Sydney Parks

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EDUCATION

2022 **MFA**, Interdisciplinary Practices and Emerging Forms, University of Houston, Texas
2018 **Post-Baccalaureate**, Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare, Ireland
2017 **BFA**, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023/Present **Assistant Professor of Practice**, AET Department, UT Austin, Texas
2023 **Lecturer**, Interaction Design I, Design Department, UT Austin, Texas
2021-2022 **Teaching Fellow**, University of Houston, Texas
2020 **Affiliate Instructor**, University of Houston, Texas
2017/18 **Prison Drawing Instructor**, Huntsville Holliday Unit, Huntsville, Texas

CLASSES TAUGHT

Immersive Art Installations, Art Making in VR, Code and Fabrication, Exploring User Interaction, Interaction Design I, Virtual and Augmented Reality Art, Fundamentals of Painting, Fundamentals of Drawing, Assisted Architectural Sketching & Intermediate Drawing, and more.

PUBLIC ART

2019 **Painted Art Car**, Houston Art Car Parade, Grand Trophy 1st Place Award for Painted Cars
2018 **Outdoor Mural,** Burren College of Art, Ireland, Published in Aer Lingus In Flight Magazine, Cara, September Edition pg. 56

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 *Emski Warehouse Show,* AI Art Installation, Austin, Texas
Lamp Show, Group Exhibition, Highland Collective, Austin, Texas
Small Works, Juried Exhibition, Georgetown Art Center, Texas
Edge City Conference, Group Exhibition, Austin, Texas

2024 *Synthetic Symbiosis*, Solo Exhibition, ContraCommon Gallery, Bee Cave, Texas
Nameless Dread, Creative Coder for Mark Wilson's Generative Artwork, Artblocks.io
Transcendent Realities, Group Exhibition, Future Front Houst, Austin, Texas
senseAugment(), Solo Exhibition, Box13 Artspace, Houston, Texas

2023 *BLNKA Digital + Analog Group Exhibition*, Houston Vintage Truck Club, Houston, Texas
Empty Box: Out of the Box, Art Auction, 3 works sold, Box13 Artspace, Houston, Texas
Houston Art Car Parade, Houston, Texas
FronteraFest Performance, Hyde Park Theatre, Austin, Texas
Clamp Light Group Exhibition, Clamp Light Gallery, San Antonio

2022 *Marfa + Marfa Group Exhibition*, Elgin Street Studios, Houston, Texas
Outstanding: Group Exhibition, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Online
44th Thesis Exhibition, Blaffer Art Museum, Houston, Texas
Two Person Alumni Exhibition, Satellite Gallery, Huntsville, Texas

2021 *Lowell Liebermann Concert: 8 Hands*, Sound Reactive Visualization, Moores School of Music Opera House, Houston, Texas
The Big Show, Lawndale Art Center, Juried by Cecilia Fajardo-Hill, Houston, Texas
Soliciting Nudes and Other Bodily Things, Solo Exhibition, Elgin Street Studios, Houston, Texas
Figurative Art National Juried Exhibition, Dallas Metro Arts Contemporary, Dallas, Texas

2020 *Virtual Houston Art Car Parade*, HTV Website, Houston, Texas

2019 *Waterfront Art Festival*, nearEllinger, Texas
Where the Sun Sets, Third Space Gallery, University of Houston
La Bienal Houston, Spring Street Studios, Houston, Texas

RESIDENCIES & RELATED EXPERIENCE

2026 Guest Speaker: ***Deeper Meaning / Artists & Agents*,** dadaLab, Austin, Texas
2026 Guest Speaker: ***Palettable Programming***, Vibe Code Austin, Texas
2023 Artist Talk*: Art and Innovation*, Future Front HQ, Austin, Texas
2022 ***Code Marfa Artist Residency***, University of Houston, Marfa, Texas
2021 ***G5 Artist Residency***, Houston, Texas
2021 Assistant for Paul Fleming Installation, The Sterling at Regent Square, Houston, Texas
2020 VR World & Advanced Unity Development Course, Founder is Nicolas Barone, Altspace VR
2019 Assistant for Krista Birnbaum with outdoor mural in Midtown Park, Houston, Texas
2019 Lab Technician, Arts & Technology Center, University of Houston, Texas
2018 Assistant Director at Anya Tish Gallery, Houston, Texas
2018 Juror for Sam Houston State University Fall Exhibition, Huntsville, Texas
2018 Gallery Attendant, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, Texas
2017 Founder & Curator of Artopia Pop-up Exhibition and concert, Bryan, Texas
2017 Old Town Theatre Set Painter, City of Huntsville, Texas

2016 **Assisted Mural Restoration**, Richard Haas Mural, lead artist Patrick Richards, Huntsville, Texas

2016 **Animation Creation Camp Assistant Instructor**, Sam Houston State University, Texas

PUBLICATIONS & COLLECTIONS

2020 Crosshatch Publishing Online

2019 *R2: The Rice Review* 2019 Issue, Houston, Texas

2018 Aer Lingus In Flight Magazine, Cara, September Edition pg. 56

2017 *HCE Review Volume II Issue I* Cover Page, Dublin, Ireland

2016 *Restoring Texas History*, The Item, Huntsville, Texas

2016 *SHSU Creates: Sydney Parks*, The Houstonian, Huntsville, Texas

Collection of Sam Houston State University Art Department, Huntsville, Texas

Collection of Lowman Student Center, SHSU, Huntsville, Texas

AWARDS

2026 Co-Winner of Fine Arts Community Engagement & Public Practice Seed Grant, UT, Austin

2022 First Place Painted Cars Grand Trophy, Houston Art Car Parade, Texas

2021 Winner of Scale-It Up Fund, Created large-scale & walk-in installation, Houston, Texas

2019 Graduate Fellowship Scholarship, University of Houston, Texas

2017 Award of Excellence, Conception Art Show, Austin, Texas

2017 Juried Art Exhibition 2nd Place Winner, Huntsville, Texas

2016 Elkins Lake Kuntz-Nelson Memorial Art Scholarship Winner, Huntsville, Texas

2016 Marion St. John Baker Scholarship First Runner Up, Huntsville, Texas

2016 Stanley E. Lea Drawing Scholarship Winner, Huntsville, Texas