

Erica Fitzgerald

b.1988, Columbus, OH USA. Currently residing in Champaign, IL.

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Education: Master of Fine Art, New Media - University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2025
Bachelor of Fine Art (Summa Cum Laude), Sculpture - Art Academy of Cincinnati 2022
Associate of Art in Communication - Columbus State Community College 2010

Pedagogy: August 2022 - Current: Instructor of Record, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Selected Solo Exhibitions:

2025 - Tangerine Gallery, Chattanooga, TN (Upcoming)
And She Carries This Too, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL

2024 - From Under, Within Ourselves, McClure Gallery, Art Academy of Cincinnati, OH
Quietly Notice, 700 Bryden Gallery, Columbus, OH

Selected Exhibitions/Collaborations:

2024 - For the Birds, UIUC Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
Fiber In Progress, Icelandic Textile Center, Blönduós, Iceland
After (Work) Hours, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
Fantastic Fibers, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY
Women In Art 2024, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach, CA
Half Donut, East Wall Gallery, Champaign, IL

2023 - Unreliable Bestiary: CETACEAN, Set Design Artist, Champaign, IL
RAGS, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
From Fiber..., Springfield Art Center, Springfield, IL
Roe 2.0, Women Made Gallery, Chicago, IL

2022 - A Jellyfish & A Stop Sign, East Wall Gallery, Champaign, IL
Small Works Members Show, Women Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
In The Fray: Feminist Fiber from Margin to Center, Bolivar Art Gallery, Lexington, KY
This Time Tomorrow, Performance Festival, Site 1212, Cincinnati, OH
(A) Long Story Short, McClure Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Summerfair Cincinnati: Emerging Artists, Clifton Cultural Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH

2021 - 934 Gallery, Group Show, Columbus, OH
Wavepool Gallery, Pool Party Fundraiser, Cincinnati, OH
Perform-a-rama 2021, Pique Gallery, Covington, KY
31st Biennial Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Botanical Garden, Cincinnati, OH
Smash the Bread Box, Live Performance, Cincinnati, OH
A Fine Line, w/ Jesse Darling, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
You Have the Tools, Live Performance, Pearlman Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Minumentals 32, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH

2020 - Transitory, Virtual Exhibition, Cincinnati, OH
Objection, Chidlaw Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Members Show, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
USPS Art Project, Sunset Art Studios, Dallas, TX
Artistic x Interesting x Powerful, Pearlman Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
HERSELF, Lexington Art League, Lexington, KY
Virus; Mans Mark On Beauty, Gallery MC, New York, NY

Curatorial Experience:

I Don't Know How to Love You (FotoFocus) - Pearlman Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 2022
Unlikely Materials - Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, 2021
Objection - Chidlaw Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 2020

Residency:

Ós Textile Residency, Blönduós, Iceland - July 2024
Cow House Studios, Wexford, Ireland - March 2024
The Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Ireland- July, August 2023
Azule Artist Residency, Hot Springs, NC - May 2021
NES Artist Residency, Skagaströnd, Iceland - December 2020 (Awarded, could not attend)

Panels/Speaking Engagements:

Material Making Chair, Textile Society of America symposium, 2024
36th Annual GAFIS Symposium, Living the Land, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2023
Student Advisory Board Graduate Representative, University of Illinois, 2023/24
Zora Neale Hurston Conference, Bethune-Cookman University, 2023

Awards:

Dedalus Foundation MFA Fellowship Nominee, 2025
University of Illinois – Art & Design Graduate Thesis Research Award, (\$800) 2025
Teachers Ranked in Excellence List, Spring 2024
Teaching Excellence Award by a Graduate Student, 2023/24
Teachers Ranked in Excellence List, Fall 2023
Teachers Ranked in Excellence List, Spring 2023
Art & Design Graduate Event Travel Award, (\$500) 2023
Creative and Performing Arts Fellowship, (\$1,141) 2022/2023
Wilder Traveling Art Award, (\$4,000) 2022
Three Arts Scholarship Fund Award, Visual Arts, (\$3,200) 2022
John E. and Mary Ann Butkovich-Tuition Scholarship Award, 2021
Folgers Memorial Trust-Purchase Award, 2021
Minumentals 32-Best in show, 2021
Three Arts Scholarship Fund Award, Visual Arts, (\$5,000) 2021
Art Room Gallery-Merit Award, 2020
Faculty Alumni Award Scholarship, 2020/2021
Greater Columbus Art's Counsel Marketing Grant, (\$500) 2019

Publications:

Containers For Memory, MFA Thesis Publication, 2025 (In Progress)
We Were Cornfields, 2023
Beautiful Ohio - Dispatches from a Post-Roe America, 2023
Thought Art Magazine 05, 2022
Emergency Index Volume 10, 2021
Artforum, 2021 (Wild Frictions the Politics & Poetics of Interruption)
Viral Fibers, 2020
Thought Art Magazine 02, 2020
Front Runner Magazine, 2020

Workshops/Studio Visits:

Critical Response Process workshop with Kevin Kaempf, UIUC 2024
Textile Modification workshop with Patrizia Polese, UIUC 2023
Drawing workshop with Williams Downs, UIUC 2022
Studio Visits: Alison S.M. Kobayashi, UIUC 2025
Charlene Teters, UIUC 2023
Tali Weinberg, UIUC 2022