

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

- **Master in Museums;** Iberoamericana University, Mexico City.1992-94
- **Post-Graduate in Contemporary Textile Art;** Wladyslaw Strzeminski Academi of Fine Arts, Lodz, Poland.1989-91
- **Diploma. History of Art.** Centro de Artes SIAC. AC. Mexico City.
- **Bachelors of Art in Graphic Design;** Anahuac University, Mexico City.1984-88

Specialty Courses (Selected)

- **Traditional Weaving on Counter Balance Looms;** Instituto Allende de Cultura. Guanajuato, México.1987
- **Processes of Natural and Synthetic Dyes.** Prof. Ana Roquero; México City.1996
- **Nature in the Creative Process;** Prof. Ewa Latkowska-Zychska , Mexico City.1994
- **Creativity Explorations;** Prof. Catherine Faulds . Historical Garment Museum, Mexico City. 1994
- **Art in the Upper Middle Ages.** Anahuac University, Mexico City. 1993
- **Pattern Design and Transformations;** Instituto Tecnológico de la Moda y Textiles. A. C., Mexico City.1988-89
- **Asian Dying Techniques; Batik-Plangi-Tie-Dye;** Prof. Nihren Baht. Mexico City. 1988-89

Teaching

Fibre Art. Visual Arts Major program_@ Iroquois Ridge High School 2014

- **McMichael Canadian Art Collection.** Tapestry Workshop. 2012
- **Universidad Anahuac Norte.** Mexico City. 1988-2001

Graphic Expressions, Design I & II; Professional Portfolio;Textile Design I,II, & III; Museum

Studies;

Scenery and Display Design.

Post-Graduate Textile Design. Program.Coordinator.

- **Founder of Textil Creativo. Textile Art School** 1990-2001 * (see below text box)
- **The Sewers Forum.** Tapestry Presentation. Lecturer/workshop leader. Oakville, ON.
- **Textile Art for Architectural Spaces.** School of Architecture of Latin America ISTHMUS. 2003
Panama City. Panama.

Founder of Creative Textile School. Textil Creativo. Mexico City. 1990-2001

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

Lectures (Selected)

- Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre. Tapestry presentation. Oakville, ON
- History of Tapestry. Burlington Handweavers Guild. Burlington Art Centre, ON
- Tapestry: Tradition Vs. Innovation. Lecturer; Museo Textil de Oaxaca. Oaxaca, Mexico.
- Burlington Handweavers and spinners Guild. Lecturer
- Etobicoke Guild of Handweavers and Spinners. Lecturer. ON.
- Textile Museum of Canada. Lecturer. Toronto, ON
- 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.
- 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
- St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Lecturer and workshop leader. Oakville, ON. 2007

Grants, Awards and Recognitions

- Juror. Burlington Handweavers Annual juried show: "Gems".
- Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant.
- Ontario Arts Council Grant. Mid-Career Visual Artist.
- Selected artwork for the VI International Biennial of Contemporary textile Art. AIR
- Selected Mexican Artist for the 200 Celebration of Independence; Mexican Consulate Ottawa. ON.
- Award Winner. Visual Arts Category; Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON.
- Finalist. Visual Arts Category; Oakville Arts Council Stars Among Us. Oakville, ON.
- Best in Show Award; World of Threads Festival, Oakville, ON.
- Best in Show Award; Sheridan College; World of Threads Festival. Oakville, ON.
- 3rd Place, National Competition of Fabric Design (Prehispanic); Museo Rufino Tamayo, Mexico City.
- Juried Show Mini Textiles: Mexico-Poland; Museo Rufino Tamayo, México City.
- 5 times awarded Best Professor; School of Design and Architecture. Anahuac University. Mexico City

Memberships, Associations.

- Member of the British Tapestry Group
- Handweavers Guild of America, USA.
- FASS Network (Fibre Arts Shares Space) Coordinator for QEP Centre for the Arts. Oakville, ON.
CommUnity Art Space. Member of the Board
- Member of Visual Arts Mississauga, ON. 2010
- World of Threads Festival. Member of Steering Committee, Publicity Co-ordinator. Oakville, ON
- Member of Canadian Tapestry Network. BC, Canada
- Founder of Oakville Arts Studio. Oakville, ON.
- Member of Guild of Canadian Weavers. Ontario.
- Member of Ontario Arts Council
- Member of Oakville Arts Council
- Oakville Handweavers and Spinners Guild; Secretary, President. Oakville, ON. Canada
- Docent Textile Museum of Canada. Toronto, ON.
- Mexican Group Textile Artists (AMAT A.C.); Founding Board Member, Mexico City.
- Member of American Tapestry Alliance. USA

Publications

- **The Moon: Gravitational force Uniting Fibre Arts.** Fibre Focus Magazine, Spring (2011) Issue.2011
 - ON, Canada.
- **Book Review: The Living Tapestry Workbook** Fibre Focus Magazine. OHS, Fall Issue.2010
 - ON, Canada.
- **Book Review: The Living Tapestry Workbook.** Canadian Tapestry Network Magazine, Fall Issue.
 - BC, Canada.
- **Tapestry as an Art Form.** Fibre Focus Magazine. OHS. Summer Issue. 2009
 - ON, Canada.
- **History and Techniques of Pre-Columbian Natural Dyes.** Fibre Focus Magazine : OHS.2007
 - ON, Canada.
- **Mexican Contemporary Fibre Art : Interieur Magazine.** 2006
 - Budapest, Hungary.

Articles

- **Textile Design School:** Generacion Anahuac Magazine. 2008
 - Mexico City.
- **Ixchel: Mistress of the Weave:** Arts About Town Magazine,
 - Oakville, ON. Canada.
- **Design Education: Contemporary Textile Art in Mexico: Textil i Textil Magazine.** 1991
 - Lodz. Poland.

Solo Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2013** **Form and Surface: Lee Chin Gallery. Burlington Art Centre, ON**
Featured Artist. Gallery Lion Brand Yarn, NY.USA. 2012
Textures from the Forest. Burlington Art Centre. F.R.Perry Gallery. 2011
- 1979 -03** **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

Group Exhibitions (Selected)

- 2013 Triennale of Contemporary Textile Art in Lodz,
Textile Museum of **Kamienna Gora**. Poland
- 2013 **Moon Rain Centre Outaouais. When Thirteen Moons Entwine**, Gatineau, QB
- 2012 **World of Threads Festival: Quiet Zone @ QEP CCC/De Rerum Nature @ Joshua Creek Heritage Art Centre/Memento Mori @ The Gallery in Sheridan College.**
- 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.

Upcoming Exhibitions/Lectures

2015 Exhibit: **TEXTILE ICONS AND THE NEW EDGE**.

One year Travelling exhibit through 18 Museums in USA, starting in Muskegon Museum of Art