

MOLLY VALENTINE DIERKS

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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts in Art + Design | University of Michigan | Penny Stamps School of Art + Design
Post-Baccalaureate: Sculpture + Extended Media | Virginia Commonwealth University | School of the Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology | Honors | Dartmouth College | Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2019 Open Studio Fellow | Franconia Sculpture Park
Faculty Project Support Grant | Tarleton State University
- 2018 Post-Graduate Research and Travel Grant | University of Michigan
- 2017 Faculty Development Research Grant | Tarleton State University
Alumni Research Award | University of Michigan
Peripheral Visions Publication Fellow | Peripheral Vision Arts
- 2016 Faculty Development Support | Tarleton State University
- 2014 International Sculpture Center Student Achievement Award Nominee | University of Michigan
Rackham Research Grant | University of Michigan
- 2013 Smucker-Wagstaff Scholarship | University of Michigan
- 2012 Shapiro/Malik/Forrest Scholarship | University of Michigan
Elsie Choy Lee Scholarship | University of Michigan
Smucker-Wagstaff Scholarship | University of Michigan
Rackham Conference Travel Grant | University of Michigan

SELECT SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 Skin Hunger | upcoming | Czong Institute for Contemporary Art | Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
- 2021 Skin Hunger | Musik by Narong | Virtual Exhibition
- 2020 Silicone Lover | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
- 2019 There Will Come Soft Rains | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
- 2018 Moon Tether & Bubble Raft | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
Somewhere There Is An Island | Texas Wesleyan University | Fort Worth, TX
OkCupid Profile | Red Gate Residency | Beijing, China
Digital Romance | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
- 2017 Molly Valentine Dierks | Peripheral Vision Arts | Virtual Exhibition
- 2016 In Vitro: New Works by Molly Valentine Dierks | Fort Worth CAC | Fort Worth, TX
- 2014 Home/Body | Slusser Gallery | University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI

SELECT GROUP AND 3-4 PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Human/Nature | Fort Worth CAC | Fort Worth, TX
Contemporary Landscape 2020 | Czong Institute for Contemporary Art | Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
Interchanging Lines, Constructing Home | Art Room | Fort Worth, TX | Virtual Exhibition
Faculty Exhibition | Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX
Eat, Sleep, I (Can't Breathe) | Vacant Museum | Virtual Exhibition
- 2019 POP-UP Shop!! | 4 Person | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
Vignette Art Fair | The Women's Museum | Dallas, TX
Salon-Style (4 Person Exhibition) | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
- 2018 Faculty Exhibition | Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX
Small Works Show | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
Future Former | Street Gallery | University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI

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SELECT GROUP + 3-4 PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 Squeeze Machine | 2 Person | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
It Is Almost That | 3 Person | Arteles Creative Center | Haukijärvi, Finland
Members' Show | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
Artzond Festival | St. Petersburg, Russia
Things I've Found | UNA Gallery | Portland, OR
Abstract Mind | Czong Institute for Contemporary Art | Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
- 2016 Art Yellow Book Exhibition | Czong Institute for Contemporary Art | Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
Buy What You Love | Rema Hort Mann Gallery | New York, NY
Snap to Grid 11 | LA Center for Digital Art | Los Angeles, CA
- 2014 Monster Drawing Rally | Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit | Detroit, MI
Master Pieces | Manifest Gallery | Cincinnati, OH
Wish You Were Here | A.I.R. Gallery | Brooklyn, NY
- 2013 A+D 13 | Studio 1919 | Ann Arbor, MI
CityDrift | Kunsthalle Detroit Museum of Contemporary Art | Detroit, MI
Snap to Grid 10 | LA Center for Digital Art | Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 LINE | Taubman School of Architecture | Ann Arbor, MI
International Exhibition | Warren Robbins Gallery | Ann Arbor, MI
Extreme Urban Euphoria | Liberty Lofts | Ann Arbor, MI
Docile Bodies | Art + Architecture Building | University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI

RESIDENCIES

- 2022 Czong Institute for Contemporary Art | upcoming | Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
- 2019 Franconia Sculpture Park | Shafer, MN
- 2018 Redgate Artist Residency | Beijing, China
- 2017 Arteles Residency | Haukijärvi, Finland
- 2012 Sandwich Factory | Kyoto, Japan
- 2006 Penland School of Crafts | Metals Focus | Penland, North Carolina
- 2005 Penland School of Crafts | Jewelry Focus | Penland, North Carolina

ARTIST TALKS + PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Women & Their Work Studio Visit and Talk | upcoming | Women & Their Work
Artist Talk + Interview: *Skin Hunger* | with Narong Tintamusik of MusikbyNarong
Visiting Artist Lecture + Virtual Visit | School of Visual Arts and Visual Studies | University of Kentucky
Artist Talk + Interview: *Human/Nature* | Fort Worth CAC
- 2020 Re:Production: Function, Emotion + Machine-Love | University of Texas at Dallas
- 2019 Function + Dys-function | Franconia Sculpture Park
- 2018 Artist Talk: *Somewhere There Is an Island* | Texas Wesleyan University
Re:Production: The Space between Machines + Desire | Red Gate Studios | Beijing, China
- 2017 Artist Talk | University of Richmond
- 2016 Artist Talk: *In Vitro: New Works by Molly Valentine Dierks* | Fort Worth CAC
Talk Project | Fresh Start | Detroit, MI
Function + Dys-function | Disability Culture Salon | University of Michigan
- 2015 Designer Talk | Detroit Design Festival
- 2011 Artists + Designers Coming Out Project | Michigan State Theater

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PRINT PUBLICATIONS

Molly Valentine Dierks | ArtZond Catalogue.

Molly Valentine Dierks | Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 10.

Molly Valentine Dierks | 500X Members Book 2019 - 2020.

Molly Valentine Dierks | 500X Members Book 2018 - 2019.

Molly Valentine Dierks | 500X Members Book 2017 - 2018.

Molly Valentine Dierks | [Arteles Catalogue](#).

Art Yellow Book 15, CICA Press, 2015.

Jackman, Michael and Baise, Greg (Compilers), Post-Industrial Complex, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, 2012.

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2021 *i-Bodies* | Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Gallery | Tarleton State University
-Contemporary paints, collage, and prints drawing on the body by North Texas women artists
Narong Tintamusik: Lying on a Bed of Tears | Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Gallery | Tarleton State University
-Contemporary painting, prints, and installation by BIPOC non-binary artist Narong Tintamusik
- 2019 *POP-UP Shop!* | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
-Small design works by 4 female artist/designers/sculptors
SPECULATIVE: ART + DESIGN | Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Gallery | Tarleton State University
-2 exhibitions featuring the work of 4 female artists/designers whose work treads the line between speculative design and sculpture
Consolation | Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Gallery | Tarleton State University
-Large-scale sculptural installation exploring the plight of Korean Comfort Women post-World War 2 in the Korean diaspora with collaborative poetry reading by Dr. Marcy Tanter of the English Dept.
- 2017 *Em(body)ment* | Clyde H. Wells Fine Arts Gallery | Tarleton State University
-3 person show featuring objects, sculpture and drawing by women artists and designers that deal with the body in media and object design
-Artistic point of departure was the theme of designed commercial and cultural imagery, and products, acting as extensions of the body and tools for embodied identity
Squeeze Machine | 500X Gallery | Dallas, TX
-Works spanning sculpture, sound, and painting examining intersections of art and nature

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 - present Assistant Professor of Art | Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX
Exhibitions Coordinator | Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX
Foundations and Sculpture Program(s) Coordinator | Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX
- 2015 - 2016 Teaching Fellow | Wayne State University | Detroit, Michigan
- 2011 - 2014 Graduate Student Instructor | University of Michigan | Ann Arbor, MI