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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

1990 B	FA with Ho	nors and Dist	inctions, Art	Center C	College of	Design,	Pasadena,	CA
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- 1985 Certificate in Communication Arts with Honors, San Diego City College, San Diego, CA
- 1982 Diploma in Technical Drawing, Escuela Secundaria Técnica Numero 1, Tijuana, Baja California, México

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Lake S	treet Lift	Grant,	\$75.	.000.	Minnea	polis,	MN	

- 2025 Forecast Mid-Career Project Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2025 MN State Arts Board Arts Education Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2024 MN State Arts Board Cultural Expression Grant Program, Saint Paul, MN
- 2020 AIGA Fellow Award, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 McKnight Visual Artist Fellowship recipient, Minneapolis, MN
- 2004 Highpoint Center for Printmaking Grant, Minneapolis, MN
- 1995 Ohio Art Council Design Fellowship, Columbus, OH
- 1993 Ohio Art Council Design Fellowship, Columbus, OH

AWARDS

- 2024 Distinguished Mexicans Award, Instituto de los Mexicanos en el Exterior
- 2024 National Association of Secretaries of State Award for service to Minnesota as Chair of the State Emblems
- 2023 Appointed Chair, Minnesota State Flag and Seal Redesign Commission
- 2021 Institute of Mexicans Abroad, 2nd National Conference for Artists of Mexican Origin, Mexico City
- 2019 AARP Minnesota and Pollen's 50 Over 50 artists of the year, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 City Pages Artist of the Year, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 People to Watch in 2014, Graphic Design USA Magazine, New York, NY
- 2010 Paseo de la Fama, Tijuana, Mexico
- 2005 The Type Directors Club, Award for the Mpls Institute of Arts brochure Latinization of Minneapolis' Lake Street area, NY, NY
- 2004 Peter Glen Special Award for Public Services, recognizes companies who demonstrate a strong commitment to their community
- 2002 Ventures Magazine, Minority Business Award, Minneapolis, MN
- 1995 Hispanic Creative Awards Competition, 14 awards including 2 silver awards, New York, NY
- 1992 Columbus Society of Communication Arts, Creative Best Public Choice Award, Columbus, OH

JURIES

- 2024 Jerome Early Career Printmaker's Residency Judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 Augsburg Student Art Show judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 61st Design Exhibition Art Directors Association of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa
- 2018 MCAD MFA Van Derlip Awards judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 ADC 97th Annual Awards judge, Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- 2018 Made at MCAD, all-student exhibition judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 MCAD graduate work judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Uptown Art Fair, Onsite judge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2005 Newspaper Association of America, Athena Awards Multicultural judge, San José, CA
- 2004 Mercado Central Day of the Dead altar judge, Minneapolis, MN

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 Black & White, 28 ink drawings, UR/IN Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 An Anthological Exhibition of Mexican Artist Luis Fitch, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Bloomington, MN
- 2023 Deconstructing the Minnesota Flag, North Hennepin Community Gallery, Brooklyn Park, MN
- 2023 Nuevo México, South Broadway Cultural Center Gallery, Albuquerque, NM
- 2022 Dead Serious, Viewpoint Art Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2019 Love / Hate, 20 large format paintings, UR/IN gallery Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Across Borders: A Look at the Work of Latinx Designers, Google online exhibition
- 2017 Drawing Blood, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, Virginia
- 2017 Day of the Dead Pop-Up Art Show, Zinnia Folk Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

- 2016 Mex Art in the UK, Mex Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2014 Hecho in Minnesota Posters Designed by UNO Branding, Kiehle Gallery, St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
- 2014 Cross-cultural Posters Exhibition, The Consulate General of México and The Cultural Institute of New York, New York, NY
- 2010 Ten Years of Hispanic Posters, Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2004 Stereotypes the work of UNO, Mira Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1999 Colores Santos, Flatland Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1997 Colores Vivos, Riverview Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 1996 A Mexican in Columbus, Doo Wack Gallery, Columbus; OH
- 1996 Viajes, Galería de Rosarito, Rosarito, Baja California, México
- 1991 De Vuelta en Tijuana, Large-format oil and sand paintings, Centro Cultural De Tijuana, Tijuana Baja California, México
- 1990 20 Years of Drawing, Río Rita Gallery, Tijuana Baja California, México
- 1989 Mi Nuevo Trabajo, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
- 1985 New Illustration Work, San Diego City College Gallery, San Diego, CA
- 1980 Mis Primeros Cuadros, Galería ETI 24, Tijuana Baja California, México

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Trienal de Tijuana, Centro Cultural Tijuana, CECUT, México
- 2024 Ahora, Eiteljorg Museum, Indianapolis, IN
- 2024 Hilo de Sangre, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Saint Paul, MN
- 2023 NEW ART: 10 BIPOC Artists in Minnesota, Normandale Gallery of Fine Arts, Bloomington, MN
- 2022 La Línea, 22 Years of Grupo Soap del Corazón, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
- 2020 Conectado por la Naturaleza, Reedy Gallery, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaske, MN (Wendy DePaolis)
- 2019 McKnight 2014–2018 group exhibition/forum, MCAD gallery, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Kerry Morgan)
- 2019 Caravan, Williams Teaching Gallery and Concordia Gallery, Saint Paul, MN (curated by William G. Franklin)
- 2018 Latino Art Now! Art Auction & Exhibition, MACLA, San José, CA
- 2018 Day of the Dead After Dark, National Museum of Mexican Art, Chicago, IL (curated by Cesáreo Moreno)
- 2018 Day of the Dead at Zeitgeist Cultural Center, Duluth, MN
- 2018 Alumni Reunion Exhibition Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA
- 2018 Foodways, Exploring the intersection of food with cultural identity, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Kerry Morgan)
- 2017 Festival de las Calaveras, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Ana Laura Juarez)
- 2017 La Lotería un Homenaje Ilustrado, Travel art show various states of México (curated by Federico López Escalante)
- 2016 Día de Muertos, 12 large format silkscreens, Bedam Theatre Art Gallery, Duluth, Minnesota
- 2015 43 Disappeared, The Iguala Mass Kidnapping, Baja California Center, Rosarito, Baja California
- 2011 El Milagro, Grupo Soap del Corazón, Intermedia Arts, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Xavier Tavera)
- 2007 Nuestra Frida, Art Jones Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Doug Padilla)
- 2006 Art sourcing, An International Consortium of Outsourcing Artists, The Soap Factory, Mpls, MN (curated by Doug Padilla)
- 2005 Politica Ex-cárcel, Centro Cultural Ex-Cárcel, Valparaíso, Chile (curated by Marcela Rodriguez)
- 2005 El Otro Americano, Instituto Chileno Norteamericano de Cultura, Valparaíso, Chile (curated by Marcela Rodriguez)
- 2004 Gráfica Política, Soap del Corazón, Highpoint Center for Printmaking, Minneapolis, MN (curated by Marcela Rodriguez)
- 2004 Four Minnesota designers in El Paso, El Paso University Gallery, El Paso, TX
- 1993 Young Mexican Painters, Ambassador Galleries, New York, NY

ART COMMISIONS

- 2025 Twelve Utility Art Boxes, Lake Street Council, East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Imagine 2050, Metro Council, Illustration and design for Metro Council's Imagine 2050 initiative Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Wings of Resilience, 15-foot metal sculpture, Mercado Central, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Six Utility Art Boxes, City of Minneapolis, East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 Target Stores product design collection commemorating the Day of the Dead, Nationwide stores
- 2021 USPS stamp designs, four stamp designs commemorating the Day of the Dead, Washington, DC
- 2021 Racism Kills, Social Justice Billboard Project, George Floyd Square, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 City of Bloomington utility art boxes designs, Bloomington, MN
- 2020 City of Minneapolis utility art boxes designs, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Minnesota Lottery campaign "Celebrate Day of the Dead", MN Lottery, Saint Paul, MN
- 2017 AIGA National conference at the Walker Art Center Projection mapping art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Minnehaha bike racks designs, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 By the Order of Me Ongoing public art display in Latino Neighborhoods, Minneapolis, MN
- 2011 Free Art a continue project to give art in Latino neighborhoods via Twitter and Facebook messages, Twin Cities, MN
- 2010 Welcome to the Border art in public spaces, Tijuana Baja California México
- 2009 Day of the Dead Art Org, 4' x 8' steam roller print, Plains Museum in Fargo, ND
- 2002 Day of the Dead in Lake Street 8'x 12' mural, Grupo Soap del Corazón, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 Riverview Economic Development Association Charly Brown sculpture, Saint Paul, MN

COLLECTIONS

- Art Center College of Design
- Centro Cultural de Tijuana (CECUT)
- Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum
- Hoffmitz Milken Center for Typography
- Minneapolis Institute of Art
- Minnesota Historical Society
- Minnesota Museum of American Art
- Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latino Americana (MACLA)
- National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC)
- Plains Art Museum
- Tamarind Institute
- Weisman Art Museum

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2024 The Art of Luis Fitch A 434-page publication featuring interviews by Karen Mary Davalos, William Gustavo Franklin and others
- 2023 Latin Art in Minnesota: Conversations and What's Next, William G. Franklin, Afton Press, Mpls, MN
- 2022 Afton Press book, Latino artist in Minnesota, book to be publish in 2022, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Guillermo Osorno for The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs 100 Mexicans Abroad
- 2013 The Minnesota History Society, Lideres Latinos Oral History Project, St. Paul, MN
- 2012 Hecho in Minnesota Posters Designed by UNO Branding, Hardcover, (Author, Editor, Illustrator)
- 2009 ¡Amigas Forever! Hardcover, (Illustrator)
- 2007 Leigh Roethke, The History of Latinos in Minnesota, publish by Minnesota Historical Society Press
- 2006 Step Inside Design Magazine Interview, By Emily Potts, Frozen or on the Rocks? Dynamic Graphics, Inc.

MEDIA AND PRESS

- Jenna Ross, "You've seen Luis Fitch's art on stamps, at Target and on the street. Now, see it in a gallery" StarTribune
- 2023 Meron Moges-Gerbi "New Minnesota Flag" CNN, United States
- 2023 Steve Calechman, "If MN can redesign a problematic state seal in 3 months, why can't Massachusetts? Boston Globe
- 2021 Jenna Ross "USPS celebrates Día de los Muertos with stamps by Mpls artist" StarTribune front cover newspaper, MN
- 2017 Cheryl V. Jackson "Mexican celebration Day of the Dead goes mainstream in America" USA Today newspaper, NY, NY
- 2016 "Neo-Mexicanism work is both heartfelt and haunting", City Pages, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 Kristen Kazarian, "Translating brands for the Hispanic audience" Packaging Strategy Magazine, Troy, MI
- 2010 Raul Dominguez, "Paseo de la Fama", El Mexicano, Tijuana Newspaper
- 2010 Lorena Duarte, "Minnesota Immigrants", MN Historical Society, Saint Paul, MN
- 2008 Anthony Mazzotti, "Hit the pavement", AIGA Issues, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 Gordon Kaye, "People to Watch", GD USA 500 Issue, New York, NY
- 2006 Susumu Michizoe, "Design office report from USA", Bijutsu, Japanese Magazine
- 2006 Nicole Garrison, "UNO align to produce Hispanic ware", the Business Journal, Minneapolis, MN
- 2005 Nicole Garrison, "East Lake Street launch a new brand: Midtown", the Business Journal, Minneapolis, MN
- 2002 Bruce N.Wright, "¿Habla usted Ingles?", Communications Arts, New York, NY
- 2002 Coyne and Blanchard, "Fresh", Print Mazine, Menlo Park, CA
- 2002 Catharine M. Fishel "Inside the business of graphic design" Allwort Publisher, New York, NY

LECTURES AND WORSHOPS *Workshops

- 2025 Minneapolis Public Schools, In-Culture Art Workshop for the School District, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 MCAD, Color for All, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Street Art Workshop for 55+, Minneapolis, MN*
- 2024 Bloomington Public Schools, In-Culture Art Workshop for the School District, Bloomington, MN
- 2023 Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Art Poster Making, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 South Broadway Cultural Center, Urban Art for All, Albuquerque, NM
- 2022 Kentucky University, Interconnected Lecture Series, KY
- 2021 Walker Art Center Day of the Dead workshop for families Minneapolis, MN*
- 2021 UW Stout School of Art and Design, My Art and Designs, Menomonie, Wisconsin
- 2021 Augsburg University, My history, my art, my design, Minneapolis, MN*
- 2020 Ramsey County Library, My work in times of Covid-19, Saint Paul, MN
- 2020 University of Minnesota, Getting ready for the real world, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 Augsburg University, From Mexico to Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN

- 2020 AIGA MN design camp conference, Filtros, Madden's, MN
- 2019 Weisman Art Museum, Conversations with Creatives, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Minneapolis Institute of Arts design night, weird design panel talk, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 AIGA MN design camp conference, how to design and create art for the Latinx market, Madden's, MN*
- 2017 Towson University, My art life, so far, Baltimore, MD*
- 2016 Latino Foro Minneapolis Lake Street, Designing and branding a street, Minneapolis, Minnesota, MN
- 2016 PBS national meeting, Understanding the Latinx market in the USA, Washington, DC
- 2014 St. Cloud State University, Filtros, Getting to the heart of the target audiences, St. Cloud, MN
- 2014 MCAD and Brand Lab workshops, My Portfolio History, Minnesota, MN
- 2013 Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) Symposium, My trabajo en el exterior, Tijuana Baja California, México
- 2013 Universidad del Pedregal del Sur, Mi estudio, Ciudad de México
- 2012 University of Minnesota Duluth and Labovitz School of Business, The Myths and Stereotypes of Latino Culture, Duluth MN*
- 2012 Conferencia Prodiseño, Mex design en el norte, Tampico, México *
- 2011 Kansas State University, Designing for the Latino Market, Manhattan, KS
- 2011 Vaseline Design, Diseño de branding para el mercado Latino, Chihuahua, México*
- 2010 Tipos Libres, El diseño es un arte, Querétaro Tecnológico de Monterrey, Querétaro, México*
- 2010 Congreso Chihuahua, El diseño emocional, Chihuahua, México*
- 2010 Universidad del Valle Hermosillo, En Mexico si se puede, Hermosillo, México*
- 2010 Minnesota College of Art & Design (MCAD), The Journey from México, Minneapolis, MN
- 2009 Minneapolis University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN
- 2009 Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey León Guanajuato, México*
- 2009 Blurring Lines Society for Environmental Graphic Design (SEGD) Annual Conference, San Diego, CA
- 2009 Interuniversidades Ciudad Obregón, México*
- 2009 AIGA Y14, Crossing borders, San Diego, CA*
- 2008 National Association of Latino Arts (NALA), Latinx Art in Minneapolis, Minneapolis, MN
- 2008 al Conference, El mercado Hispano en los Estados Unidos, San Luis Potosí, México
- 2008 GAIN American Institute of Graphic Arts, Hispanic Marketing 101, New York, NY
- 2007 American Marketing Association, The Hispanic Marketing in Minnesota, Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2007 Miami Ad School, The Hispanic portfolio, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 Minnesota Advertising Federation, Advertising to the Latino Market, Minneapolis, MN
- 2006 Minnesota AIGA, Hispanic Design, Minneapolis, MN
- 2005 Texas University of Texas, No borders, El Paso, TX
- 2004 MN American Marketing Association, Advertising to the Latino Market, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003 7th Annual Hispanic Marketing Midwest Conference, Avanza Supermarket case study, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003 Newspaper Association of America, Understanding the Latino acculturation process, San José, CA
- 2002 American Institute of Graphic Arts, Minneapolis, Hispanic 101, Minneapolis, MN
- 2001 5th Annual Hispanic Marketing Midwest Conference, Blending Latino cultural influences with visual strategies, Mpls, MN

TELEVISION / RADIO

- 2025 Canal Once, Sin Muros, Exploring Mexico-U.S. Relations, Mexico City
- 2023 WCCO News, Exhibit on Minnesota Flag Symbolism, MN
- 2023 MPR News, Panel on Redesigning Minnesota's State Flag, MN
- 2021 NBC Universal, USPS & Target Day of the Dead Collection, Nationwide
- 2021 Canal 22, National Cultural TV, Luis Fitch en México
- 2021 NBC Universal national news, Día de los Muertos for USPS and Target Stores, Nationwide, USA
- 2021 Telemundo national news, Día de los Muertos for USPS and Target Stores, Nationwide, USA
- 2021 MPR News radio, Minneapolis artist's Día de los Muertos designs break new ground as Postal Service stamps, MN
- 2020 Canal 22 México, Diáspora Cultural, National Cultural TV in México
- 2018 Radio KPCW public radio station, Latinx artist interview, Park City, Utah
- 2010 TPT MN Channel, Latino Art: A Community Vision, Minneapolis, MN
- 2009 PBS TV show Life (Part 2), Opening titles design, Minneapolis, MN
- 1988 Canal 12, Entrevista cultural con Pedro Ochoa, Tijuana, Mexico