

# ASHLEY SOLARZ

## Visual Artist and Art Educator

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## EDUCATION

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Master of Fine Arts. Painting and Drawing.	May 2017
Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, PA.	Summa Cum Laude
Master of Arts. Painting.	August 2014
Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Indiana, PA.	Summa Cum Laude
Bachelor of Science. Art Education K-12.	May 2012
California University of Pennsylvania. California, PA.	Summa Cum Laude

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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<i>Fine Art Salon Show.</i> Spring Cottage Gallery. Houston, TX.	2020
<i>Come Get It Before It's Hot.</i> Art Burning Performance. Private Home. Indiana, PA.	2019
<i>What We Call Home.</i> The Artist's Hand. Indiana, PA.	2018
<i>Broken Kingdom: An Analysis of the Cultural Shifts Amongst the Diné People Upon European Contact.</i> MFA Thesis Exhibition. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2017
<i>Home/Land.</i> Miller Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015
<i>Silence Guides Our Minds.</i> MA Thesis Exhibition. Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2014

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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<i>Distant/Memory.</i> International Virtual Exhibition. Visionary Projects. New York City, NY.	2022
<i>Scenic-2022.</i> International Virtual Exhibition. Exhibizone. Ontario, Canada.	2022
<i>Visual Art Teacher Exhibition.</i> Tomball Memorial High School. Houston, TX.	2021
<i>Art by Taurean National Art Tour.</i> National Virtual Exhibition. Columbia, MD.	2020
<i>Painting In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</i> International. Site: Brooklyn. Brooklyn, NY.	2018
Juried By: Steven Henry Madoff.	
<i>30 Under 30.</i> Viridian Artists. National. Chelsea, New York City, NY.	2018
Juried By: Chrissie Iles, Whitney Museum Curator.	
<i>Grab-A-Grad.</i> Student Art Association Collaboration. Miller Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2017
<i>Object Empathy.</i> Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2017
Curators: Professor Sharon Massey and Professor BA Harrington.	
<i>Creative Coexistence.</i> The Grey Space. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Asmaa Alshehri.	2016
<i>Spring Juried Exhibition.</i> The Bottleworks Gallery. Johnstown, PA. Curator: Adam Welch.	2015
<i>White Walls Art Auction.</i> Graduate Art Association. University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015
<i>The Salon.</i> EU of PA. Edinboro, PA. Curator: Clairra Heitzenrater.	2015
<i>Ignorance is not Innocence.</i> Kipp and Annex Galleries. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Kayla Bennett.	2014
<i>Red.</i> Kipp Gallery. IUP. Theatre Department Show. Indiana, PA.	2014
<i>Subterranean Reality.</i> UnSmoke Systems Artspace. Pittsburgh, PA. Curator: J. Kozlowski.	2014
<i>Panorama.</i> RAW Natural Born Artists. Club Zoo. Pittsburgh, PA.	2014
<i>Non-Traditional Painting.</i> Miller Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2013

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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Houston Area Alliance for Black School Educators Outstanding Teacher.	2021
Teacher of the Year for Westfield High School Ninth Grade Center Campus. Houston, TX.	

Artist Talk with Chrissie Iles, Whitney Museum Curator.	2018
<i>30 Under 30</i> . Viridian Artists. Chelsea, New York City, NY.	
Director's Choice. <i>30 Under 30</i> . Viridian Artists. Chelsea, New York City, NY.	2018
Honorable Mention. <i>Object Empathy</i> . Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2017
The Best of Show Prize. <i>Creative Coexistence</i> . The Grey Space. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2016
Graduate Student Scholarship. School of Graduate Studies and Research. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESS**

" <i>Artistonish - Issue #24.</i> " <i>Biafarin Inc.</i> International Magazine. Ontario, Canada.	2022
" <i>Art From Youth Across Nation Brings Light Back to Tree of Life Synagogue Complex.</i> " Pittsburgh Post Gazette Newspaper. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019
" <i>#HeartsTogether: The Art of Rebuilding.</i> ": New Light Congregation. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019
" <i>Painting In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century.</i> " International Press Release. Site: Brooklyn. Brooklyn, NY.	2018
" <i>30 Under 30.</i> " National Press Release. Viridian Artists. Chelsea, NYC, NY.	2018
" <i>30 Under 30.</i> " International Exhibition Announcement. Artsy.	2018
" <i>Broken Kingdom: An Analysis of Cultural Shifts Amongst the Dine People Upon European Contact.</i> " IUP Knowledge Repository. Dissertation and Thesis Collection. Indiana, PA.	2017
" <i>Art Grads' Thesis Exhibitions Now on Display.</i> " Interview. The Penn Newspaper. Indiana, PA.	2017
" <i>2017 Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibitions.</i> " University Museum Newsletter. Indiana, PA.	2017
" <i>XX: Female Artists of the University Museum's Collection.</i> " Video Interview. Indiana, PA.	2016
" <i>Summer Exhibitions: XX.</i> " University Museum Newsletter. Indiana, PA.	2016
" <i>2014 MA Thesis Exhibitions.</i> " Lively Arts Newsletter. Indiana, PA.	2014
<i>Panorama</i> . Video Interview. RAW Natural Born Artists. Pittsburgh, PA.	2014

## **CURATORIAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

<i>#ourstayhomedrawing</i> . COVID-19 Quarantine Social Media Art Project.	2020
<i>Tree of Life Mural</i> . Painting Gift to ToL Synagogue from Hillel Art Students. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019
<i>Traveler's Prayer Drawings</i> . ToL First Responders Gift from Hillel Art Students. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019
<i>XX</i> . Exhibition of Female Artists from the University Museum's Collection. University Museum. Indiana, PA. Co-Curator with Jennifer Blalock.	2016
<i>Teaching the Eye to Hear</i> . Visual and Musical Performance. Cogswell Hall. Indiana, PA. Co-Curator with Dr. Stanley Chepaitis and Professor Nathan Heuer.	2016
<i>Words and Objectivity</i> . Curatorial Workshop with International Artist. Kipp Gallery. Indiana, PA. Co-Curator with Chris McGinnis, Mireia Sentis, and Art Grad Students.	2016
<i>Second Annual White Walls Art Auction</i> . Graduate Art Association Fundraiser. Disobedient Spirits. Homer City, PA. Co-Curator with Rachel Precht.	2016
<i>Different Eyes. Another Box</i> . Collaborative Graduate Student Exhibition. Miller Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA. Co-Curator with Rachel Precht.	2016

## **CURATOR'S ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE**

<i>A Passion for Painting</i> . University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Bill Double.	2017
<i>Gilded Age to Great War</i> . University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Bill Double.	2016
<i>Bartram's Boxes Remix</i> . University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: BA Harrington.	2016
<i>Walk Through Latin America</i> . University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Lisa McCann.	2015
<i>The Mountain and the Bumblebee</i> . Space Gallery. Pittsburgh, PA. Curator: Chris McGinnis.	2015
<i>West North South</i> . Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curators: IUP Art Graduate Students.	2015
<i>Songs, Sonnets, and Stolen Lines</i> . Kipp Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Chris McGinnis.	2014
<i>Changing Time</i> . Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Chris McGinnis.	2014
<i>Muslim/American, American/Muslim</i> . Annex Gallery. IUP. Indiana, PA. Curator: Chris McGinnis.	2014

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Art Unschool Instructor. Owner and Founder of Art Unschool, LLC. Houston, TX.	2022-present
Virtual Art Instructor. Tzohar Seminary for Chassidus and the Arts. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019-2022
Visual Art Teacher. Tomball Memorial High School. Houston, TX.	2021-2022
Visual Art Teacher. West Field High School. Houston, TX.	2020-2021
Women's Painting Instructor. Tzohar Seminary for Chassidus and the Arts. Pittsburgh, PA.	2020
Art Challenge Teacher. Grades 3-9. Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.	2019-2020
Art Teacher. Grades K-12. Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.	2018-2020
Art Teacher. Grades K-5. A.L. Wilson Elementary School. Fairchance, PA.	2017-2018
Museum Assistant. Graduate Assistantship. The University Museum. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015-2016
Painting Workshop Co-Teacher. En Plein Air Painting. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015
Figure Drawing Co-Teacher. Art Intensive Figure Drawing Workshop. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015
Figure Drawing Model Coordinator. Graduate Assistantship. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015
Studio Assistant. Graduate Assistantship. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2014-2015
Gallery Assistant. Graduate Assistantship. Kipp and Annex Galleries. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2014
Teaching Assistant. Graduate Assistantship. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2013

## **VOLUNTEER AND ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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Gay Straight Alliance Club. Grades 9-12. Tomball Memorial High School. Houston, TX.	2021
National Art Honors Society. Grades 9-12. Tomball Memorial High School. Houston, TX.	2021
Guitar Club. Grades 9-12. Tomball Memorial High School. Houston, TX.	2021
Art Club. Grades K-8. Hillel Academy of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA.	2018-2020
Art Design Instructor. A. L. Wilson Elementary School. Fairchance, PA.	2018-2019
Graduate Art Student Representative. University Museum Board of Directors. IUP.	2015-2017
College of Fine Arts Student Representative. College Advisory Board Conference. IUP.	2017
Thesis Field Study Work. Navajo Cultural Research. Tuba City, AZ.	2016
Sole Organizer. Graduate Art Association Fundraiser. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2016
Global Service-Learning Volunteer. Amizade. Navajo Nation. Tuba City, AZ.	2016
President. Graduate Art Association. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2015-2016
Secretary. Graduate Art Association. IUP. Indiana, PA.	2014-2015