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Education

- 1992 MFA, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield, MI
- 1990 BFA, Tufts University, Medford, MA
- 1990 Diploma, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 1985 Richland College, Dallas, TX

Selected Solo/Two Person Exhibitions

- 2017 *But I Made These for You: True Stories and Other Objects*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Deconstructing the American Landscape* (with Sarah Krepp), Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
- 2015 *THE EVER*, off the wall, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Selections from *Alleys and Parking Lots*, The James Hotel, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Not How It Happened* (a collaboration with Jason Creps), Tiny Park, Austin, TX
- 2012 *Alleys and Parking Lots* (a collaboration with Jason Creps), moniquemeloche, Chicago
- 2011 *It's Not My First Time*, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2010 *Leaving Stories*, James Hotel, Chicago, IL
- 2009 *ROADSIDE: A Presentation of Recent Field Experiments and Prototypes*, moniquemeloche, Chicago
- 2007 *Tell Me Something I Don't Know*, Raw + Co., Cleveland, OH
I Tried to Tell You, IPRH Gallery, The Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2006 *It's a Free Country*, Rare Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *A Place Some People Call America*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2001 *I Borrowed My Mother's Bedroom*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Playing Dead and other Recent Work, Rare Gallery, New York, NY
- 2000 *Slip*, Performance with Ribbon Effect, Empty Bottle, Chicago, IL
- 1999 *Slip*, Performance with Ribbon Effect, Vedanta Gallery (now Kavi Gupta), Chicago, IL
Measuring Texas, Vedanta Gallery (now Kavi Gupta), Chicago, IL
- 1996 *Capacity*, Chicago Project Room, Chicago, IL
Between, Pictura Gallery, Lunds University, Lund, Sweden
- 1995 *Severed*, Gallery One, Elgin Community College, Elgin, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *The Expanded Broadside*, curated by Lisa Kurzner, Cleveland, OH
- 2017 *Baggage Claims*, curated by c², Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando, FL; travels to Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina, Greensboro (2018); Peeler Art Center, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana (2018); Weisman Art Museum, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN (2019)
- 2014 *INTERTWINED: Words and Art*, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *The 7 Borders*, Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft, Louisville, KY
Word on the Street: Image, Language, Signage, Center for Book and Paper Arts, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Sign of our Times: Text Based Art in the 21st Century, Contemporary Art Gallery at Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, LA
- 2012 *WOOD*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
(No) Vacancy, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Write Now!* curated by Nathan Mason, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Pulp, Beta Pictoris Maus Contemporary Art, Birmingham, AL
- 2010 *New Work*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Gone to the Other Side, curated by Pete Schulte, The Times Club, Iowa City, IA
I Feel Fine, Bradley University, Peoria IL
TXT, James Harris Gallery, Seattle, WA
Our Kind of Town: Rethinking Chicago Images, Rena Sternberg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Four American Landscapes: Sang-ah Choi, Jeffrey T. Jones, Andrew Lenaghan, and Joel Ross*, Maier Museum of Art, Randolph College, Lynchburg, VA; travelled to George Adams Gallery, New York, NY

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Selected Group Exhibitions continued

- 2009 *School of Art + Design Faculty Exhibition*, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
Don't Mention It, Kent State University Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
- 2008 *Boys of Summer*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
Cultivating Instability, curated by Iain Muirhead, Cliff Dwellers, Chicago, IL
Lifting: Theft in Art, Georgia Scherman Projects, Toronto, Canada
- 2007 *Facades*, curated by Judith Hoos Fox and Ginger Gregg Duggan, Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL
Lifting: Theft in Art, curated by Atopia Projects, Peacock Visual Arts, Aberdeen, Scotland; travelled to Georgia Sherman Projects, Toronto, Canada (2008)
(un)-Building, curated by Dina Deitsch, Mills College Art Museum, Boston, MA
Revive, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
- 2006 *Something to do with Failure*, Moser Performing Arts Center of the University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL
Under Fire, I Space, Chicago, IL
Spectacles of the Real: Truth and Representation in Art and Literature, IPRH Gallery, Illinois Program for Research in the Humanities, Urbana, IL
- 2005 *Mind in Matter*, Opensource, Champaign, IL
School of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
- 2004 *Going West*, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX; travelled to Arthouse, Austin, TX; Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX; Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, TX; Stark Galleries, Texas A&M, College Station, TX
Shutters, curated by Sandra Firmin, UB Art Gallery, Center for the Arts, Buffalo, NY
School of Art and Design Faculty Exhibition, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
- 2003 *Operation: Human Intelligence* organized by the C.I.A. (curatorial intelligence agency) produced by C.A.C. (contemporary arts council) at Hyde Park Art Center Chicago, IL; travelled to University of Memphis Art Museum, Memphis, TN
PasCap! curated by Pierre Raine
- 2002 *Bad Touch*, curated by Bill Thelen, Lump Gallery, Raleigh, NC; travelled to Ukrainian Institute of Modern Art, Chicago, IL; Keith Talent Gallery, London, UK (2003); The Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University, Waltham, MA (2003); Beaker Gallery, Tampa, FL (2004)
There Goes My Hero: Works on Paper by Chicago Artists, Squire Gallery, College of Northumbria in Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
Gun Crazy, curated by Brett Levine, University of Alabama Visual Art Gallery, Birmingham, AL
Mixer02, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 2000 *HOMEWRECKER*, moniquemeloche, Chicago, IL
- 1999 *Chicago Artists 1999*, Gallery 312, Chicago, IL
- 1998 *Sculpture in Chicago*, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 1997 *Greatest Hits, Volume 2*, Beret International Gallery, Chicago, IL
Obsessions, SPACES Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 1996 *Greater Than 2 Dimensions*, Beret International Gallery, (2 person show), Chicago, IL
- 1992 *Thesis Exhibition*, Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills, MI

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- 2015 Dowd, Alicia C. and Estela Mara Bensimon. *Engaging the 'Race Question': Accountability and Equity in U.S. Higher Education*. New York: Columbia University Press, p. 151
- 2013 Koebel, Caroline. "How to Cure World Blindness: An Interview with Joel Ross and Jason Creps", *Glasstire*, June 23.
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- 2012 Miller, Randall. "Alleys and Parking Lots," *DailyServing.com*, October 23.
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- 2010 Ritchie, Abraham. "Cohesive by Coincidence" *www.artslant.com*, Dec 6.

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Wickberg, Jenny. Review: "Installation med hangande tandborstar", *Skanska Dagbladet*, May.

Teaching Experience

- 2013 – 2014 Chair of Graphic Design, School of Art + Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
2010 – present Associate Professor, School of Art + Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
2009 – 2011 Chair of Foundations, School of Art + Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
2004 – 2010 Assistant Professor, School of Art + Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL
1998 – 2002 Visiting Assistant Professor, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- 2008 Arnold O. Beckman Research Award, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2007 Arnold O. Beckman Research Award, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Residency, Zygote Press, Cleveland, OH
2005 Research Board Grant, University of Illinois
1999 Illinois Arts Council Fellowship
1997 Community Arts Assistance Program Grant, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs
Fellowship Finalist Award, Illinois Arts Council
1996 Chicago Artists International Program Grant for residency abroad, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs