

# VIVIAN ZAPATA

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## EDUCATION

- 2013 MFA, Visual Art, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri  
2008 BFA, Painting, Sculpture, Art History Minor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
2006 Semester Abroad, Chelsea College of Art and Design, London, United Kingdom

## AWARDS

- 2012–13 The Mildred Suliburk Dennis Memorial Scholarship, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri  
2011–12 Graduate School of Art Scholarship, Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri  
2008–09 Student Tuition Support Award, The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
2005 1st place winner in the Latin Grammy Poster Competition, Los Angeles, California  
2004 1st place winner in the 23rd Annual Congressional Arts Competition for District 16, Evanston, Illinois

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 *Soñar Despierta*, Efebina's Café, Chicago, Illinois  
2008 *Visions of Poetry*, La Casa Cultural Latina, Champaign, Illinois

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Women in Art*, LaLuz Gallery, Chicago, Illinois  
2016 *The Creative Soul: Art and the Sentient Being*, Life Force Arts Center, Chicago, Illinois  
2016 *Parsing Illusion: A Remix of Sameness, Constructing a Praxis of the Local*, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois  
2015 *Organic Expressionism*, La Catedral Café, Chicago, Illinois  
2013 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis, Missouri (curated by Meredith Malone) (catalogue)  
2012 *MFA First-Year Exhibition*, Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, Missouri  
2010 *Connected*, Rumble Arts Center, Chicago, Illinois  
2010 *Entre Calles y Fronteras*, La Casa de Arte y Cultura, Pilsen, Illinois  
2010 *12th Annual Chicago Artists' Coalition Art Open*, River East Art Center, Chicago, Illinois  
2010 *Presence*, Illini Union Building, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
2008 *B.F.A. Undergraduate Exhibition*, Krannert Art Museum, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
2008 *Retrospective Latino Art Beat Art Exhibit*, Hosted by the U.S. Department of Education, Washington D.C.

## COMMISSIONS

- 2007 NCTE National Conference of Teachers of English Poster Commission, (14" x 17") Ink, Watercolor, and Digital Media, Urbana-Champaign, Illinois  
2005 Ford Foundation Project Poster Commission: Uncovering the Differences Diversity Makes, (30" x 32") Pen and Color Pencil on Paper Urbana-Champaign, Illinois

## **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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"Student Designs Latin Grammy Poster," *Brilliance at Illinois Annual Report*, July 20, 2006. 8.

Eduardo Alegría, "Pintora De Corazón," *La Raza*, Chicago, IL, October 22, 2005. 52+.

Melissa Lou, "Camino Al Grammy: Local Artist Receives Latin Grammy Makeover," *Extra Bilingual Newspaper*, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2005. 22+.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2015–16 Adjunct Faculty, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois