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EDUCATION

- 2026 MFA - Printmaking, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 MA - Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2021 BFA - Printmaking / Photography, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2012 BID - Interior, Exterior & Decorating, Hong Bang International University, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

2026 - 2027 / Lecturer

Department of Art, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
ARTS 1103 - Intro to Printmaking: Relief, Screen & Digital Processes

2025 / Lead Instructor

Department of Art History, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
One-day workshop in Relief & Intaglio for Baroque Art History class, taught by Hannah Wiepke

2023 - 2026 / Graduate Teaching Assistant

Department of Art, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN
ARTS 1103 - Intro to Printmaking: Relief, Screen & Digital Processes
ARTS 3130 - Intermediate Printmaking: Tradition & Contemporary Approaches (Intaglio & Lithography)
ARTS 5140 - Advanced Printmaking
ARTS 3180 - Zines, Comics and Books

2021 - 2023 / Instructor of Record (as Graduate Teaching Assistant)

Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, Mankato, MN
Elements & Principles of Art course, 4 semesters.

SOLO & THESIS EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 expecting June / TITLE TBD. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN
- 2026 else [where] else *MFA Thesis Exhibition (with Aja Bond, J Youngwood, Kayla J. Fryer)*
The Katherine E. Nash Gallery. Regis Center for Art (East), University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 IN THE REVERIE *Traveling Exhibition*
June 12 - July 30 / Ouray Public Library. Ouray, CO [More info](#)
Jan 13 - Feb 6 / Hutchinson Gallery. Ridgewater College. Hutchinson, MN
- 2024 IN THE REVERIE *Traveling Exhibition*
Nov 12 - Dec 13 / Willmar Gallery. Ridgewater College. Willmar, MN [More info](#)
June 7 - July 6 / Carlander Gallery. Paradise Center for the Arts. Faribault, MN [More info](#)
- 2023 WONDERLAND *MA Thesis Exhibition*
Effie R. Conkling Gallery. Minnesota State University. Mankato, MN [More info](#)
- 2021 HALLUCINATION - Relief Prints and Matrices
410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN [More info](#)
- 2020 MAI TRAN - The Art of Contemporary Printmaking
The Dear Teahouse. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam [More info](#)

PUBLIC ART

- 2026 WAKPA Triennial Art Festival: A Moment to Pause *forthcoming Sep 12-October 11*
201 N Sibley Street, St. Paul, MN [More info](#)
- 2025 Lichen-centered Experiential Symposium (CHANT)
Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)
- 2023 Art on Hennepin Avenue (Hennepin Theater Trust)
Pence building, 800 Hennepin Avenue. Minneapolis, MN [More info](#)
- 2022 Twin Rivers' ARTBoards Project (Twin Rivers Council for the Arts)

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

- 2026 University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Minneapolis, MN
2025 Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange. University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD
2024 American Lotus ("Flora of Minnesota" Portfolio Exchange)
Minnesota Historical Society. St Paul, MN [More info](#)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 *expecting July* / Jerome Early Career Residency Exhibition
- 2026
forthcoming Nov 4-Nov 15 / The Hechyeomoyeo International Group Exhibition. Kote Gallery. Seoul, South Korea
forthcoming Oct 16-Oct 18 / Invited Artist - Solidarity Street Gallery 2026. ArT @ 967 Payne. St. Paul, MN
forthcoming Sep 12-Oct 11 / Live Mosaic Installation (WAKPA Triennial Art Festival). St. Paul, MN
forthcoming Sep 26-Oct 4 / Minneapolis-Berlin. Q.Arma Galleries. Minneapolis, MN
forthcoming Sep 11-Sep 26 / Endless Horizons (Photography – FotoMatter Collective). Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN
FOLK+LORE: Literature + Music + Visual Art. Blue Earth Historical Society. Mankato, MN
Hosted by Nate Boots (Singer/Songwriter), in collaboration with Mal Murphy (Singer/Songwriter) and Roger Hart (Author)
Culture Currency. Frogman's Print Workshop. University of Iowa Visual Arts Building. Iowa City, IA
It's the Little Things | Woodcut Prints by MNSU Print + Guests. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN
Minneapolis-Berlin: Common Ground. KUNSTPUNKT BERLIN. Berlin Mitte. Berlin, Germany
What Follows. Fresh Eye Gallery. Minneapolis, MN
4th Annual Student and Community Showcase. Wangensteen Historical Library. Phillips-Wangensteen Building. University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN
- 2025
BABEL - Living Together: Cities in Transformation & Climate in Transition. Petit Art Space. Ginkgo Concept. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Sympoiesis. The Fort Hayes Shot Tower Gallery. Columbus, OH
Press Forward. BOX13 ArtSpace. Houston, TX
Culture Currency Exchange. Gallery 110/Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts. University of South Dakota. Vermillion, SD
Art & Ecology. The Acreage at Osceola. Osceola, WI
Suzy Greenberg Exhibition. Soo Visual Arts Center. Minneapolis, MN. [More info](#)
Print from the American Middle. Grafiska Sällskapet. Stockholm, Sweden. [More info](#)
International Printmaking Exhibition. 6060 Arts Space. Bangkok, Thailand
SGCI 2025 (PuertoGrabando) Annual Juried Exhibition. Galeria Lorenzo Homar at Escuela de Artes Plásticas y Diseño. San Juan, Puerto Rico
45th National Print Exhibition. Artlink Contemporary Gallery. Fort Wayne, IN [More info](#)
thresholds. Quarter Gallery, University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN
Drawing-Painting-Printmaking Takeover. Regis Center for Art (West), University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN
The Fine Print. White Bear Center for the Arts. White Bear Lake, MN
- 2024
Transfer - printmaking show. The Art Grind. Danville, PA
Build the Movement. CSU Art Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
Flora of Minnesota. Arts Center of Saint Peter. St. Peter, MN
Flora of Minnesota. 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN
Fresh Works. Regis West Gallery. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
The 7th Annual Paper & Clay. Tippetts & Eccles Galleries. Caine College of the Arts. Utah State University. Logan, UT
- 2023
Regis Center for Art 20th Anniversary: Works by MFA & BFA Students. Regis West Gallery. University of Minnesota. Minneapolis, MN
Really Big Prints 5.0. Hamilton Wood Type & Printing Museum. Two Rivers, WI

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 The Member Show. Arts Center of Saint Peter. Saint Peter, MN
 MSU Prints: Josh Winkler and students. Schaefer Art Gallery. Gustavus Adolphus College. Saint Peter, MN
 Mav Arts Showcase. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN
 Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
- 2022
- Relief Conspiracy Pop-up Show. UW-Madison. Madison, WI
 MSU Printmaking & Poetry Students' Exhibition. 4 Pillars Gallery. New Ulm, MN
 2022 Member Show. Carnegie Art Center. Mankato, MN
 The 20th Halloween Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
 Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
- 2021
- 9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange's Exhibition. College of Southern Idaho. Twin Falls, ID
 Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange Pop-up Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
 Annual Halloween Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
 Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
- 2020
- ROCKchester V Visual Art. Virtual Festival. Rochester, MN
 BFA Senior Exhibition. Virtual Exhibition. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
 Pride Community Art Show. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN
 War and Peace Printmaking Print Exhibition. CSU Art Gallery. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
 Annual Juried Exhibition. 410 Project Gallery. Mankato, MN

RESIDENCIES, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2026 – 2027
- Jerome Early Career Artist Residency (12 months). Highpoint Center for Printmaking. Minneapolis, MN
- 2025
- Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency. The Acreage at Osceola, WI [More info](#)
 Graduate Research Partnership Program. Department of Art. University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN
- 2022
- Blethen Fine Arts Awards. College of Arts and Humanities. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2018
- Rachel Salomonson Memorial Art Scholarship. Department of Art. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2016 – 2021
- Cultural Contribution Scholarship. Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

PUBLICATIONS

- 2026
- Tran, Mai, "A Self in Transit: On Nostalgia, Migration, and Becoming," MFA Thesis. University Digital Conservancy, May 2026. [Read here](#)
- 2024
- Local Artist Series / 410 Studios. Mankato, MN. [Watch here](#)
- 2023
- Tran, M. (2023) Wonderland [Master's thesis, Minnesota State University, Mankato]. Cornerstone: A Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works for Minnesota State University, Mankato. [Read here](#)

ARTIST TALKS, RADIO, AND TV INTERVIEWS

- 2026
- Gallery Talk. Mai Tran. Thesis Exhibition Talk with print students from Normandale Community College (Bloomington, MN). Mar 26, 2026. Katherine E. Nash Gallery. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN
- 2025
- Panel Talk. Mai Tran, "Interdisciplinary Art, Design, and Ecology Residency". Dec 2, 2025. Influx. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN
 Artist Talk. Mai Tran, "Ghost Towns, Abandoned Mines, and the Environmental Impact". Oct 30, 2025. Influx. Regis Center for Art. Minneapolis, MN
- 2024
- Postcards, "Mai Tran," Pioneer PBS, Minnesota, February 1, 2024. [Click here to watch](#)

- 2022 VTV 1, "Vietnam Daily News," Vietnam Television (VTV) Hanoi, Vietnam, November 1, 2022. [Click here to watch](#)
 VTV 4, "Dem van hoa Viet vao tranh in khac go tren dat My," Culture Mosaic / Connecting Cultures, Vietnam Television (VTV) Hanoi, Vietnam, October 22, 2022. 23:35 - 29:10. [Click here to watch](#)
 "Zoom Talk: Hanh trinh sang tac tranh in cua nghe si Viet Nam trong va ngoai nuoc," Thanh Uy Art Center Hanoi, Vietnam, June 12, 2022. [More info](#)
- 2021 Emily Bright, "Art Hounds recommend magical, challenging theater and art," Art Hounds, MPR News, August 5, 2021. [Click here to listen](#)
 Kare 11, "Local artist's work fuses together two cultures that are worlds apart," Kare 11 Twincities, Minnesota, November 12, 2021. [Click here to watch](#)

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- 2026 Myah Goff, "Vietnamese folklore meets Midwestern landscapes in playful University of Minnesota show", Sahan Journal, March 20, 2026. [Read here](#)
- 2025 Petit Art Space (Ginkgo Concept), "BABEL - Living Together: Cities in Transformation & Climate in Transition" catalog. Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
 Printmatters Houston, "Press Forward 2025" catalogue. ISBN: 9798295066269. Oct 20, 2025. Houston, TX
 The Hand Magazine. Issue 50 - Fall 2025. Prairie Village, KS
 Artlink, "Artlink's 45th National Print," Artlink Gallery. [Read here](#)
 SGCI, "2025 Annual Juried Members Exhibition," Graphic Impressions. [Read here](#)
 Sommer Wagen, "Walking in a lichen wonderland," The Minnesota Daily, April 28, 2025. [Read here](#)
 "Prints from the American Middle," Grafiska Sallskapet. [Read here](#)
- 2024 Ashley Opina, "Mai Tran: From Ho Chi Minh to Mankato, artist infuses culture and vision into woodcut prints," The Free Press Mankato, Mar 17, 2024. [Read here](#)
 Russ White, "Printmaker Turned Filmmaker: A Q&A with artist Mai Tran," News & Events/College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Feb 20, 2024. [Read here](#)
- 2021 Leticia Gonzales, "From Vietnam to 'Kato,'" Mankato Magazine (October 2021): 13. [Read here](#)
 Leticia Gonzales, "Vietnamese woman pursues art calling in Mankato," The Free Press Mankato, October 15, 2021. [Read here](#)
 Nhu Tran, "Mang chat Viet vao tranh in tren dat My" Thanh Nien Press Vietnam, November 11, 2021. [Read here](#)
 Syd Berggren, "MNSU student featured at the 410 Project," The Reporter, October 19, 2021. [Read here](#)
 Tan Dong, "Cam hung Viet Nam trong tranh in khac go," The women of Ho Chi Minh city Press, Vietnam, March 25, 2021. [Read here](#)

COMMISSIONS

- 2024 "all about the days I knew when you were really mine" cover album design.
 Poor Lemuel (musician/band), MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)
- 2023 "Grow Up" first EP's cover album. Mal Murphy (musician), Mankato, MN [More info](#) [Listen to album](#)
- 2022 Illustration for the month of August - 2023 Calendar. Dum Boc Collective, NYC, NY
 Promotion Mini Sketchbook Cover Design. Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2021 Promotion Sticker Design. Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
- 2019 T-shirt Design. Department of Art & Design Pizza Party, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN
 T-shirt Design. Intermediate & Advanced Printmaking, Minnesota State University-Mankato, MN

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCES

- 2026 Print assistant (June-August) for Jenny Schmid (Professor of Printmaking)
- 2024 – current
 Photographer & Filmmaker [CHANT Collective](#) [410Studios](#)
 Print assistant (Summer portfolio project) for Josh Winkler (Professor of Printmaking)

2021 – 2023

Gallery Assistant and Photographer. 410 Project Gallery, Mankato, MN

Art & Design PR Intern. Department of Art & Design, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

2019 - 2020

News Photographer. The Reporter, Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

Vice President (Works on Paper Printmaking Club). Minnesota State University- Mankato, MN

EXCHANGE PRINT PORTFOLIOS

- 2026 Mini Print Exchange Portfolio: Deck of Fools. Organized by Jenny Schmid (Advanced Print Class), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN
- 2025 Mini Print Exchange Portfolio: Poetic Self Portrait. Organized by Jenny Schmid (Intermediate Print Class), University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, MN
- Culture Currency Portfolio Exchange. Organized by Mariana Astete, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD
- 2024 Wandering Light Book Project (MAPC 2024). Organized by Michael Kruger (Lawrence, KS), Tom Reed (St. Louis, MO), Jenny Schmid (Minneapolis, MN)
- Flora of Minnesota (Lithography Workshop). Organized by Josh Winkler, SKS Press, St. Peter, MN
- 2022 2022 SGC International's Member Print Exchange. Organized by SGCI 2022, UW-Madison, WI
- All Things Small: A Pocket Print Portfolio. Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN
- 2021 Image & Text: Letterpress Broadside Exchange in collaboration with MSU Poets. Organized by The Treehouse Press, Mankato, MN
- Relief Postcard Exchange. Organized by Relief Conspiracy, Pittston, ME
- The 2021 9INHANDPRESS Print Exchange. Organized by 9INHANDPRESS, New Hope, PA
- 2020 The 15th Print Exchange: Heart's Desire. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR
- 2019 The 19th Annual International Postcard Print Exchange: RISE. Organized by University Print Society, Iowa State University, Ames, IA
- The 14th Print Exchange: Wheel of Fortune. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR
- The 13th Print Exchange: 13. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR
- The 12th Print Exchange: ZINE. Organized by The Dead Matter Press, Portland, OR