

EDUCATION

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Master of Fine Arts, May 1994

Concentration: Painting

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

Bachelor of Arts with Honors in Visual Arts May 1989

Concentration: Visual Arts

AWARDS AND HONORS

February 2015

City of Chicago Public Art Commission Edgewater Library

Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, Illinois

March 2014

3Arts Award Nominee, Teaching artist category. 3Arts Chicago

August 2010

Chicago Artists' Assistance Program Grant,

City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, Illinois

January 2008

Chicago Artists' Assistance Program Grant,

City of Chicago, Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, Illinois

September 1994 – July 1995

Teaching Assistantship, Studio Art Centers International, Florence, Italy

September 1992 - May 1994

Merit Scholarship, Master of Fine Arts Program,

Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 1991

Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont

May 1989

Departmental Honors, Department of Visual Arts,

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

March 1989

Purchase Prize, Department of Visual Arts,

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

December 2016 - March 2017

Hyde Park Art Center, *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, an exhibition of commissioned work by Chicago Artists. Chicago, Illinois

July - November 2015

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, *Found/Made*, curated by Roderick Kiracofe, San Jose, California

February - March 2015

Indiana University Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art, *Sarah Nishiura Quilts*, Gary, Indiana

November 2014

International Quilt Week Yokohama, *Modern Quilts from North America*, featured exhibition in the annual quilt festival, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan

September 2014

Room 406, *Transcendent Objects*, Chicago, Illinois

July - August 2014

LillStreet Gallery, *Familiar Bedfellows: New work by Matthew Groves and Sarah Nishiura*, Chicago, Illinois

June 2014

Hyde Park Art Center, *Fast Forward, Rewind, Play*. Curatorial lab exploring the theme "Circle in a Square", with James Kao, Mie Kongo, and Hyde Park Art Center quilt students. Chicago, Illinois

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Hyde Park Art Center, *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, an exhibition of commissioned work by Chicago Artists. Chicago, Illinois

June-July 2013

Tall Grass Arts Association, *Material World*
Park Forest, Illinois

May - September 2013

Hyde Park Art Center, *Abstracting the Seam*, Chicago, Illinois

June 2012

Governor's State University Gallery, *Ways of Making*, University Park, Illinois

October 2011

Jackson Junge Gallery, *Element Flux*, Chicago, Illinois

August – October 2011

San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, *Scrap Art*, San Jose, California

July – September 2011

Lake County Discovery Museum (in conjunction with the Northern Illinois Quilt Fest) *Quilt Treasures: Pieces of History*, Wauconda, Illinois

February - March 2011

Art Igloo, *Abacus Asleep*, an on-line installation with James Kao and Mie Kongo, www.artigloo.com

December 2010 – February 2011

Chicago Printmakers' Collaborative, *21st Annual Small Print Show*, Chicago, Illinois

October - November 2010

Koehline Museum of Art, *No Place Like Home*, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, Illinois,

July – August 2010

WomanMade Gallery, *Her Way with Print*, Chicago, Illinois

March 2010

ARC Gallery, *Materiality*, Chicago, Illinois

December 2009

Chicago Printmakers' Collaborative, *20th Annual Small Print Show*, Chicago, Illinois

April 2009

Sarah Doyle Gallery, Brown University, *Crooked Mile, Quilts by Sarah Nishiura*, Solo Exhibition, Providence, Rhode Island

October 2007

Wagner Gallery, Wagner College, *Matthew Groves, Figurative Ceramics, Sarah Nishiura Works on Paper*, Staten Island, New York

October 2007 – May 2008

Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, *Beyond Boundaries*, national touring exhibition, various locations.

October 2006

Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, *Beyond Boundaries*, Chicago, Illinois

December 2004 - February 2005

Chicago Printmakers Collaborative, *15th Annual Small Print Show* Chicago, Illinois

November 1999

3rd Floor Gallery, *Chicago Art Open*, Chicago Artist's Coalition and the City of Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, Illinois.

December 1998

Klein Artworks, *3rd Occasional Survey of Chicago Abstraction*, Chicago, Illinois

April – June 1997

Inside Art Gallery, solo exhibition, Chicago, Illinois

March - April 1997

South Shore Cultural Center Gallery, *Women of Vision 1997*, Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois

August 1995

Bowling Green State University Gallery, *20th Anniversary Exhibition Studio Art Centers International*, School of Art, Bowling Green University, Bowling Green, Ohio

June - July 1995

S.A.C.I. Gallery, *Sarah Nishiura, Dipinti*, solo exhibition, Florence, Italy

December 1994

S.A.C.I. Gallery *Mostra dei Docenti*, Florence, Italy

October 1994

Temple University Rome *Art from the Faculty of American University Programs in Italy*, Rome, Italy

March - April 1994

Roger Smith Gallery, *Works on Paper*, New York, New York.

RETAIL REPRESENTATION and AFFILIATION

September 2012 - Present

Studio KotoKoto, San Diego, California

www.studiokotokoto.com

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2010 – Present

Lill Street Art Center, Instructor, Chicago, Illinois.

First-time Quilting - beginning level quilting

Quilt Projects - advanced level quilting

July 2009 - Present

Hyde Park Art Center, Teaching Artist, Chicago, Illinois

Quilt Making, *a practical and historical course on quilt design and technique.*

Practice Makes, *a course focused on developing studio practice across different art media.*

Anyone Can Sew, *an introduction to hand and machine sewing techniques*

Embroidery, *hand embroidery for beginners*

September 2016

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Workshop: Deconstructing Design

April 2016

Chicago Modern Quilt Guild, Oak Park, Illinois

Workshop: Reconsider the Grid, a design based workshop focused on ways to manipulate the grid to create different effects in geometric quilt design.

February 2015

QuiltCon, The Modern Quilt Guild, Austin, Texas

Full day workshops: Consider Curves and Foundation Piecing

September - November 2013

The Needle Shop, Instructor, Chicago, Illinois

Offered workshops in Quilt making and Appliqué techniques.

April 2009

Brown University, Visiting Artist. *Lectured and gave critiques to advanced and beginning painters.* Providence, Rhode Island

June – July 1995

Studio Art Centers International, Instructor, Intermediate Painting, undergraduate level.

Florence, Italy

September 1994 – July 1995

Studio Art Centers International, Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate Level Beginning and Advanced Drawing and Painting Courses. Florence, Italy

PRESS and PUBLICATIONS

Not Just Another Pretty Face 2016, Exhibition Catalogue, Hyde Park Art Center, December 2016

Crafty Planner, Podcast guest, Episode 88, October 10, 2016.

<http://www.craftyplanner.com/2016/10/10/sarah-nishiura/>

Root and Star, The In Between, Issue 3, May/June 2016

Food and Wine Magazine Online, *Best Artisan Blankets*, Julia Heffelfinger, February 2015,

<http://www.foodandwine.com/slideshows/best-artisan-blankets>

Patchwork Quilt Tsushin, #181, *Sarah Nishiura, profile*, Tokyo, Japan, August 2014

Familiar Bedfellows, exhibition catalogue, Tracey Morrison, LillStreet Art Center, July 2015

http://issuu.com/lillstreet/docs/bedfellows_catalogue_final_issuu_2

Handful of Salt, *Chicago Hope: Room 406*, Regina Connell, September 16, 2014,

<http://www.handfulofsalt.com/chicago-hope-room406/>

Essential Guide to Modern Quilt Making: From Color to Quilting: 10 Design Workshops by Your Favorite Teachers, Lucky Spool Media, June 2014

Not Just Another Pretty Face 2013, Exhibition Catalogue, Hyde Park Art Center, December 2013

Studio KotoKoto blog, *Quilts by Sarah Nishiura, Beauty in Pattern*, Kathryn Pombriant Manzella, April 14, 2013
<http://www.studiokotokoto.com/2013/04/16/quilts-by-sarah-nishiura-beauty-in-pattern/>

World of Quilts, Japan, a supplement to Down Under Quilts, issue 158, June 2013

Handful of Salt, *Noticed: Sarah Nishiura*, Kathryn Clark, February 17, 2013
<http://www.handfulofsalt.com/noticed-sarah-nishiura/>

Daily Candy, *Sarah Nishiura Makes Future Heirlooms*, February 13, 2013
<http://www.dailycandy.com/chicago/article/142925/Sarah-Nishiura-Quilts>

Martha Stewart Crafts Department Blog, *Inspiration Board : The January Issue of Living!* January 7, 2013,
<http://thecraftsdept.marthastewart.com/2013/01/the-january-issue-of-living.html>

Martha Stewart Living Magazine, *Our Finds*, Liz Logan, January 2013

Chicago Magazine, Domestica, Home and Garden Blog, *Quilter Extraordinaire - Sarah Nishiura*, Alice Oglethorpe, December 26, 2012, <http://www.chicagohomemag.com/Chicago-Home/Domestica/December-2012/Quilter-Extraordinaire-Sarah-Nishiura/>

Queen Anne and Magnolia News, *The artful business of getting things of beauty to market*, Mike Dillon, August 12, 2012
<http://www.magnolianews.net/main.asp?SectionID=26&SubSectionID=337&ArticleID=33319>

Fiberopia, July 26, 2012
<http://fiberopia.com/2012/07/26/sarah-nishiura/>

Studio KotoKoto blog, *Elevating the Humble Craft of Quilting*, Kathryn Pombriant Manzella, July 24, 2012
<http://www.studiokotokoto.com/2012/07/24/sarah-nishiura-elevating-the-humble-craft-of-quilting/>

Make It Better, *Creativity + Passion = Bliss? Making meaning - and maybe happiness - through art*, Liz Logan, January 2012
<http://issuu.com/makeitbetter/docs/jandigitaledition>

San Jose Mercury News, *Complex Threads*, Kathryn Loosli Pritchett, October 8, 2011

Modern Day Quilts, September 7, 2011
<http://moderndayquilts.tumblr.com/post/9915343956/untitled-7-quilt-by-sarah-nishiura-an-original>

Staten Island Advance, *Virtual Surreality*, Michael Fressola, October 11, 2007
http://www.silive.com/entertainment/arts/index.ssf/2007/10/virtual_surreality.html

LECTURES, PROJECTS, and EVENTS

September 2016

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts, Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Lecture and Trunk show: Sarah Nishiura, Handwork and Design

April 2016

Chicago Modern Quilt Guild, Oak Park, Illinois

Lecture: Quilts and Community, an investigation of the historical and contemporary relationship of quilts and the communities that make and use them.

November 2016 - Present

Project Prospera, Crafting Cultures Series. Highlighting the role of art and craft in the lives of immigrant and refugee women, Crafting Cultures explores how embroidery, knitting and quilting have a long history as artful expressions among women around the world and are a means of conveying life experience, wisdom, hardship, joy and the vast panoply of human experience. Deliberately dismantling barriers between the "art world" and refugee communities, an unusual combination of artists and organizations are collaborate on this project to celebrate resilience, reinvention and reiteration.

March - August 2015

Edgewater Library Public Art Community Quilt Project, A community quilt, to be permanently installed at the new LEED certified Edgewater branch of the Chicago Public Library, will be made of recycled materials and stitches sewn by the community who use the library. Free lessons on quilt making history and sewing will be offered in a series of workshops at local schools, community centers, and other locations in exchange for contributions from the neighborhood. Chicago, Illinois

June 2014

Circle in a Square Community Quilt Installation. Part of the Hyde Park Art Center's Fast Forward, Rewind, Play, Curatorial Lab, approximately 50 alumni of HPAC Quilting classes sewed blocks to be included in an installation which helped to illustrate the possibilities of a traditional design motif. Combining student work with the work of other local artists who employ media other than textiles, this show highlighted connections that exist between communities, materials, and individual artists. Chicago, Illinois

February 2014

The Children's School, Taught second grade children about quilts and slavery during the Civil War. Berwyn, Illinois

October 2013

Chicago Modern Quilt Guild: Judge for the guild's 2014 Calendar Challenge. Chicago, Illinois

October 2013

Martha Stewart American Made: Audience Choice Nominee.

November 2012

Chicago Modern Quilt Guild: Guest Speaker/Trunk Show, Chicago, Illinois.

May 2012

Lakeside Quilting Guild, Chicago: Guest speaker/Trunk Show, Chicago, Illinois.

February 2012

Drummond Montessori Community Quilt Project: Taught 28 4th, 5th, and 6th graders about the history of quilting, and the simple hand sewing techniques needed to piece squares which resulted in a full sized classroom quilt. Chicago, Illinois

March 2011

Handmade for Japan: Donated a quilt to this international auction of art and craft works. Over \$75,000 was raised for Global Giving's disaster relief efforts in Japan following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

April 2010

Hyde Park Art Center Community Quilt Workshop: Designed, organized and led a community quilting event which resulted in a finished quilt which was presented to HPAC board members. Chicago, Illinois

September 2009

African Festival of the Arts Quilt Talk: Participated in event which brought together local quilters who shared their work and told their stories. Chicago, Illinois

COLLECTIONS

City of Chicago Public Art Collection, Ozinga Corporation, Capital One Corporation, Brown University, and numerous private collections.