

**EDUCATION**

1998 BFA, Cum Laude, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island  
2006 San Diego City College, San Diego, California  
2013 UCLA Extension, Los Angeles, California  
2016 LUX Art Institute

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

July 2017 Space-In-Between Gallery, San Diego, California  
Jun 2017 Dark Energy, 1805 Gallery, San Diego, California  
Feb 2017 A Study of Dark Matter, Bread & Salt, San Diego, California  
May 2016 A New Stellar Order, Teros Gallery, San Diego, California  
Dec 2014 Lines and Dots and Rulers, The Vishuddha Creatives, San Diego, California

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS**

Jan 2018 Artist Talk, Contemporary Arts Committee SDMA, Del Mar, California  
Breaking Illusions: Artists as Scientists, Claremont Graduate College, Claremont, California

**2017** Microcosm, Visual Shop, San Diego, California  
SocaNoba, Culture Brewing Co., Encinitas, California  
Art Above, 1805 Gallery, San Diego, California  
Alchemy: Handcrafted Illustrations, Thumbprint Gallery, San Diego, California  
SD Fundraiser for Mexico and The Caribbean, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Bombay Sapphire Artisan Series Semi-Finals, 101/Exhibit, Los Angeles, California  
KAABOO, Del Mar, California  
La Playa Gallery, La Jolla, California  
26th Annual Juried Exhibition, Athenaeum Music and Arts Library, La Jolla, California  
Collide, Thumbprint Gallery, La Jolla, California  
Museum School Fundraising Auction, Bread & Salt, San Diego, California  
DNSE.af, The Ink Spot, San Diego, California  
Art Around Adams, Thumbprint Gallery, San Diego, California  
Extra-Ordinary Collusion, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, California  
VENUS, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Potluck Mythologies, San Diego Art Institute Project Space, San Diego, California  
Artist at Work, Smithsonian's S. Dillon Ripley Center, Washington D.C.  
Anniversary Show, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Nasty Women Exhibition, Helmuth Projects, San Diego California  
Intergalactic Dreaming, San Diego International Airport, California

**2016** MAS Attack, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, California  
Built Culture Scholarship Fundraiser, Quartyard, San Diego, California  
Contribution, City Gallery, San Diego City College, California  
Line|Align|Realign, City Heights Performance Annex, San Diego, California  
Lunatics Run, Vishuddha Creatives, San Diego, California  
Monster Draw, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, California  
Art Around Adams Juried Show, Urbn, San Diego, California  
Dirty Filthy Show, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Microcosm, Visual Shop, San Diego, California  
KAABOO, Del Mar, California  
The Little Big Art Show, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
FLAT EARTH, A Ship in the Woods, Escondido, California  
SDAI Annual Benefit at Writerz Blok, San Diego, California  
Perfect 10, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Creative Blocks, Thumbprint Gallery, La Jolla, California  
A Study in Balance, The Vishuddha Creatives, San Diego, California

**2016** Pop-Up, Little Dame, San Diego, California  
**cont.** Manufacturing Significance, Thumbprint Gallery, La Jolla, California  
MAS Attack, San Diego Art Institute, San Diego, California  
VENUS, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
An Intersection of Muralists, Gallery D, San Diego, California  
Small Wonders, Thumbprint Gallery, La Jolla, California

**2015** Deck the Walls, Thumbprint Gallery at Basic, San Diego, California  
P.O.P (Pen on Paper), Thumbprint Gallery at Basic, San Diego, California  
The Sharpie Show, La Bodega Gallery, San Diego, California  
Reaping the Harvest, The Vishuddha Creatives, San Diego, California

#### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

Jun 2017 1805 Gallery, San Diego, CA  
Jan - Mar 2017 Bread & Salt, San Diego, CA

#### **PRESS**

Dec 2017 San Diego City Beat "The Year in Art: 2017" by Seth Combs  
Oct 2017 "New Stellar Order" Documentary by The Artist Odyssey, Premiere at the Fleet Science Center, San Diego, CA  
Voice of San Diego "Culture Report: NASA Designer Makes One Giant Leap to Full-Time Artist" by Kinsee Morlan  
Voice of San Diego Culture Cast Podcast "NASA Designer Makes One Giant Leap to Full-Time Artist" by Kinsee Morlan  
Sept 2017 Pacific Magazine "KAABOO Shines Bright Through Local Artists" by Scott McDonald  
Art Guide San Diego "Artists of KAABOO 2017 Part 5: Melissa Walter" by Brian Baxter  
June 2017 San Diego City Beat "To See or Not to See: Dark Energy" by Seth Combs  
Hatch Magazine "Is San Diego a Creative City?" by Marie Tutko and Erin Chambers Smith  
Feb 2017 San Diego Reader "Where Art Resides" by Barbarella Fokos  
Jan 2017 Art Guide San Diego "The Creative Balance of Art and Science" by Brian Baxter  
June 2016 Teros Magazine  
May 2016 San Diego Reader "Abstract works by NASA science illustrator on display in North Park Gallery" by Barbarella Fokos  
Fall 2016 Canyon Voices  
Nov 2015 Products of the Mind Podcast "From Art School to NASA (and Beyond)" by David Lizerbram

#### **AWARDS**

Honorable Mention – 26th Annual Juried Exhibition at the Athenaeum Music & Arts Library  
Art Around Adams Juried and Popular Vote Winner 2016 – Thumbprint Gallery and Exodus Studios, San Diego, CA  
Finalist 2012 – National Science Foundation, International Science & Engineering Visualization Challenge, Web  
Award of Excellence 1998 – Juried Show, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, Rhode Island