Majors in Design and Psychology, University of California, Davis
Minors in Education and Studio Art

Solo Exhibition

- 2026 (forthcoming) *title tba*, Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN
Burke Prize, Museum of Art and Design, New York City, NY
- 2025 *drobe*, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, IL
FuFuFuFuFu, Centre for Cultural and Artistic Practices, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Petal Fold, *Rabbit Ear*, *Inside Reverse*, *Compound Yellow*, Chicago, IL
- 2024 *Craning the Neck*, FACILITY, Chicago, IL
Changeroom, Queen, Bellingham, WA
- 2023 如意 *As You Wish*, Prairie Gallery, Chicago, IL

Commission

- 2025 *Orientation*, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis Street Views, St. Louis, MO

Two-Person Exhibition

- 2026 *Mountain Call*, with Ivan David Ng, Roots and Culture, Chicago, IL
(forthcoming) *title tba*, with Marina Weiner, Izzy Lee Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
(forthcoming) *title tba*, with Margaret Wright, Practice Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Group Exhibition

- 2026 Cutaways, Kniznick Gallery, Waltham, MA
NewCity Breakout Artist Exhibition, Chicago Artists Coalition, Chicago, IL
Horizon Lines: Reimagining Potentiality, Cochrane Woods Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2025 Stitching Stories: Asia from East to West, Heritage Museum of Asian Art, Chicago, IL
Backstitch, 3SArtspace, Portsmouth, NH
The Edge of Expression, Research House for Asian Art, Chicago, IL
Sacred Threads, Riverfront Gallery, Yonkers, NY
UP&UP, Promontory Point, Chicago, IL
So It Goes, Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
Drifting Timelines 流动时序, Cochrane Woods Art Center, Chicago, IL
Everything We Can Possibly Hold, Friends Gallery, Houston, TX
Indirect Address, White Columns Online Exhibition
- 2024 Ground Floor, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Craft in the Real World, Brant Gallery, Boston, MA
In Residence 17, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
UP&UP, Promontory Point, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibition (cont.)

- 2024 Mood Swing, Boston Sculptors Gallery, Boston, MA
Pride Month Special Show, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, IL
The Strangely Bent, Ox-Bow Print Studio Gallery, Saugatuck, MI
Phone, Wallet, Keys, Coco Hunday, Tampa, FL
- 2023 I Used To Have a Favorite Tree, Cherry Knot, Chicago, IL
Queerphoria Vol. 2, NYC Jewelry Week, New York City, NY
Coalesce, CSI Project Space, Chicago, IL
Green Noise, Granite City Art and Design District, Granite City, IL
Lefty, Mildred Brinn Studio, Madison, ME
Graduate Exhibition, SAIC Galleries, Chicago, IL
Let Me Be No Nearer, The Plan, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Ephemera, Washington Gallery, Chicago, IL
101, 280 Base Space, Chicago, IL
Absolutely Not!!!, Betsy Gallery, Saugatuck, MI
New Work, SAIC Gallery, Chicago, IL
Summer Session I, MU Gallery, Chicago, IL
Circuition, MU Gallery, Chicago, IL
It's All Right, CAPX Office, Chicago, IL
Full Spectrum, Pittsburgh Glass Center, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2021 Vision and Visibility, 3S Artspace, Portsmouth, NH
Woven with Silver Thread, MacLean Center, Chicago, IL
PORTFOLIO No1, virtual gallery, Boston, MA

Screening

- 2026 Breadcht, Emily Harvey Foundation, NYC, NY

Public Performances

- 2025 undressing, Chinese American Museum of Chicago, IL with Steven Hou
- 2024 Send Them Their Flowers, Chicago, IL
- 2022 Orientation, MU Gallery, Chicago, IL with Charlie Thornton
- 2021 Red Rover Series, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL with Charlie Thornton

Artist in Residence

- 2026 100W Corsicana Artist & Writer residency, Corsicana, TX
Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts Pentaculum Residency, Gatlinburg, TN
- 2025 McColl Center, Charlotte, NC
Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE
- 2024 Grand Canyon Artist in Residence, Grand Canyon Village, AZ
Lighthouse Works, Fishers Island, NY
MacDowell, Peterborough, NH
Haystack Open Studio Residency, Deer Isle, ME
Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Houston, TX
Vermont Studio Center Fellowship, Johnson, VT
Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
- 2023 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Madison, ME
- 2022 Ox-Bow LeRoy Neiman Fellowship, Saugatuck, MI

Grants / Awards / Distinction

- 2026 Breakout Artists 2026: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers
- 2025 Ellis-Beauregard Foundation Visual Arts Award

Grants / Awards / Distinction (cont.)

- 2025 Museum of Arts and Design Burke Prize
Luminarts Visual Arts Fellow
- 2024 White Columns Curated Artist Registry
American Craft Council Emerging Artist
American Academy of Rome Terra Foundation Affiliated Fellowship Finalist
Hopper Prize
- 2023 CFDA Fashion Future Graduate
3Arts Ignite Fund
Comfort Station Artist to Watch
Chicago Sculpture International Fellowship
SAIC Skowhegan Matching Fellowship
NicNac/Facility Fashion Fellowship
On Your Way Out Grant
- 2022 Odyssey Travel Grant
Windgate Scholarship Fund
- 2021 New Artist Society Scholarship

Invited Talks / Lectures

- 2026 Visiting Artist Talk, MICA MFAST, Baltimore, MD
Artist Talk, Ellis-Beauregard Foundation, Rockland, ME
Visiting Artist Talk, MassArt Art Education and Graduate Programs, Boston, MA
Visiting Artist Talk, SMU-Meadows, Dallas, TX
Canal Janchi, Canal Projects, NYC, NY
- 2025 Visiting Critic, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC
Artist Talk, Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis, MO
Emerging Creatives Headliner, Design Summit for Friends of Friends, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist Talk, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
Visiting Artist Talk, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Visiting Artist Talk, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- 2024 Air and Water Talk, Heritage Museum of Asian Art, Chicago, IL
- 2024 Professional Practice Artist Talk, SAIC Department of Fashion, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist Talk, MassArt Studio for Interrelated Media, Boston, MA
Visiting Artist Talk, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX
Visiting Artist Talk, MassArt, Boston, MA
Visiting Artist Talk, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA
- 2023 Visiting Artist Talk, Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 2022 Visiting Artist Talk, North Seattle College, Seattle, WA

Workshops

- 2026 Kite Making Workshop, Ellis-Beauregard Foundation, Rockland, ME
- 2025 Kite Making Workshop, Amherst College, Amherst, MA
Kite Workshop, Mint Museum, Charlotte, NC
Origami Workshop, Heritage Museum of Asian Art, Chicago, IL
Kite Making Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
Tethering Movement, MICA, Baltimore, MD
- 2024 Kites and Wishes, Grand Canyon School, Grand Canyon Village, AZ
Kite Making Workshop, Lighthouse Works, Fishers Island, NY
Becoming the Wind, Midwestern Society for Acoustic Ecology, Chicago, IL
Experimental Cyanotypes, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, TX
Hands-On Houston: Kites, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, TX

Press

- 2026 Breakout Artists 2026: Chicago's Next Generation of Image Makers. Natalie Jenkins, NewCity Art. <https://art.newcity.com/2026/04/03/breakout-artists-2026-chicagos-next-generation-of-image-makers/2/>
- 2026 Mountain Call: An Interview with Ivan David Ng and Hai-Wen Lin. Riley Yaxley, Sixty Inches from Center. <https://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org/mountain-call-an-interview-with-ivan-david-ng-and-hai-wen-lin/>
- 2026 "Mountain Call" by Hai-Wen Lin and Ivan David Ng Arranges Its Own Harmony. Yi Cynthia Chen, NewCity Art <https://art.newcity.com/2026/03/03/mountain-call-by-hai-wen-lin-and-ivan-david-ng-arranges-its-own-harmony/>
- 2026 Finding Hope at the End of a Horizon at Cochrane-Woods Art Center. Lucas Gomez-Doyle, NewCity Art <https://art.newcity.com/2026/02/24/finding-hope-at-the-end-of-a-horizon-at-cochrane-woods-art-center/>
- 2026 Ethereal Kites by Hai-Wen Lin Transform into Elegant Garments and Sculptures. Kate Mothes, Colossal <https://www.thisiscolossal.com/2026/02/hai-wen-lin-kite-garment-textiles-sculptures/>
- 2026 Contemporary Craft in a Museum Context. Craft Culture (No. 69) Winter 2025. https://www.kcdf.or.kr/_static/kcdfleader/skin/doc.html?fn=bb2c64e7a88d4b7faf0a775d5951e178_1769756666390.pdf&rs=/jnrepo/viewer/202602/
- 2025 How Huguette Caland and Hai-Wen Lin Listen to the Body. Lori Waxman, Hyperallergic. <https://hyperallergic.com/1015612/how-huguette-caland-and-hai-wen-lin-listen-to-the-body/>
- 2025 Interview. Lucy Commoner, Wassaic Project. <https://www.wassaicproject.org/artists/hai-wen-lin>
- 2025 Dem Himmel so nah. Anna Sullivan, SZ-Magazin. <https://sz-magazin.sueddeutsche.de/kunst/flugdrachen-drachen-kunst-gewinnen-94964>
- 2025 Couture for the Wind. Karen Olsen, American Craft Council. <https://craftcouncil.org/articles/couture-for-the-wind/>
- 2025 The Queer Metamorphosis in Chinatown. Mian Chen, Sixty Inches from the Center. <https://sixtyinchesfromcenter.org/the-queer-metamorphosis-in-chinatown/>
- 2024 Perk up your ears on a guided 'soundwalk' in Chicago. WBEZ. <https://www.wbez.org/reset-with-sasha-ann-simons/2024/06/12/tune-in-to-nature-with-guided-soundwalk-series>
- 2024 Artist of the Week, LVL3. <https://lvl3official.com/hai-wen-lin/>
- 2024 Hai-Wen Lin, Hopper Prize Journal. <https://hopperprize.org/hai-wen-lin-interview/>
- 2024 Best Literal High Art, Chicago Reader. <https://chicagoreader.com/best-of-chicago/best-literal-high-art-hai-wei-lin/>
- 2023 Student Hai-Wen Lin Cultivates the Art of Living at Ox-Bow. <https://www.saic.edu/news/hai-wen-lin-cultivates-the-art-of-living-at-ox-bow>
- 2022 Pittsburgh Glass Center group exhibit showcases "visionary makers of color", Pittsburgh City Paper. <https://www.pghcitypaper.com/arts-entertainment/pittsburgh-glass-center-group-exhibit-showcases-visionary-makers-of-color-21120682>
- 2021 SAIC Magazine, Meet the New Class. <https://www.saic.edu/magazine/fall21/meet-new-class>

Professional Experience

- 2024 Instructor, Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI
- 2023 Lecturer, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2021–2023 Teaching Assistant, SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2017–2021 Associate Designer, Candlewick Press, Somerville, MA
- 2016–2017 Design Assistant, Made in Space, Los Angeles, CA