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Education

2023: Plein Air (under Rita Earls and Jerry Burrow), Caddo River Art Guild, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US

2022: Online workshop "Arkansas Artist INC Express," sponsored by Mid-America Arts Alliance and Arkansas Arts Council, a division of Arkansas Heritage, US.

2020: Online workshop "Arkansas Artist INC Express," sponsored by Mid-America Arts Alliance and Arkansas Arts Council, a division of Arkansas Heritage, US.

2019: Watercolor on atomizing technique and poured paint technique (under Donna Twyford), Caddo River Art Guild, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US

2009 to 2011: Art History at Master Level as an outside field for a doctoral degree, the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma, US.

2003 to 2006: Jewelry Making (under Elyse Bogart and Rick Talent), The Firehouse Art Center, Norman, Oklahoma, US.

2000 to 2002: Pottery Making (under Tim Sullivan), The Firehouse Art Center (under Tim Sullivan), Norman, Oklahoma, US.

1998 and 1999: Repoussé, Assis Tu Vestir, Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico.

Exhibits

2023: (art fair—solo presentation) Arkadelphia Festival of the Arts, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

2023: *Art Moves: Art & Soul* (group exhibition), Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Hot Springs, Arkansas, US.

2023: *Crowns of Glory: Ceremony, Culture, and Couture through Caps, Coiffures, and Coverings* (group exhibition), James Wise Gallery, Norfolk, Virginia, US.

2023: *Botanica*, (group exhibition online), Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, California, US.

2022: *Black Prometheus: The Legacy of Jacob Lawrence and the Global Modernist Art of the Mid Twentieth Century* (group exhibition), James Wise Gallery, Norfolk, Virginia, US.

2022 (art fair—solo presentation) Arkadelphia Festival of the Arts, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

2021 (art fair—solo presentation) Arkadelphia Festival of the Arts, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

Also, one of my paintings was chosen for the promotional Festival of the Arts website.

2021: *Dog Days of Summer* (group exhibition), Arkadelphia Arts Center, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

2021: *Art Moves: A Tribute to Henry Glover and George Hunt* (group exhibition), Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Hot Springs, Arkansas, US.

2020: *Window Art* (group exhibition), Arkadelphia Arts Center, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

2020: *Art Moves: Griots* (group exhibition), Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Hot Springs, Arkansas, US.

2020: Blue Waters Fine Art & Design Gallery (group exhibition), Hot Springs, AR.

2017: *Still Live, a Moment in Life* (group exhibition), Hot Springs Area Cultural Alliance, Regional Art Competition, Hot Springs, AR.

2016: *Art on Main* (group exhibition), Sunrise Rotary Club Art on Main, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

2015: Annual Charity Gala and Auction (a painting auctioned), Assisted Living, Inc., Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US.

Awards

2022 Certificate of Artistic Achievement by the Luxembourg Art Prize 2022, Luxembourg, Europe.

Teaching

(As a Spanish professor at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US)

2022: Workshop on *Suminagashi* technique to upper-level Spanish students.

2021: A semester of art and world artists in Spanish: "ARTiculate it in Spanish."

2019: A semester of art and world artist in Spanish: "ARTiculate it in Spanish."

Curatorial projects

(As a Spanish professor at Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, US)

2022: "Floating Diamonds: Poems on *Suminagashi*" exhibit, McBrien Hall and Huie Library.

2019: "*Meninas* Madrid Gallery at HSU" exhibit, Huie Library and Russell Fine Arts Center.

2019: "Exceptional Women around the Globe" exhibit, Huie Library.

2016 to 2019: "Monsters, Poems [, and *Alebríjes*]" exhibits, Huie Library and Russell Fine Arts Center.

2016: "Before I Die" at Henderson State University Wall, art installation, Garrison Center.

Press & Publications

2021: *The artistry of Margarita Peraza-Rugeley* (article by the Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy), Current: A Newsletter Update from The Department of English, Foreign Languages, and Philosophy at Henderson State University, US

2021: *Arts-adelphia: Arkadelphia Festival of the Arts* (article by Keala McKim). The Oracle Online.

2021: "*Entrevista a Margarita Peraza-Rugeley / Interview with Margarita Peraza-Rugeley*" (Interview in Spanish by Lourdes (Huei Lan) Yen), Dance and Arts Review Vol. 1 Num. 1.

2018: *Decifrando Latinoamérica: género, violencia y testimonio*, Cover, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos, México. February 2018.

Collections

Private Collections in the US and Mexico.

YouTube videos

Margarita Cyber Art Gallery: 2020 A Year of Longing /

Un año de añoranza <https://youtu.be/8Frq76lXklg>

Slow Art (English Version): https://youtu.be/Yvpwepyk_0g

Arte lento (Spanish Version): <https://youtu.be/w5lF55-3VtY>