



CARLA CONTRERAS

**Visual Artist and
Educator**

Carla Contreras

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Skills

Multidisciplinary Contemporary Visual Artist: painting, printmaking, drawing, installation art, public art.

Editorial Design: Yearbook Adviser

Teaching: Visual Arts, World Languages, classroom management, planning, performance monitoring, curriculum knowledge, safeguarding and welfare, dynamic and passionate teacher and instructor.

Languages:

- Spanish / Native
- French / Proficient/ DELF B2 (DIPLÔME D'ÉTUDES EN LANGUE FRANÇAISE)
- English / Proficient
- Portuguese/ Proficient
- Italian / Basic

Experience

PACE ACADEMY / US Yearbook Adviser and Video Production Teacher

AUGUST 2020 - PRESENT, Atlanta GA

Oversee selecting and training students for their roles, provide guidance and encouragement, develop a style guide and theme, manage deadlines, complete final reviews, works with Lifetouch for publishing and signs off before printing.

PACE ACADEMY / MS Art Teacher

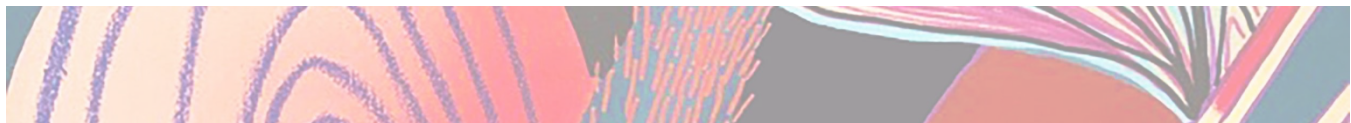
AUGUST 2019 – May 2020, Atlanta GA

Develop and teach studio art curriculum for 8th grade students that include Art History, composition, color theory and the exploration of different media and techniques in ceramics, painting, drawing, installation art, printmaking, and watercolor.

French and Spanish Tutoring / Private lessons

Private French and Spanish lessons, monitoring, and tutoring for students of all ages.

Savannah College of Art and Design / Student Assistant for Dean of Student Success



MAY 2017 - JUNE 2019, Atlanta, GA

MINT Gallery/ Summer Intern

JUNE 2018 - SEPTEMBER 2018, Atlanta, GA

Assisting during special events including exhibition openings, artist talks, and fundraisers. Being available to assist with installation and take down of exhibitions and MINT programming. Facilitating the sale of artwork as needed. Assisting with grant research and grant applications. Weekly organizational meetings.

Marie Clarac School / MS World Language Teacher

August 2015 - August 2016, Quito - Ecuador

Full time position to teach French and English in Middle and Lower School.

Education

Savannah College of Art and Design / M.F.A in Painting

2016 - 2020, Atlanta, GA

- Academic Honors Scholarship
- SCAD Achievement Graduate Scholarship

San Francisco University / Bachelor of Contemporary Arts

2009 - 2015, Quito-Ecuador

- Magna Cum Laude
- Best Research Project 2015 Award
- Best Painting Portfolio 2014 Award

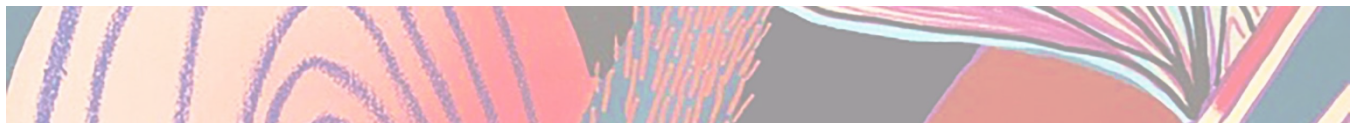
Elizabethtown College / Studio Art scholarship

2012 - 2013, Elizabethtown, PA

- Best of the Show in the Annual Juried Art Show
- Best of Ceramics in the Annual Juried Art Show

Commissions and Collaborations

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- SCAD ART SALES, Sidewalk artwork at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in honor to the Healthcare workers. Atlanta, Ga, 2020
 - SCAD ART SALES, Phipps Plaza Mural Project. 13' x 7.5' mural at Davio's restaurant exterior side.
 - Consulate of Ecuador in Atlanta, Series of watercolors for a gastronomic event fusing Georgia and Ecuador cuisine.
 - "Spring into The Shops", 22 x 15 ft mural for The Shops at Buckhead. 'Buckhead Love Locals' Program in partnership with SCAD Arts Sales, 2019.



- “SCADpro - Sponsored Course”, SCAD in collaboration with North Point Hospitality Group to assist in the research and development of concepts for a mural on the exterior of the new Hampton Inn Suites located in Midtown, Atlanta, Georgia, 2019.
 - ‘Gentry Marking’, SCAD Open Studio Front Wall Mural in collaboration with artist Ervin Johnson, 5C Gallery, Atlanta, GA, 2018.
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Publications/Media

- AJC News, “Homelessness, mental illness prominent themes in art of SCAD artist: Carla Contreras” by Felicia Feaster. Atlanta, Ga, 2020
- SHOUTOUT ATLANTA, featured article ‘Meet Carla Contreras: Visual Artist & Educator’. Atlanta, Ga, 2020.
- ELYSIAN Magazine, featured article ‘Carla Contreras is not a Machine’, and model cover of the Arts and Culture issue. Spartanburg, SC, 2020.
- Georgia Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Featured as a Georgia woman artist using art to make change and drive awareness about globally relevant issues. Atlanta, Ga, 2020.
- BuckHaven Lifestyle Magazine, “Summer Sunset” on the magazine cover. Featured in “Shopping at SCAD” article.
- SCAD CONNECTOR MAGAZINE, Article about my mural in celebration of ‘Diversity and Transculturalism’ at The Shops at Buckhead. Atlanta, GA, 2019
- UNIVISION 34 Atlanta (6pm local News), Interview by UNIVISION 34 reporter about my Thesis Show at Besharat Gallery and mural at the Shops at Buckhead. Atlanta, GA, 2019
- La Vision Radio Station, Live interview about my artistic practice in Atlanta and mural at the Shops at Buckhead. Atlanta, GA, 2019.
- La Vision News, Article about my Thesis Show at Besharat Gallery. “Art with purpose: Ecuadorian Artist exhibits in Atlanta”. Atlanta, GA, 2019
- Voyage ATL Magazine, Interview for the Thought-Provokers: Midtown section, Atlanta, Ga, 2019
- SCAD Spotlight Day Panelist, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta Ga, 2018.
- Artist Talks Series, Savannah College of Art and Design, Atlanta, Ga, 2018.
- Studio Visit Magazine, Juried Artist Book, Boston, MA, 2018 • ArtsAtl, Review: “Gathered III” makes for a rich experience, conservative in tone, by Rebecca Brantley , Atlanta, GA, 2017 • Burnaway, Feature :High Five: 5 Shows in the South, by BURNAWAY Staff, Atlanta, GA, 2017
- Fine Print Magazine, Elizabethtown College, Elizabethtown, PA, 2013
- Aula Magna Magazine, San Francisco University, Interview about the show at The State Museum of Art in Harrisburg, PA, United States, Quito, Ecuador, 2013.
- El Comercio Newspaper, Section Talents, Quito, Ecuador, 2009.
- La Casa INFORMATIVO CULTURAL Magazine, CCE Benjamín Carrión, Quito, Ecuador, 2007.
- Avant Garde Magazine, Section People, Emerging artists, Quito, Ecuador, 2005.

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Exhibitions

- La Pandilla Magazine, Interview, Quito, Ecuador, 2002.
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Solo Exhibitions

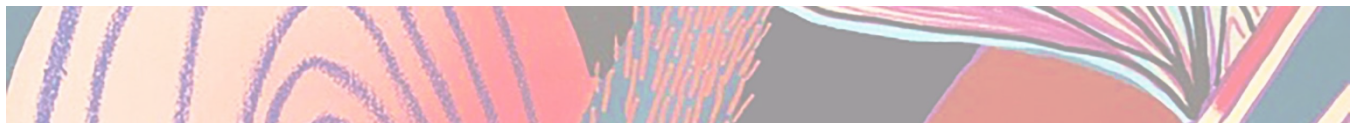
- PUBLIC INHABITANTS of The Booming Metropolis, Besharat Contemporary, Atlanta, GA, 2019
- Carla Contreras Open Studio, SCAD 5C, Atlanta, GA, 2018
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- Fragment: Dissection and completeness, MasArte gallery, Quito, Ecuador, 2015

Two and Three Person Exhibitions

- Space Invaders, Mint Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2018
- Expo Arte USFQ, San Francisco Gallery, Quito, Ecuador, 2014
- Senior Art Show, Elizabethtown Gallery, Elizabethtown, PA, 2013
- Sculpture Art Show, USFQ gallery, Quito, Ecuador, 2012
- Luis Medina Studio Art Show, Mariana de Jesus gallery, Quito, Ecuador, 2007
- Luis Medina Studio Art Show, Villa Carmen Arts Center, Quito, Ecuador, 2005
- Hugo Borja Studio Art Show, Nela Martinez gallery, Arts Center, Quito, Ecuador, 2002

Selected Group Exhibitions

- The ART PAPERS Art Auction, Small Works Section of the 22nd Annual Auction Exhibition, Atlanta, Ga, 2021
- 'Floramatic', curated exhibition by FreeMarket Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2020
- Sites and Structures, SCAD Art Sales first show out of campus at EYP/100 Architecture Firm + Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2020
- ORT and The City Auction, invited to participate with an artwork at the ORT Organization Auction "Inspiration by Education", Atlanta, Ga, 2020.
- PACE Academy Faculty Art Show, Atlanta Ga, 2020
- SCAD Open Studio Night, featured alumni artist doing on-site serigraphy, Atlanta Ga, 2019.
- Coca-Cola Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibit, Coca-Cola Headquarters, Atlanta Ga, 2019
- Hambidge Center Art Auction, Atlanta Ga, 2019
- Latinx Pop Up Show, Sheds Gallery at Ponce City Market, Atlanta Ga, 2019.
- Summer Invitational Exhibition, MINT Gallery first show at the MET. Atlanta, GA, 2019.
- Latin American Artists in Atlanta Exhibition organized by the Costa Rica



Embassy, Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center, Atlanta, GA, 2019

- MOCA GA Pin Up Show, Jury Prize given by Sarah Higgins, Director and Editor of Art Papers, Atlanta, Ga, 2019
- Callanwolde 2019 Juried Art Exhibition, Callanwolde Fine Arts center, Atlanta, Ga, 2019
- Wall to Wall Inspiration, Rotating Exhibits program in Partnership between BrightHouse and MINT Gallery, Ponce City Market, Atlanta, Ga, 2019
- Beyond Borders, curated by Althea Foster, The Johns Creek Arts Center, Atlanta, Ga, 2018
- 'El Show' Latin American Contemporary, curated by Esteban Patino, Open Space Gallery Project, Atlanta, Ga, 2018
- Atlanta Artists Explore Materials and Process, curated by Joy C. Patty, The Lovett School Art Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2018
- Generations, curated by Tom Francis and Emily Webb, Besharat Contemporary, Atlanta, Ga, 2018
- Gathered III: Georgia Artists Selecting Georgia Artists, curated by Rocio Rodriguez, Masud Olufani, and Jerry Siegel, MOCA GA. Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, (catalogue), 2017
- EngageMint Fundraiser, Mint gallery, Blue Mark Studios, Atlanta, Ga, 2017
- Open Studio Night, 5C Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2017
- Small Works, Gutstein gallery, Savannah, Ga, 2017
- Open Studio Night, 5C Gallery, Atlanta, Ga, 2016
- July Salon Ed. 57, Guayaquil Museum, Guayaquil, Ecuador, 2016
- Course and Discourse: An Exhibition of Professor and Student Artwork, State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pa, 2013
- Annual Juried Student Art Show, Elizabethtown College gallery, Elizabethtown, Pa, 2013