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EDUCATION

- 2019 Master of Fine Arts, Sculpture and Ceramics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2003 Bachelor of Arts, Architecture, Islamic Azad University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran

SELECTED AWARDS

- 2025 2025-2028 Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship
- 2024 MSAB Creative Support for Individuals Grant
- 2021 MCAD-Jerome Foundation Fellowship for Early Career Artists
- 2020 Foundation for Contemporary Arts - FCA Emergency Grants
- 2020 Sister Dennis Frandrup Fellowship, College of Saint Benedict & Saint John's University
- 2019 Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant
- 2018 Christopher Cardozo Fellowship
- 2016 DOVE Graduate Scholar Fellowship
- 2015 Minnesota State Arts Board Artist Initiative Grant

RESIDENCIES

- Summer 2025 ArtsIceland Artist in Residence, Icelandic Art Center, Ísafjörður, Iceland
- Winter 2020 Sister Dennis Frandrup Artist in Residence, Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN
- Summer 2018 Resident Artist, Benyamini Contemporary Ceramics Center, Tel Aviv, Israel
- July-Aug 2017 Center of the Periphery, Morlitzwinden, Buch am Wald, Bavaria, Germany
- Summer 2017 MFA Scholar, Staatliche Adademie de Bildenden Künste Karlsruhe, Karlsruhe, Germany

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2027 *TBD: Refuse to Blink*, Gordon Parks Gallery, Metro State University, St. Paul, MN
- 2027 *TBD: The Things We Bring*, Galusha Gallery, Northern Clay Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 *Mirror/Window*, Boliou Gallery, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
- 2022 *The Names We Change*, Davies Gallery, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
- 2021 *S/WORD*, Alice R. Rogers Gallery, St. John's Art Center, Collegeville, MN
- 2019 *Things that make the Things*, Boliou Hall & Gould Library, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
- 2018 *In Your Backyard*, Department of Art History Gallery, St. Thomas University, St. Paul, MN
- 2018 *Domestic Affairs*, Harry M. Drake Gallery, St. Paul Academy and Summit School, St. Paul, MN
- 2017 *The Nightingale and the Rose*, Ahrnsbrak Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Marathon, WI
- 2015 *Exileware: Persian Diaspora & Pottery in Minnesota*, Q.arma Building, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 *Mandala: The Symbol of Existence*, Haftsamart Gallery, Tehran, Iran

TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Lost and Found | Katayoun Amjadi and Erin Smith*, Hair & Nails Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Significance of Middle | Katayoun Amjadi and Ellie Kingsbury*, Inez Greenberg Gallery, Bloomington Art Center, Bloomington, MN

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Fragments Reimagined: A Call to Action to End Gun Violence*, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
- 2026 *A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats*, Northern Clay Center Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2026 *Beyond Disciplines: Work by Faculty & Staff*, UMN Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2025 *Art Now | An Invitational Exhibition*, Normandale Gallery, Bloomington, MN
- 2025 *ConFluence: Futures in Color*, Public Functionary, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 *So Far, So Close*, Q-Underground Gallery, Q.arma Building, Minneapolis, MN
- 2024 *The Other Four*, Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 *Rage. Remember. Renew. Seven Memorials*, Form + Content Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2023 *Underneath Everything*, Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2023 *Underneath Everything: Humility and Grandeur*, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, IA
- 2023 *Familial(ar)*, Anton Art Center, Mount Clemens, MI
- 2023 *Unapologetically Femme: A Defiant Celebration*, Ladylike Art, St. Paul, MN
- 2023 *One and Three Sculptures*, NE Sculpture Factory Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

- 2023 *Polyvocality: Solidarity in the Time of Political Rupture*, NCECA Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 2022 *Underexposed*, Cargill Hall Gallery, Minneapolis Central Library, MN
- 2022 *20/21 Jerome Fellowship Exhibition*, MCAD Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Hardscapes*, Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts Foundation, Idyllwild-Pine Cove, CA
- 2021 *Visual Language*, 801 Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2021 *Sustenance*, The Anderson Center at Tower View, Red Wing, MN
- 2021 *Art Is My Weapon*, Minnesota African American Heritage Museum, Minneapolis, MN
- 2020 *Cartography of Desire*, The Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN
- 2019 *Let There Be Spaces in Your Togetherness*, Soo Visual Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *1 Roof 2 Airst*, South Dakota Museum of Art, Brookings, SD
- 2019 *Selections: Contemporary Art at Revere Auctions*, Revere Auctions, St. Paul, MN
- 2019 *Dialogue Art Exhibition*, New Rules Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *Thirty Three Views*, Second Shift Studio Space Curatorial Projects, St. Paul, MN
- 2019 *The House | The Yard*, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Regis Center for Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *Heart Land Stories*, NCECA Conference, Q2 Gallery, Qarma Building, MN
- 2019 *Wintertide*, NEMMA Biennial Juried Art Exhibition, Public Functionary, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *For Freedoms*, Regis West Gallery, University of Minnesota, MN
- 2018 *Home Inside Out*, Waiting Room @ Gallery 71, Edina, MN
- 2018 *Foodways*, Minneapolis College of Art and Design Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *NCECA: National Student Juried Exhibition*, Pittsburg Center for the Arts, Pittsburg, PA
- 2018 *Eyes Should be Washed*, Pirsig Project, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Small Objects: Part 1*, Lacuna Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Illogical Animus: A Survey of Artwork from Banned Countries*, sUGAR Gallery, Fayetteville, AR
- 2017 *Where Are You Now?*, Art Loft Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI
- 2017 *Fresh Works*, Quarter Gallery, Regis Center for the Arts, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Sommerausstellung Offene Ateliers*, Fine Arts Academy, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2017 *Movie Mash Up*, ZKM Center for Arts and Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
- 2017 *Transplant Eyes*, Walker Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI
- 2017 *Craft Action: Genre Bending*, College Art Association ArtSpace, New York, NY
- 2017 *Andy Warhol: Minnesota Goes Pop*, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN
- 2016 *Selected Works*, Public Functionary, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *Working Forces*, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 *Transplant Eyes*, Instinct Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *American Art: It's Complicated*, Minnesota Museum of American Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 *This From There*, Circa Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Altered Esthetics House Film Festival*, Southern Theater, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Continuum: An Exploration of Gender Identity*, Benedicta Arts Center, St. Joseph, MN
- 2014 *Heavy: The Metal Show*, Instinct Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 *Mirror Window*, Beijing Film Academy, Beijing, China

COLLABORATIVE PERFORMANCES & PROJECTS

- 2026 *Creative Defiance – Art, Activism, and Feminist Solidarity in Afghanistan and Iran*, UMN, MN
- 2021 *Connections*, collaboration with Hend Al-Mansour, Rosalux Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 *The Other Four, Eyes Should be Washed* performance, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND
- 2018 *Border Crossings*, public art installation, Washington Ave Bridge, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 *Eyes Should be Washed*, performance, Pirsig Project, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Eyes Should be Washed*, artist book release and signing, Company Projects, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 *Sense of Nonsense*, performance, Center of the Periphery, Buch am Wald, Bavaria, Germany
- 2015 *One Hundred Lullabies*, performance, Instinct Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Twin Cities Pride Art Exhibition*, photography project, Aloft Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2020 *Permanent Art Collection*, Keller Building, Minneapolis, MN (co-curated with Jonathan Query)
- 2020 *Cartography of Desire*, The Catherine G. Murphy Gallery, St. Catherine University, St. Paul, MN (co-curated with John Schuerman)
- 2019 *1 Roof 2 Airst*, South Dakota Museum of Art, Brookings, SD (co-curated with John Schuerman)
- 2019 *Heart Land Stories*, NCECA Conference, Q2 Gallery, MN (co-curated with Jonathan Query)
- 2018 *Home Inside Out*, Waiting Room @ Gallery 71, Edina, MN
- 2017 *Transplant Eyes*, WPCA, Milwaukee, WI (co-curated with John Schuerman)
- 2016 *Transplant Eyes*, Instinct Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (co-curated with John Schuerman)

2014 *Optical Imagery, Reviving, Realism, Neo Poetics*, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN (thematic shows from Museum's permanent contemporary art collection, co-curated with Elizabeth Armstrong)

WORK EXPERIENCE

2026-2027 Lecturer, Intro to Ceramics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Spr. 2026 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Art and Art History, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
Fall 2025 Dayton Hudson Visiting Teacher Artist, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
2024-2028 City Artist in Residence Consultant, Public Art Saint Paul, Saint Paul, MN
2020-2024 Faculty of Art, Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN
2022-2026 MFA Mentor and Graduate Thesis Advisor, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
Spr. 2022 Visiting Lecturer, MFA Graduate Critique Seminar, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN
Spr. 2022 Visiting Lecturer, Intro to Sculpture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Spr. 2020 Instructor, Ceramics Handbuilding, Normandale Community College, Bloomington, MN
Fall 2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, 3-D Art and Design, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
Summer19 Lecturer, Intro to Ceramics, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2016-2019 Teaching Assistant: Intro to Ceramics, Ceramic Sculpture, Wheel-throwing, Sculpture & Ceramics, Intro to Sculpture, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2014-2019 Gallery Associate, Circa Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
2013-2015 Gallery Assistant, Instinct Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
2013-2014 Curatorial Intern, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN
2013-2014 Studio Ceramicist, Grey Fox Pottery, Minneapolis, MN
2012-2013 Arts Coordinator, Hillel at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Summer12 Gallery Intern, The Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

SELECTED LECTURES & RELATED ACTIVITIES

2026 Instructor, *Nowruz 7 Dishes Ceramics Workshop*, Afghan Cultural Society, Minneapolis, MN
2025 Juror, Minnesota Artists Association Fall Exhibition, White Bear Center, St. Paul, MN
2025 Participant Artist, Iranian Culture Festival Art Exhibition, Hopkins Art Center, Hopkins, MN
2025 School of the Art Institute of Chicago Summer Internship Provider, Minneapolis, MN
2025 Youth Ceramic Workshops Instructor, Artlet26, St. Paul, MN
2025 UMN Panel Moderator, Springboard for the Arts, Minneapolis, MN
2025 Visiting Artist Talk, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
2025 Artist Talk, Totino-Grace High School, Fridley, MN
2024 Visiting Artist & Critic, Carleton College, Northfield, MN
2024 MFA Graduate Mentor, Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Minneapolis, MN
2024 Instructor, *One Pinch at a Time Ceramics Workshop*, Afghan Cultural Society, Minneapolis, MN
2024 Juror, *Fall Members' Exhibition*, Hopkins Center for the Arts, Hopkins, MN
2024 Participant Scholar/Performer, *Violence & the Shifting Politics of Knowledge* symposium, UMN
2023 Juror, *Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Sculpture Exhibition*, St. Paul, MN
2023 Panelist, *Only Voice Remains: Art, Scholarship, Activism in Iran & Afghanistan*, Open Book, MN
2023 Guest Speaker, *The Role of Art in Iranian Feminist Revolution*, Minnesota Humanities Center
2023 Participant Artist, *Get Lucky 2023 Annual Fundraising*, SooVAC, Minneapolis, MN
2022 Artist Panelist, Minnesota Artist Exhibition Program, Minneapolis Arts Institute, MN
2022 *2020/21 Jerome Fellowship Panel Discussion*, moderated by Nicole Nfonoyim, MCAD, MN
2022 Juror, *Student Exhibition*, Anoka-Ramsey College, Coon Rapids, MN
2021 Juror, *(Un)Natural Boundaries and Borders*, Silverwood Park, Saint Anthony, MN
2021 Visiting Artist Critic, Saint Paul Academy, Saint Paul, MN
2021 Virtual Artist Talk, *S/WORD*, St John University, Collegeville, MN
2020 Panelist, *Politically Engaged Art Amid Pandemic and Protest*, ITSR and Mizna Webinar Series
2020 Visiting Artist, MEd Graduate program Studio Investigations II course, MassArt, Boston, MA
2020 *Artist Series* Panel Speaker, National Art Education Association National Convention, MN
2020 *Conversation with the Curators*, 5th Annual Art Historians of the Twin Cities Symposium, MN
2020 Artist in Residence Lecture, SJU Art Department, Collegeville, MN
2020 Panel discussion with UMN anti-war coalition on Iran Sanctions, Weisman Museum, MN
2019 *Studio: Here Artist in Residence*, Minnesota State Fair, MN
2019 Participant Artist, *Art4Good Fundraiser*, Art to Change the World, Minneapolis, MN
2019 Women's Art Institute Guest Speaker, St. Katherine University, St. Paul, MN
2019 Iranian Culture Week Advisory Board Member, Minneapolis, MN
2019 In conversation with Christina Schmid and Erin Smith, Hair & Nails Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

- 2019 Presenter Panelist, *Place Matters*, 53rd Annual NCECA Conference, Minneapolis, MN
- 2019 Juror, *St. Olaf Student Juried Show*, St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
- 2018 Guest Instructor, *Mold Making and Slip Casting Workshop*, Juxtaposition Art, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Artist Lecture, University of Wisconsin-Marathon, WI
- 2017 Curatorial Panelist, Artistry at Bloomington Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Artist Talk, Artistry at Bloomington Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 Working Forces Open dialogue with curator Jehra Patrick, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Artist Initiative Visual Arts Panelist, Minnesota State Arts Board, St. Paul, MN
- 2015 Panelist, Career and Professional Practices, Normandale Community College, Minneapolis, MN
- 2015 Art-A-Whirl Participant Artist, Q.arma Building, Studio B25, Minneapolis, MN

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- 2021 R2 Companies, Keller Building, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 Araz Group Company, Bloomington, MN
- 2015 Weisman Art Museum, Minneapolis, MN

PUBLICATIONS

- "This is Not an Eggplant." *AGITATE! Volume 4, Breath and Death: COVID-19, Black Lives Matter and Virality*, 2022: <https://agitatejournal.org/article/this-is-not-an-eggplant>
- "Domestic Affairs." "Silent Scream." "Muddy Truth." *AGITATE! Volume 2, Unsettling Pedagogies*, 2020: <http://agitatejournal.org/article/katayoun-amjadi>.
- *Eyes Should Be Washed. An anthology of text and images.*: Katayoun Amjadi, Rachel Breen, Mara Duvra, Nooshin Hakim, Edie Overturf, Aki Shibata, Christina Schmid, and Tina Tavera., 2017.

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- Alex V. Cipolle, "National cigarettes, banned pop songs and memory oceans: Minneapolis Iranian artists show work about diaspora", *MPRnews.org*, 10 September 2024.
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- Nicole Nfonoyim, "Katayoun Amjadi", *Jerome Fellowship Exhibition 2020/21 catalog*, https://www.mcad.edu/sites/default/files/2022-02/Jerome_Catalog_PDF.pdf
- Ruth Nerhaugen, "Artists explore food, culture in new works at Anderson Center exhibit", *RepublicanEagle.com*, 25 August 2021.
- Alicia Eler, "Minneapolis art exhibit rejects 'Middle East' in favor of a more inclusive community," *startribune.com*, 18 December 2019.
- Erik Tormoen, "Pomegranates, Chickens, and Toilet Brushes: The Bold Art of Katayoun Amjadi." *Minnesota Monthly magazine*, 25 April 2019.
- Kate Drakulic, "In Studio with Katayoun Amjadi," *N Studio Magazine, NEEMA.org*, Fall 2018.
- Jacob Van Blarcom, "Karlsruhe Academy Exchange: On Names and Transition," University of Minnesota Art Department, cla.umn.edu/art/news-events, 28 December 2018.
- Kat Kneever, "Seeing Through 'Transplant Eyes' at Walker Point's Art Center," *ShepherdExpress.com*, 27 June 2017.
- Diane M. Bacha, "Immigrant artists see their journey here through 'Transplant Eyes,'" *Journal Sentinel*, 16 June 2017.
- Bonnie North, "Friday on Lake Effect: Transplant Eyes", *NPR News in Milwaukee*, 2 June 2017.
- Suzanne Szucs, "Minnesota Goes Pop," *mnartists.org*, 24 April 2017.
- Christina Schimid, "Into the Groove: When Curators, Artists, and Critics Dance," *mnartists.org*, 27 December 2016.
- Gregory Scott, "It's group therapy time, as Public Functionary gallery in Minneapolis Faces change," *startribune.com*, 15 Dec 2016.
- Camile LeFevre, "Transplant Eyes," *citypages.com*, 10 Sept 2016.
- Susannah Schouweiler, "Reconciling a Hyphenated Identity," *mnartists.org*, 3 June 2016.