

## **Sonja Czekalski CV**

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### **Education**

- Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MFA, Fine Arts, August 2021
- Rhode Island College, Magna Cum Laude BS in Art Education, Concentration in Painting, Spring 2017

### **Related Experience**

- Visiting Lecturer- Art Department, Framingham State University
- Gallery Director- Hera Gallery- Present
- Artist Instructor at Danforth Art Museum- Present
- Graduate Assistant to Sondra Grace- Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Spring 2021
- Graduate Assistant to Cecelia Vasquez- Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Fall 2020 and Spring 2021
- Graduate Assistant to Stephanie Cardon- Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Fall 2020
- Secondary Studio Art Teacher at Cumberland High School 2017-2020
- Co-President of Rhode Island College Student Chapter National Art Education Association 2017

### **Exhibitions**

- *Where We Are*, Hera Gallery, Wakefield RI, Spring 2022
- *Empowerment Vs. Exploitation*, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth MA, Winter 2022
- *Double Take*, Trolley Barn Gallery, Poughkeepsie NY, Winter 2022
- *COHORTS – alone : together*, MFA Online Exhibition, Winter 2022
- *Newport Biennial*, Newport Art Museum, Newport RI, Winter 2021-2022
- *Exposed*, Hera Gallery, Small Group Members Show, Wakefield RI, Fall 2021
- *Small Works*, Hera Gallery, Members Exhibition, Wakefield RI, Fall 2021
- *Small Doses*, Periphery Space, Providence RI, Fall 2021
- *Yeah, I'm doing great*, Mass Art Alumni Juried Exhibition, MassArt SOWA, Boston MA, Fall 2021
- *Unthemed*, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, Fall 2021
- *Bodies Embodied*, Patricia Doran Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston MA, Summer 2021
- *Changing Since Changing*, MassArt SOWA, Boston MA, Summer 2021
- *Rhode Island Community Invitational Exhibition*, Providence Art Club, Providence RI, Spring 2021
- *Fresh Faces 2021*, Abigail Ogilvy Gallery, Virtual Exhibition, Spring 2021
- *Fresh Faces 2021*, Artsy, Virtual Exhibition, Spring 2021
- *Femme-* Art Fluent, Internation Virtual Exhibition, Spring 2021
- *Artist Visions 2021*-Marin Society of Art, Virtual Exhibition Spring 2021
- *Women in Art 2021*- Las Lagunas Gallery, Virtual Exhibition, Spring 2021
- *Inner Pictures*- Hera Gallery Small Group Members Show, Wakefield RI, Fall 2020

- *Windows on Pawtucket*- Art League Rhode Island and the Pawtucket Foundation Window Installation, Fall-Spring 2020
- *3rd Annual Women Artist Art Exhibition*- Fusion Art Palm Springs Virtual Exhibition, Fall and Winter 2020
- *Micheal Rose 30 Under 30 National Virtual Exhibition*- Michael Rose Virtual Gallery, Summer 2020
- *10th Anniversary Online Art Competition*- Virtual Exhibition, Light Space and Time Gallery, Summer 2020
- *Grey Cube Gallery* - Portrait Series Virtual Exhibition, Summer 2020
- *Primary Colors*- Primary Colors Virtual Exhibition, Light Space and Time Gallery, Summer 2020
- *Lines, Shapes, and Objects*- Fusion Art Palm Springs Virtual Exhibition, Summer 2020
- *Millennial RI Virtual Exhibition Featured Artist*- Millennial RI, Providence RI, Spring 2020
- *13th Annual Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition*- Exhibited Selected Works Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, Winter 2020
- *Art Speaks Out*- Political Pop-Up Show, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, January 2020
- *5th Decade of Hera*- Jamestown Arts Center, Jamestown RI, Winter 2020
- *PAC Textures Exhibition*, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, Fall 2019
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design- Exhibited Selected Works June 2019-August 2019
- *The Naked Print*- Photography Exhibition- RI Center for Photographic Arts, Providence RI, Winter 2019
- *42nd Festival of the Arts Photography Exhibition*- North River Arts Society, Marshfield MA, Summer 2018
- *Focus on Figures Exhibition*- North River Arts Society, Marshfield MA, Spring 2018
- *11th Annual Pawtucket Foundation Prize Exhibition*- Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, Spring 2018
- *Extra-Terrestrial Nation Exhibition*- Alien Entertainment Pawtucket RI, Fall 2017
- *Edge of the Outback-Photography Exhibition*- Stefano's Cafe, Mildura Australia, Summer 2016

### **Residencies**

- *Edge of the Outback*, student photography and Australian Aboriginal history residency, Mildura Australia, Summer 2016

### **Curatorial Experience**

- Awards Juror, Providence Art Club Fall Members Show, 2021
- Co-Curator of *Bodies Embodied*, a small group show featuring the work of Sonja Czekalski, Leslie Goldman, and Jillian Vaccaro, 2021

### **Print/Press**

- Summer 2021 MFA Thesis Talks, presented *Viscera: A Body of Work*, in virtual lecture series
- *WE THE ARTISTS: AMERICA 2021: HERA EXHIBITION PULLS THE COUNTRY TOGETHER*, Artscope Magazine, Issue May/June 2021
- *Windows on Pawtucket*, Year 1 Catalogue, Art League Rhode Island, Fall 2021
- *Witches Mag Contributor Issue #5*, Published writings and artworks, Summer 2021

- *Then and Now*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Fashion Archive Catalogue, Summer 2021
- *Fiandaca and his works*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Fashion Archive Digital Catalogue, Summer 2021
- Witches Mag Contributor Issue #4, Published writings and artworks, Summer 2020
- Witches Mag Contributor Issue #3, Published writings and artworks, Winter 2020
- Illustrated Children's book *Home is Where the Heart Is*, for Woonsocket Rhode Island Homeless Shelter Winter 2015
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### **Awards and Grants**

- Juror Prize- for *The Top 10* in Double Take, International Juried Exhibition Trolley Barn Gallery Poughkeepsie NY
- Dean's Scholarship- Massachusetts College of Art and Design Awarded Spring 2021
- Light Space and Time 10th Anniversary Virtual Exhibition- Merit Award Recipient for *Breath*, Summer 2020
- Grey Cube Gallery Merit Award for Outstanding Art- Portrait Series Virtual Exhibition, featured work *I'm a Mess*, Summer 2020
- PAC Textures Exhibition- 4th place winner for *I'm a Mess*, Pawtucket Arts Collaborative, Pawtucket RI, Fall 2019
- Antonio Cirino Memorial Scholarship Award- Grant for Massachusetts College of Art and Design 2019 and 2020

### **Professional Organizations**

- Pawtucket Paper Studio Member- Pawtucket, RI 2019- Spring 2020
- Wombyin-Featured Artist- 2017-2020

### **Gallery Affiliation**

- Hera Gallery, Artist Member- Wakefield, RI 2019-present

### **Studio Experience**

- Hand-papermaking
- Metals (Welding, Soldering, Wire)
- Jewelry Making
- Fiber Arts/Textiles
- Printmaking
- Painting
- Color Theory
- Drawing
- Mixed Media
- Digital Photography
- Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, and Lightroom
- Ceramics
- Stained Glass

- Natural Dyes