

# SHASTI O'LEARY SOUDANT

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## EDUCATION

MFA, Visual Studies: Sculpture, University at Buffalo  
BFA, Sculpture and Photography, Purchase College (SUNY)

## CREATIVE RESEARCH

### **Public Art & Sculpture Commissions:**

2026 *BILLS WIN* (public art sculpture) Highmark Buffalo Bills Stadium, Orchard Park, NY

2026 *GUIDED BY OUR BETTER STARS* (public art multiple sculpture installation) The City of Buffalo, NY

2023 *YIN COMPLEMENT* (private sculpture commission) Nottingham Drive, Buffalo, NY  
*BURDEN OF CONQUEST* (Augmented Reality public art - (*\$10,000 NYSCA Grant awarded for this project*)  
The Rockwell Museum (*A Smithsonian Affiliate*), Corning, NY  
*DE NOBIS ABUNDANS / ABOUNDS WITHIN US* (public art) University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha

2022 *KALEIDOSCOPE GROVE* (public art) for Erie Arts & Culture, Erie, Pennsylvania

2021 *DO NOT MISTAKE OUR SOFTNESS FOR WEAKNESS* (public art) Burchfield Penney Art Center  
*LIFESIGNS* (public art) City of Buffalo, Niagara Street Corridor

2019 *JAXOSCOPE* for DIA Urban Arts Project Phase II (public art) City of Jacksonville, FL

2018 *900 MOONS IS NOT ENOUGH* (architectural sculpture collaboration with CannonDesign) D'Youville College, Buffalo, NY  
*CHRYsalis GATE* (architectural sculpture collaboration with CannonDesign) Buffalo, NY

2017 *BEAT BLOSSOM* (public art with musician Cyro Baptista) Artpark, Lewiston, NY  
*GUT FLORA* (public art) Albright-Knox Public Art Initiative, @ NFTA station, Buffalo, NY

2016 *WISH FIELD* (private sculpture commission) Roswell Park Clinical Sciences Center, Buffalo, NY

2015 *WEEPING WALL* (private sculpture commission) The Savarino Companies (500 Seneca, Buffalo, NY)

2014 *PERFORMANCE ANXIETY: HALFLIFE, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche*, (public art performance), Toronto, ON

### **Exhibitions:**

2025 *HI-VIS* (group exhibition) Buffalo AKG Museum, Buffalo, NY

2024 *MODULAR* (group exhibition) Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH

2023 *ANTIGRAVITY: SPACE INVADERS* (solo exhibition) The Rockwell Museum (*A Smithsonian Affiliate*), Corning, NY

2022 *COSMIC RAYS XR* (group exhibition) Peel Gallery, Carrboro, NC

2021 *3 WALLS GALLERY* (group exhibition for CannonDesign World Headquarters)  
*DIGITAL ART MONTH - PARIS* (public art Augmented Reality sculpture exhibition) Paris, France  
*EVERYWOMAN BIENNIAL - My Love is Your Love*, NYC, NY

2020 *20/20 VISION*, Castellani Art Museum  
*PRIAPIC YIN*, Hotel Henry, Buffalo, NY

2019 *BURST STARS*, Hotel Henry, Buffalo, NY

2018 *DO NOT MISTAKE OUR SOFTNESS FOR WEAKNESS* (solo exhibition) Eleven Twenty Projects, Buffalo, NY

2017 *PANOPTIC FLIP* (solo exhibition) Box Gallery, Buffalo, NY

2015 *EYE TO EYE: LOOKING BEYOND LIKENESS*, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
*ARRAY*, Exhibit A, Corning, NY

2014 *DISPLACEMENT: SHOOTING THROUGH HISTORY*, (collaboration with Courtney Grim), Trans Empire Canal Corporation (TECCORP), Burchfield Penney Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

2013 *LET THERE BE LIGHT/INTERFERENCE*, (solo exhibition) Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY  
*UNRELIABLE (S)PACE* (collaboration with Kyle Butler), Squeaky Wheel, Buffalo, NY

2012 *BEIJING/BUFFALO: TRANSLATION*, Today Museum, Beijing, China  
*BUFFALO/BEIJING: TRANSLATION*, University at Buffalo Art Galleries, Buffalo, NY

2011 *SEX TIME DECAY* (solo exhibition) CEPA/Big Orbit Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
*KILLED COVERS, A Selection of Rejected Book Jackets*, The New York Times, New York, NY

### **Awards, Residencies & Fellowships:**

2024 Early Career Faculty/Staff Award for Community Engagement - *Dr. Katherine S. Conway Turner Office of Civic and Community Engagement Office (CCE) at Buffalo State University.*

2023 NYSCA Individual Artist Grant  
 Sculpture Space Residency, Utica, NY  
 Corning Museum of Glass Antigravity Artists' Residency, Corning, NY

2020 Erie Arts & Culture Artist Fellowship, Erie PA

2019 Mayor's Proclamation of *Shasti O'Leary Soudant Day*: September 10, 2019, Buffalo, NY

2018 Rigidized Metals Artists' Residency, Buffalo, NY (*continuing*)

2017 Creative Arts Initiative Grant, (Collaboration with musician Cyro Baptista) ArtPark

2014 Artist of the Year, Arts Services Initiative of Western New York

2012 Regional Artist Access Residency, Squeaky Wheel

2011 Excellence in Teaching Awards, honorable mention, University at Buffalo  
 Exchange Residency, Central Academy of Fine Art, Beijing, China

2010 Dean's Fellowship, University at Buffalo, College of Arts & Sciences

2009 CEPA Solo Exhibition Award, CEPA Gallery, Buffalo, NY  
 Dean's Fellowship, University at Buffalo, College of Arts & Sciences

2007 AIGA 50 Books/50 Covers Prize (for Pharmakon, Penguin Group USA, NY)

### **Publications & Essays:**

2026 "Interstatal: Manuel A. Rodriguez-Delgado" SCULPTURE magazine, May/June print edition, 2026

2025 "Some Lands are Made of Light: Lauren Fensterstock," SCULPTURE magazine, May/June print edition, 2025

2024 "Numbers Station: Maximillian Goldfarb," SCULPTURE magazine, web edition, January 31, 2024

2023 "Time Will Tell: Don Porcaro," SCULPTURE magazine, web edition, June 5, 2023

2022 "Lethe-wards: Will Corwin," SCULPTURE magazine, web edition, December 13, 2022

2021 "Homing: Matt Kenyon & Jason J. Ferguson," SCULPTURE magazine, January/February print edition, 2022

"Matt Kenyon's Empathy Machines," CORNELIA magazine, Issue 5.1, (2021)

"Dexterous Acts of Defiance" BFA Senior Thesis catalog essay

2019 "The Evolving Aesthetics of Trauma," UB MFA Thesis Exhibition Catalog Foreword

2015 "Rock, Paper, Scissors," Block Club Magazine, No. 39 "Away" (2015): pp 24-25.

"Eternal Emissions: Dana Tyrell," Exhibition catalog Essay

"Skewed perspectives: Anne Muntges," Exhibition catalog Essay

2014 "Haunted Peripheries," Block Club Magazine, No. 37 "Borders" (2014): 24-25.

"*The Siege*," Block Club Magazine, No. 36 "Shhhh" (2014): 56-59.  
2013 "The Sacred and the Banal" with curator Heather Pesanti, ZING magazine, No. #23 (2013): 207-221.  
2010 *Cyborg Theory, Cyborg Practice* (limited edition monograph based on Donna Haraway's *Cyborg Manifesto*)

### Performance:

2022 *ORIENTATION / DELEGATION*, *Front Triennial*, (collaboration with Asad Raza) Cleveland, OH, July 17, 2022

2016 *THIRD PARTY, Squeaky Wheel*, Buffalo, NY, September 24th, 2016  
*VITAL SIGNS* by Ron Ehmke, (director) New Phoenix Theater, Buffalo, NY,

2014 *HALFLIFE, Scotiabank Nuit Blanche*, Toronto, ON, October 4-5, 2014  
*HALFLIFE*, Art Gallery of Toronto (AGO), Toronto, ON, October 2, 2014

2013 *The Vintage Vaudeville Cabaret*, Master of Ceremonies, The 9th Ward, Buffalo, NY

2012 "Boodith Jutler" MC's *SHOWOFFS*, Hallwalls Artists & Models, Buffalo, NY  
"Boodith Jutler" MC's *Gender Across Borders: Arts, Action, Activism*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY  
*Jackie Collins Night: An Evening of Screenings & Readings*, Hallwalls, Buffalo, NY

2011 *The Vessel is Singing: Sensorium*, curated by Heather Pesanti, The Backroom, Buffalo, NY

2010 *The Vessel is Failing*, University at Buffalo Art Galleries, Buffalo, NY

### Lectures / Talks:

2025 *On the Utility of Levity*, Conversations Lecture Series, Buffalo State English Department  
*Introduction*, Babel Writers Lecture Series Presents: Colm Toibin, Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo, NY  
*Every Rodeo is My First Rodeo*, Buffalo Humanities Festival: FABRICATION, Buffalo, NY  
*Mapping Your Creative Career*, Arts Council of Wyoming County, Perry, NY

2024 *Artist's Talk*, Spring Center for the Arts, Springville, NY

2022 "*I Am a Cynical Designer and You Can Be One Too*" 2022 AIGA National Design Conference (featured speaker)

2017 *Artist's Talk*, Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

2015 *BABEL*, Facilitator for Patti Smith's *Just Kids* Discussion, Just Buffalo Literary Center, Buffalo, NY

2014 *Karen Finley's Artists Anonymous*, Commissioned Artist Testimonial, Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

2012 *Why Media Literacy Matters*, Squeaky Wheel Buffalo Media Resource (curriculum program)

2008 *Massaging the Letterform*, TYPECON, Hallwalls Contemporary Arts Center, Buffalo, NY

### Film / Video:

2014 *Letti Cuts*, single-channel video, 13 minutes

2011 *Ception (Come, Blood, Milk)*, single-channel video, 4 minutes, looping

2010 *Kat Cuts*, single-channel video, 7 minutes  
*Focus*, single-channel video, 5 minutes  
*Ruby Does Pollock*, single-channel video, 6.5 minutes  
*Daisy Chain*, single channel video, 8.5 minutes

2005 *Ruby Goes to Towne*, 8mm film, 5 minutes

2003 *Ten and a Half Weeks*, single-channel video, 12 minutes  
*The Drop*, 16mm film, 5 minutes

### Selected Collections:

AKG Buffalo Museum, Buffalo, NY  
Burchfield Penney Art Center, Buffalo, NY  
The Rockwell Museum (A Smithsonian Affiliate) Corning, NY  
University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE  
City of Jacksonville, FL  
City of Erie, PA  
City of Midland, TX

Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority (NFTA), Buffalo, NY  
The Savarino Companies, Buffalo, NY  
Frank & Tracy Mendocino, South Carolina  
Scott & Andrea White, Snohomish, WA  
David & Shelley Kimelberg, Buffalo, NY  
Eleanore DeSole Webster, NYC, NY  
Kenneth Bloomberg, NYC, NY  
Jeff Toohey & Susie Silbert, Corning, NY  
Judith Goodyear, Palm Beach, FL  
Dorothy & Richard Bergman, Amherst, NY  
Jackie Davis, Los Angeles, CA  
Heather Pesanti, Austin, TX  
Mr. & Mrs. Ross Cellino, Buffalo, NY  
The Gerald Mead Collection, Buffalo, NY  
Katalin Mechtrler, Clarence, NY

## TEACHING

2023 – Present Assistant Professor of Design & Professional Practice, Buffalo State University  
2018 – Present Visiting Assistant Professor of Design, University at Buffalo  
2017 – 2018 Clinical Assistant Professor of Design, University at Buffalo  
2015 Adjunct Professor of Design, D'Youville College  
2012 – 2014 Adjunct Professor of Design & Photography, University at Buffalo  
2009 – 2011 Teaching Assistant/Instructor of Record

[LINK](#) to Student work portfolio

## PRESS

2025: PBS: [Hi-VIS: "Ten Years of Public Art"](#) —March 12, 2015  
Mark Sommer/Buffalo News: "Buffalo AKG celebrates 10 years of public art with 'Hi-Vis'" —March 5, 2020  
Lauren Hall/WGRZ: "[Buffalo AKG celebrates ten years of public art with new exhibit](#)" — February 24, 2025  
Michael Wooten/WKBW TV: "['Hi-Vis' at Buffalo AKG Art Museum celebrates decade of public art](#)" —Feb 20, 2015

2023: The Editorial Board/Buffalo News: "Erie County's percent-for-art program is a game changer" —June 30, 2023  
PBS/WNED "Let's Go! Burchfield Penney Arts Center", June 2023

2022: Joana Leamon, Steven Clare, Tyler Nagy & Meg Knowles "The Process: WNY Artist Shasti O'Leary Soudant" BPAC/WNED  
Newell Nussbaumer/BuffaloRising "Over 90 Artistic Die Cuts Line Niagara Street Corridor" —December 13, 2022

2021: Newell Nussbaumer/BuffaloRising "Junior League of Buffalo gifts sculpture by artist Shasti O'Leary Soudant to Burchfield Penney Art Center" —September 22, 2021  
Zoe Oleshansky/BuffaloRising "#SLIDESHOW | Shasti O'Leary Soudant" —February 19, 2021

2020: Jana Eisenberg/NYUpstate "10 things you need to know about the Buffalo arts scene" —February 6, 2020

2019: Bob Self/Florida Times-Union "Latest Public Art JAXOSCOPE lights up across street from Florida Theatre" —December 19, 2019  
Max Marbut/Jacksonville Daily Record "'Jaxoscope' dedicated near the Florida Theatre" —December 18, 2019  
WGRZ "Junior League of Buffalo marks 100 years with sculpture to honor women" —September 10, 2019  
Times-Union Editorial Board/Florida Times-Union "More great Downtown public art on the way" —February 26, 2019  
Olivia McCarthy/Forever Young "Art of the Subway" —February, 2019

2018: Karen Robinson/Buffalo News "Cancer survivor brings art to Roswell Park with messages of hope, healing" —February 18, 2018  
WKBW-TV "Cancer survivor designs new logo for Roswell Park with a message of hope" — January 8, 2018  
Henry L. Davis / Buffalo News "Roswell Park changes name, drops the Institute title" — January 3, 2018

2017 Ellen Goldbaum / UBNOW "Artwork brings echoes of DNA to UB's new medical school building"— September 15, 2017  
 Rebecca Rudell / AtBuffalo Magazine "The Color of Difference" – Fall, 2017  
 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "Gut Flora' brings jolt of color to Buffalo's new subway station" – May 24, 2017

2016 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "Albright-Knox announces three public art projects for Buffalo buildings"— July 14, 2016  
 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "Roswell Park art seeks to soothe the minds of cancer patients" — May 31, 2016

2015 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "A 25-foot 'Weeping Wall' on Seneca Street" Buffalo News - Dec 2, 2015  
 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "Buffalo artist creates retractable angel wings for her daughter" Buffalo News - Sept 9,  
 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "The work of art: Albright-Knox shows explore labor, portraiture" Buffalo News, May 3, 2015

2014 Colin Dabkowski / Buffalo News, "13 Highlights from Nuit Blanche," Buffalo News, October 4, 2014.  
 Matt Galloway / CBC NEWS (Live Interview) "Nuit Blanche 2014: 3 must-see installations," Toronto, ON, October 4, 2014

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2022 AIGA National Wiki Scholars Diversity Representation Task Force  
 2021 AIGA Regional Student Portfolio Reviews  
     Advisor to Chair of Planning, AIGA National Design Conference  
     SHIFT 2020 Design Educators Community Virtual Summit  
 2020 Book Proposal Reviewer for Bloomsbury Press  
 2019 Saltonstall Residency Juror, Ithaca, NY  
 2018 Leadership and Entrepreneurship in the Arts Advisory Committee, Daemen College  
     Lucille Clifton Public Art Commission Juror  
 2016 Curatorial Committee, Third Party, Squeaky Wheel  
 2015 Villa Maria Portfolio Reviews  
 2006 - 2014 Visual & Digital Arts Advisory Board, Medaille College  
 2013 Burchfield Penney Docent Talk  
 2005 - 2008 Medaille Portfolio Reviews

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mayoral Appointee, Buffalo Arts Commission, 2025 — Present  
 Board of Directors, Just Buffalo Literary Center, 2025 — Present  
 Secretary, Board of Directors, Ashford Hollow Foundation, 2015 — 2025  
 Burchfield Penney Gala Auction art donation (2025, 2022, 2020, 2019)  
 Burchfield Penney Yearly Appeal featured artist (2021)  
 Roswell Ride Charitable Auction art donation (2020)  
 Trinity Church Art Auction Donation  
 Meals on Wheels (ongoing)