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### Education

- 1992 - 94 **MBA in Museums**; Iberoamericana University, Mexico City.  
1989 - 91 **Post-Graduate in Contemporary Textile Art**; Wladyslaw Strzeminski Academi of Fine Arts, Lodz, Poland.  
1989 **History of Art**. Centro de Artes SIAC. AC. Mexico City.  
1984 - 88 **BA in Graphic Design**; Anahuac University, Mexico City.  
1987 **Traditional Weaving on Counter Balance Looms**; Instituto Allende de Cultura. Guanajuato, México.

### Specialty Courses (Selected)

- 1996 **Processes of Natural and Synthetic Dyes**. Prof. Ana Roquero (Spain); México City.  
1996 **Nature in the Creative Process**; Prof. Ewa Latkowska-Zychska (Poland), Mexico City.  
1994 **Creativity Explorations**; Prof. Catherine Faulds (UK) Historical Garment Museum, Mexico City.  
1993 **Art in the Upper Middle Ages**; Prof. Manuel Lozano. Anahuac University, Mexico City.  
1988 - 89 **Pattern Design and Transformations**; Instituto Tecnologico de la Moda y Textiles. A. C., Mexico City.  
1988 - 89 **Asian Dying Techniques; Batik-Plangi-Tie-Dye**; Prof. Nihren Baht (India). Mexico City.

### Teaching/Lecturing Experience (Selected)

- 2011 **Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre. Tapestry presentation.** Oakville, ON  
2011 **History of Tapestry. Burlington Handweavers Guild.** Burlington Art Centre, ON  
2011 **Tapestry: Tradition Vs. Innovation.** Lecture; Museo Textil de Oaxaca. Oaxaca, Mexico.  
2011 **Burlington Handweavers and spinners Guild.** Lecturer  
2010 **Etobicoke Guild of Handweavers and Spinners.** Lecturer. ON.  
**Textile Museum of Canada.** Lecturer. Toronto, ON  
2009 **Mexican Consulate Women's Group.** Lecturer. Toronto, ON  
**5 Counties Seminar.** Regional OHS. Lecturer & Workshop leader. Georgetown, ON  
**Clanmore Montessori School.** Lecturer. Oakville, ON.  
**Living Arts Centre Mississauga Handweavers and Spinners Guild.** Lecturer. ON.  
**London Guild of Embroiderers.** Lecturer.  
2008 **Oakville Art Group.** Lecturer. Oakville, ON.  
**Burlington Arts Centre. Guild of Handweavers and Spinners of Burlington.** Lecturer. ON.  
**WASOON.** Keynote Speaker. Canadore College, North Bay, ON.  
**PROBUS Mississauga Group.** Lecturer. ON  
2007 **St. Thomas Aquinas High School.** Lecturer and workshop leader. Oakville, ON  
**The Sewers Forum.** Tapestry Presentation. Lecturer/workshop leader. Oakville, ON.  
2003 **Textile Art for Architectural Spaces.** School of Architecture of Latin America ISTHMUS.  
Panama City. Panama.  
1988-2001 **Universidad Anahuac Norte.** Mexico City.  
Graphic Expressions, Design I & II; Professional Portfolio; Textile Design I, II, & III; Museum Studies;  
Scenery and Display Design.  
Post-Graduate Textile Design. Program. Coordinator.  
1990 **Founder of Textil Creativo. Textile Art School**  
Contemporary Fibre Art I, II & III; Basket Weaving and 3-D Structures; Pre-Columbian Natural  
Dyes; Tapestry Weaving I & II; Traditional weaving in Counter Balance Looms I & II; Fabric Design for  
Fashion; Upholstery Fabric Design; Pattern Design; Design as a Creative process.

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### Grants, Awards and Recognitions

- 2011** Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant.
- 2011** Ontario Arts Council Grant. Mid-Career Visual Artist.
- 2011** Selected artwork for the VI International Biennial of Contemporary textile Art. AIR
- 2010** Selected Mexican Artist for the 200 Celebration of Independence; Mexican Consulate Ottawa. ON.
- 2010** Award Winner. Visual Arts Category; Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON.
- 2009** Finalist. Visual Arts Category; Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON.
- 2007** Best in Show Award; World of Threads Festival, Oakville, ON.
- 2005** Best in Show Award; Sheridan College; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON.
- 1991** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, National Competition of Fabric Design (Prehispanic); Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City.
- 1991** Juried Show Mini Textiles: Mexico-Poland; Museo Rufino Tamayo, México City.
- 1988 - 01** 5 times awarded Best Professor; School of Design and Architecture. Anahuac University. Mexico City

### Memberships, Associations.

- 2011** Handweavers Guild of America, USA.
- 2011** FASS Network (Fibre Arts Shares Space) Coordinator for QEP Centre for the Arts. Oakville, ON.
- 2009 - 11** CommUnity Art Space. Member of the Board
- 2010** Member of Visual Arts Mississauga, ON.
- 2009** World of Threads Festival. Member of Steering Committee, Publicity Co-ordinator. Oakville, ON
- 2007 - 11** Member of Canadian Tapestry Network. BC, Canada
- 2008** Founder of Oakville Painting Studio. Oakville, ON.
- 2007** Founder of Oakville Tapestry Studio. Oakville, ON.
- 2006** Member of Guild of Canadian Weavers. Ontario.
- 2005 - 07** Member of Ontario Arts Council
- 2005-11** Member of Oakville Arts Council
- 2005 - 10** Oakville Handweavers and Spinners Guild; Secretary, President. Oakville, ON. Canada
- 2005 - 10** Docent Textile Museum of Canada. Toronto, ON.
- 1994 - 96** Mexican Group Textile Artists (AMAT A.C.); Founding Board Member, Mexico City.
- 1992 - 96** Member of Handweavers Guild of America; USA  
Convergence Washington 1992, Minneapolis 1994.
- 1994** Member of American Tapestry Alliance.USA.
- 1990** Founder of Creative Textile School. Textil Creativo. Mexico City.

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### Articles and Publications

- 2011**      **The Moon: Gravitational force Uniting Fibre Arts.** Fibre Focus Magazine, Spring (2011) Issue.  
ON, Canada.
- 2010**      **Book Review: The Living Tapestry Workbook** Fibre Focus Magazine. OHS, Fall Issue.  
ON, Canada.  
**Book Review: The Living Tapestry Workbook.** Canadian Tapestry Network Magazine, Fall Issue.  
BC, Canada.
- 2009**      **Tapestry as an Art Form. Fibre Focus Magazine.** OHS. Summer Issue.  
ON, Canada.
- 2008**      **Textile Design School:** Generacion Anahuac Magazine.  
Mexico City.  
**Ixchel: Mistress of the Weave:** Arts About Town Magazine,  
Oakville, ON. Canada.
- 2007**      **History and Techniques of Pre-Columbian Natural Dyes. Fibre Focus Magazine :** OHS.  
ON, Canada.
- 2006**      **Mexican Contemporary Fibre Art : Interieur Magazine.**  
Budapest, Hungary.
- 1991**      **Design Education: Contemporary Textile Art in Mexico: Textil i Textil Magazine.**  
Lodz. Poland.

### Solo Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2011**      **Textures from the Forest.** Burlington Art Centre. F.R.Perry Gallery
- 1979-2003** **Fibre Art: The Art of Tapestry.** ISTHMUS School of Design and Architecture.  
Panama City.  
**Harmony in the Shape.** Culture House Reyes Heroles.  
Mexico City.  
**Contemporary Fibre Art.** Hall I, UNESCO Building.  
Paris, France.  
**Mexico en Polonia.** Szkoła Sztuk Plasticznych,  
Lodz, Poland.  
**Pre-Colombian Art in Batik.** Dom Kultury,  
Lodz, Poland.  
**Ixchel: Fibre Art.** Colegio de Contadores Públicos de México,  
México City.  
**Ixchel: Colour in Time.** Mezzanine. Executive Building, PEMEX.  
Mexico City.  
**Ixchel and her Tapestries.** Touring Exhibition.  
Mexico.  
**To the Beat of the Loom.** Culture House,  
Mexico City.  
**Painting Exhibition.** Culture House.  
Mexico City.

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### Group Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2012** Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte, ON  
**2011** Commerce and Tourism Summit, Hamilton Place, ON  
**2011** Arts in the Square, Closing ceremony. Oakville, ON.  
**2011** Encounter Mexico-Canada: Contemporary Textile Art. Anahuac University, Mexico City.  
**2011** Newcomers Art Exhibit. Town Hall, Oakville, ON.  
**2010** Tapestry and Painting. Visual Arts Mississauga. ON.  
200 Anniversary of Mexican Independence. Mexican Consulate in Ottawa, ON  
Illuminated Threads. Tapestry Exhibition. City Hall, Poltimore, QC.  
When Thirteen Moons Entwine. International Textile Encounter. Gatineau, QC.  
Hanna McLeod Offices, Oakville, ON  
Art Works Oakville, Halton Regional Offices. Oakville, ON  
**2009** World of Threads Festival. International Textile Forum. Oakville, ON.  
Common Thread. Towne Square Gallery, Oakville, ON  
Guided Threads. Oakville Town Hall, ON  
Nine Lives National Exhibition. Timothy's Coffee Shop. Oakville, ON.  
Threads that Bind. Sheridan College. Oakville, ON.  
The Salon of the Common Thread. Hanna McLeod Building. Oakville, ON.  
Kaleidoscope. Royal LePage Offices, Oakville, ON.  
Town Square Gallery Exhibition. Oakville, ON.  
**2008** UNAM Gallery. Gatineau, QC.  
Tapestry Exhibiton. Harmony Group. Gloucester Gallery, Ottawa, ON.  
**2007** World of Threads Festival. Sheridan College, Oakville, ON.  
**2006** Art Works Oakville. ON.  
**2000** Art at the University. Universidad Anahuac. Mexico City.  
**1996** Hidden Universe. Universidad Iberoamericana. Mexico City.  
**1992** First National Encounter of Young Art. National Institute of Fine Arts. Mexico City.  
**1990-91** Mexico-Polonia: Contemporary Miniature Textiles. Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City.  
**1988** It's Own Theme. Unicornio Blanco Cultural Centre. Mexico City.  
**1988** I Biennale of Textile Art. Juried Show. National Museum of Modern Art, Mexico City.  
**1987** Veracruz: Plastica y Color. Instituto Veracruzano de Cultura. Veracruz, Mexico.  
**1986** Tapestry Exhibition. Instituto Allende de Cultura. Guanajuato, Mexico.  
**1979** Painting Exhibition. Town Hall. Mexico City.

### Creative Textile School. Group Exhibitions.

- 1997** Creative Textile. Samuel Menache Gallery. Mexico City.  
YQUITQUI- ICXTLL. Morelos State University. Mexico.  
Textile Art. La Cortesana Art Gallery. Cuernavaca. Mexico.  
**1996** Wefts from Nature. Vallescondido Golf Course, Mexico City.  
Woven Images. Embassy of Venezuela. Mexico City.  
**1995** Onirica Textil. ENEP Acatlan University. Mexico.  
Creative Textiles. National Museum of Revolution. Mexico City.  
**1992** Textile Art. Culture House. Mexico City.  
**1991** Fibre Art. Creative Textile School. Mexico City.

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### Upcoming Exhibitions/Lectures

**January 2012**    **History of Tapestry**, Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre, Oakville, ON.  
**May 2012**    **Juror.** Burlington Art Centre  
2012    **Lecturer and workshop leader.** McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Kleinburg, ON  
**July 2012**    **Convergence Long Beach, California. American Tapestry Alliance Small format**  
                  **(To be confirmed)**  
**May 2012**    **Australian Tapestry Workshop mini-show (To be confirmed)**  
**Aug 2012**    **Exhibition. Gallery Lion Brand Yarn, NY.USA.**  
**Nov 2012**    **World of Threads Festival.** Toronto-Oakville. ON  
**April 2013**    **Exhibition. Burlington Art Centre; AIC Main Gallery.** Burlington ON.