

NELSON GUTIERREZ

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Born in Bogota Colombia, lives and works in Memphis, TN. USA.

Education

2009- 2010 M.F.A. coursework, Corcoran College of Art, Washington DC, USA

1998-1999 M.A. Fine Arts, Chelsea College of Art, London, England

1986-1990 B.A. Fine Arts, Universidad de Bogotá Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Bogota, Colombia

Awards and Residencies

2024 Individual Artist Fellowship in 3D Recipient- Tennessee Arts Commission. Nashville, TN.

2024 Tennessee Fellow for Visual Arts – South Arts. Atlanta, GA.

2023 Current Art Fund Grant Recipient - Tri-Star Arts. Knoxville TN.

2022 Artist in Residency, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN.

2021 Memphis International Airport Acquisition Grant. Memphis, TN.

2020 Memphis Medical District Public Art Planning Grant. Memphis, TN.

2017 The Memphis Upstanders mural was recognized by the Public Art Network Year in Review as one of the best public art projects in the USA. Americans for the Arts. Washington, DC.

2013 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Acquisition Grant. Washington, DC.

2002. Vermont Studio Center fellowship for an Artist's residency. Johnson, VT.

1998 Colfuturo Scholarship for a Master in Fine Arts Degree at Chelsea College of Art and

Design. Bogota, Colombia.

Professional Experience

2021 Founder and Director. 2021 Projects. Contemporary Art Space. Memphis, TN.

2018 – 2022. Exhibition Committee Member. Brooks Museum of Arts. Memphis, TN.

2016 – 2019. Artist Advisory Council (AAC) Member. ArtsMemphis. Memphis, TN.

2015 – 2018. Official Advisor. Locate Arts, Nashville, TN.

2007 – 2010 Consultant Teaching Artist, DCPS, Washington D.C.

2005 Teaching Artist, Arts for Learning, Miami, FL.

2005 – 2006 Studio Assistant. Whale and Star Press/Enrique Martinez Celaya Studio, Delray

Beach, FL.

2000 – 2002 Associate Professor. Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Faculty of Fine Arts, Bogota, Colombia.

2000 Adjunct Professor. Universidad de Los Andes, Faculty of Fine Arts, Bogota, Colombia.

1996 – 1997 Adjunct Professor. Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano, Faculty of Graphic Design, Bogota, Colombia.

Individual shows

2025 A Journey into the Shadows. Sound by Luis Seixas. Crosstown Arts. Memphis, TN.
2025 Tales from the Journeys. Sheet Cake Gallery. Memphis, TN.
2024 A Journey into the Shadows. Crosstown Arts. Memphis, TN.
2023 A Journey into the Shadows. Edge Zones. Miami, FL.
2021 Open Studio. Curated by Marina Pacini. 2021 Projects. Memphis, TN.
2020 Nelson Gutierrez. The Billboard Gallery. Urban Art Commission. Memphis, TN.
2017 The Death of Fear. Clough-Hanson Gallery. Rhodes College. Memphis, TN.
2014 Mediating Dissent. DC Arts Center. Washington, DC.
2013 Mediating Dissent: Observing Global Unrest. McGuireWoods Gallery. Lorton, VA.
2013 The Death of Fear. The Fisher Gallery, Alexandria, VA.
2012 The Death of Fear. Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA.
2006 Dog days. Edge Zones, Contemporary Art. Miami, FL.
2004 Fashionable Emergencies. World Arts Building. Miami, FL.
2001 Earth, Fragments. Camarin del Carmen. Bogota, Colombia
2000 Colombia without landmines. Alzate Avendaño. Bogota, Colombia
1998 Nelson Gutierrez. Ecomuseo. Bogota, Colombia
1997 Recent Works. Independent Space. Bogota, Colombia
1994 Acrylics. Gimnasio Moderno. Bogota, Colombia
1991 Human Spaces. Graduate Thesis. UJTL. Bogota, Colombia

Group shows

2025 Southern Prize and State Fellows for Visual Arts. The Bo Bartlett Center at Columbus State University, Columbus, GA
2025 Southern Prize and State Fellows for Visual Arts. City Gallery Charleston, Charleston, SC
2025 Southern Prize and State Fellows for Visual Arts. Richardson Gallery Art Gallery. Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC.
2024 Southern Prize and State Fellows for Visual Arts. Art and Culture Center. Hollywood, FL.
2024 *Memphis 2024*. Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Memphis, TN.
2024 Memphis Flower Show. Dixon Gallery and Gardens. Memphis, TN.
2023 Jet Lag. Urban Art Commission at The Martha and Robert Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art. Memphis, TN.
2020 Radius I, Bradbury Art Museum. Jonesboro, AR.
2019 Spotlights, BARCU. Bogota, Colombia.
2019 Anxiety & Belonging. Slocumb Gallery at ETSU. Johnson City, TN.
2018 Here and Now: Printmaking and the Political Present. The Martha and Robert Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art. Memphis, TN.
2018 The Death of Fear. Beverly & Sam Ross Gallery. Memphis, TN.
2014 Alchemical Vessel 2014. Joan Hisaoka Gallery. Washington, D.C.
2012 Drawing 2012, Swiss Art Space. Lausanne, Switzerland
2012 Parallax Art Fair. New York, NY.
2012 WPA selection. (e)merge Art Fair. Washington, D.C.
2010 Cosmosis. Urban Arts Complex Gallery, Washington, D.C.
2009 Artomatic. Washington DC.
2008 Insurgents. Flood Gallery Fine Art Center. Asheville, NC.
2006 Witness. Kunsthaus Gallery. Miami, FL.

2006 The Pain of Others. Edge Zones Contemporary Art. Miami, FL.
 2005 Stupid but beautiful portraits. Colombian Consulate. Coral Gables, FL.
 2005 Beyond all of that..., Edge Zones Contemporary Art. Miami, FL.
 2004 Miami Now. World Arts Building. Miami, FL.
 2004 Hispano! Saint Lucie County Historical Museum. Fort Pierce, FL.
 2000 Relations and Concepts. Universidad de Ciencias. Bogota, Colombia
 1999 20th Century Colombian Art. Christie's. London, England
 1999 MA Degree Show. Chelsea College of Art. London, England
 1994 Exposición de Expositores. Gimnasio Moderno. Bogota, Colombia
 1990 Group Show. Cámara de Comercio de Bogota. Bogota, Colombia
 1989 Salon de Arte Joven. Museo de Antioquia. Medellin, Colombia

Public Art

2016 Memphis Upstanders Mural. Facing History and Ourselves. Memphis, TN.
 2015 University of Memphis. Fogelman College of Business. Stairwell Murals. Memphis, TN.
 Collaboration of several local Memphis Artists leads by Cedar Nordbye.
 2014 Community Garden. The Clearbrook Center of the Arts. Woodbridge, VA.
 Collaboration with Nicholas Zimbardo.

Public Collections

Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN.
 Memphis International Airport. Memphis, TN.
 Art Bank Collection. DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities. Washington, DC.
 Movable Collection. Memphis Public Libraries. Memphis, TN.

Visiting Artist, Presentations, and Critiques

2025 Visiting Artist, Lecturer, and Graduate Critique. University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.
 2022 Visiting Artist and Undergraduate Critique. Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.
 2020 Webinar. "The Dark Side of Human Rights in Latin America." (with Carlos Gardeazábal Bravo, PhD) Latin American and Latinx Studies program. Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.
 2017 Visiting Artist, Lecturer, and Undergraduate Critique. Rhodes College, Memphis, TN.

Bibliography

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