

## ANNA TSOUHLARAKIS

Born in Lawrence, KS, 1977  
Lives and works in Boulder, CO

### Education

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| 2002 | MFA, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT                                 |
| 1999 | New York Studio School of Drawing, Painting, & Sculpture, New York, NY |
| 1999 | BA, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH                                     |

### Solo Exhibitions

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| 2025 | <i>IRRATIONALLY INDIGENOUS</i> , Edgar Heap of Birds Family Gallery, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS   |
| 2024 | <i>YOUR REFUSAL TO SEE: A Native Guide Project</i> , East Window Gallery, Boulder, CO<br><i>Anna Tsouhlarakis</i> , Tilton Gallery, Independent Art Fair, New York, NY      |
| 2023 | <i>Indigenous Absurdities</i> , MCA Denver, Denver, CO<br><i>The Native Guide Project: Columbus</i> , Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH |
| 2021 | <i>To Bind or To Burn</i> , Fine Arts Center Museum at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO   |
| 2020 | <i>Incomplete Drawings of Decolonization</i> , Guest House, Jackson Hole, WY  |
| 2016 | <i>She Made For Her</i> , Neubauer Collegium Gallery, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  |

- 2013 *In Other Words: A Native Primer*, Flashpoint Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2007 *Clash of the Titans II*, Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, AZ  
*Clash of the Titans*, American Indian Community House Gallery, New York, NY
- 2005 *fixations*, Downtown Contemporary Art Center, Albuquerque, NM

## Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *An Indigenous Present*, curated by Jeffrey Gibson and Jenelle Porter, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
*Reverberations: Lineages in design History*, curated by Brian Johnson and Silas Munro, The Ford Foundation Gallery, New York, NY  
*Art, Identity, Innovation*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita, KS
- 2024 *Indigenous Approaches, Sustainable Futures*, Stockton University Art Gallery, Galloway, NJ  
*Deconstructing the Boundaries: The Land Fights Back*, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, ME  
*New Terrains*, Phillips, New York, NY  
*Reflections/Landscape*, Le 19, Crac, Centre régional d'art contemporain, Montbéliard, France.  
*PLATFORM*, performances in conjunction with Jessica Stockholder: For Events, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
*Reflecting Lenses: Twenty Years of Photography at the Gorman Museum*, Gorman Museum, University of California Davis, Davis, CA  
*Citizen Fellow: Art at Archive and Memory*, Center for Native Arts and Culture, Portland, OR  
El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX  
*Re-Discovering Native America*, Bedford Gallery, Walnut Creek, CA  
*Hear/Say*, BRDG Project, Denver, CO
- 2023 *Exposure: Native Art and Political Ecology*, El Paso Museum of Art, El Paso, TX  
*Counterpublic Triennial*, St. Louis, MO  
*Language in Times of Miscommunication*, Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ  
*Exposure: Native Art and Political Ecology*, Armory Center for the Arts, Pasadena, CA  
*Breath of Wind*, The Box, Wexner Center for the Arts at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2022 *Kinship*, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC  
*Lux Et Veritas*, NSU Art Museum, Fort Lauderdale, FL

*Air*, Utah Museum of Fine Arts, Salt Lake City, UT  
*Exposure: Native Art and Political Ecology*, Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum, Saginaw, MI  
*Water Is Life*, Dairy Arts Center, Boulder, CO  
*Our Diné Art*, Ned Hatathli Museum, Diné College, Tsaile, AZ  
*Transformative Power: Indigenous Feminism*, Vicky Myhren Gallery at University of Denver, Denver, CO

- 2021 *Portals*, NEON Foundation, Athens, Greece  
*Exposure: Native Art and Political Ecology*, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM  
*WF Online Series: Indigenous Contemporary Artists and Filmmakers*, White Frame, Basel, Switzerland  
*TSA\_PDF 018: Conversation Pieces*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, New York, NY
- 2020 *Art for a New Understanding*, Memphis Brooks Museum of Art, Memphis, TN  
*A(mend): New Narratives in Native American Life*, The Galleries at the Community College of Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD  
*Her Words Still Echo*, LMP PDA, Laner Meyer Projects, Denver, CO  
*The Other 50%: Women's Voices in the Public Sphere*, Gregory Allicar Museum of Art, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- 2019 *Art for a New Understanding*, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC  
*Decussate*, Cliff Gallery, Mountain View College, Dallas, TX  
*Sagas*, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Philadelphia, PA  
*Nanabozho's Sisters*, University of Toronto Scarborough, Toronto, Ontario  
*Art for a New Understanding*, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM
- 2018 *bodynobody*, 'sindikit, Baltimore, MD  
*Art for a New Understanding*, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, AR  
*Nanabozho's Sisters*, Dalhousie Art Gallery, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2017 *Observatories*, Jackson Center for the Arts, Jackson, WY  
*Past Myth Future Form*, Art Lot, Brooklyn, NY  
*The Geometry of Expression*, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN  
*Home + Discordance = US*, NYU Washington DC, Washington, DC  
*Survivance: North American Arts from the Past and Present*, Gregory Allicar Museum of Art, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO  
*Lending Library*, Beltway Public Works, Washington, DC

- (IM)migration*, Community College of Baltimore County Essex Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
*Hope and Trauma in a Poisoned Land*, Coconino Center for the Arts, Flagstaff, AZ  
*Synergy Visual Arts Exhibition*, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities, Washington, DC  
*Dogs: Faithful and True*, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN
- 2016      *Ward 12*, Halcyon House, Washington, DC  
*Sondheim Artscape Prize Semifinalists Exhibition*, Decker Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD
- 2015      *Identity Cinema: Volume Four*, Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art, The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN  
*AFP16 Visual Arts Exhibition*, I Street Galleries, Washington, DC  
*Alumni in the Arts Biennial Exhibition*, Black Family Visual Art Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- 2014      *Storytelling: The Contemporary Native Art Biennial, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition*, Art Mûr, Montreal, Quebec  
*Setting|Land*, Grimsby Art Gallery, Grimsby, Ontario  
*Reprise: 40 to the Fore*, Arlington Art Center, Arlington, VA  
*Setting|Land*, Tom Thomson Gallery, Owen Sound, Ontario
- 2013      *Slippage*, Towson University Center for the Arts Gallery, Towson, MD  
*Connect 4*, Martin Luther King Library, Washington, DC  
*Thicker Than Water*, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM  
*Setting|Land*, A Frame Gallery, Sioux Lookout, Ontario
- 2012      *smoke signals: istwa, paisajes and allegories*, South Florida Art Center, Miami Beach, FL  
*TIME Temporary Installations Made for the Environment: Navajo Nation*, Museum of Contemporary Native Arts, Santa Fe, NM  
*We are Here*, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, New York, NY  
*Setting|Land*, Thunder Bay Art Gallery, Thunder Bay, Ontario
- 2011      *We are Here: Native Expression in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art, Indianapolis, IN  
*Here, Now*, AVA Gallery, Lebanon, NH  
*Collaboration for Awareness: Artists Protesting Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity*, Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA  
*Callback*, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

- 2010      *Scrapes: Unruly Embodiment in Video Art*, McMaster Museum of Art, Hamilton, Ontario  
*Female Shorts Film Festival*, The Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, VA  
*Northwest Convergence*, The Loft at Atlas Arts Center, Washington, DC  
*Video Installation*, Experience Music Project | Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame, Seattle, WA
- 2009      *After School Lessons*, Dreamspace Gallery, London, England  
*Remix: New Modernities in a Post-Indian World*, Art Gallery of Ontario, Musee des beaux-arts de l'Ontario, Toronto, Ontario  
*The Muhheakantuck in Focus*, Wave Hill Gallery, New York, NY
- 2008      *Remix: New Modernities in a Post-Indian World*, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, New York, NY  
*Code-Switchers*, The LAB, San Francisco, CA  
*Bedtime Stories*, Red House Gallery, Syracuse, NY
- 2007      *Remix: New Modernities in a Post-Indian World*, Heard Museum, Phoenix, AZ  
*The New York Armory Show*, Presented by Socrates Sculpture Park, New York, NY  
*Conservation and Construction: The Evolution of the American Landscape*, Gallery RFD, Swainsboro, GA
- 2006      *2006 Emerging Artist Fellowship Exhibition, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY  
*Invisible Graffiti: Magnet Show*, On-site installation in a Richard Serra Torqued Ellipse, Bronx, NY
- 2005      *Contemporary Native American Art in New York*, Citigroup building, New York, NY
- 2004      *Albuquerque Contemporary 2004*, Albuquerque Museum, Albuquerque, NM  
 Juried Exhibition (catalogue) \*Received Juror's Choice Award and three Merit Awards
- 2003      *All Together Now*, Rush Arts Gallery, New York, NY  
*Visual Arts Faculty Exhibition*, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM
- 2002      *Untitled*, L.C. Bates Museum, Hinkley, ME  
*Pause*, Thesis Exhibition, New Haven, CT
- 2001      *MFA 2002 Exhibition*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT  
*Bright Ideas 2001*, Worldstudio Foundation, New York Design Center, New York, NY

2000 *First-Year Exhibition*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT  
*Make Time 2000*, Worldstudio Foundation, New York Design Center, New York, NY

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

2024 Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship  
 Lunder Institute for American Art Summer Think Tank Fellow at Colby College  
 First Peoples Fund Yéigo Action Grant  
 SOURCE Studio Corrina Mehiel Fellowship

2023 Louis Comfort Tiffany Award

2021 Creative Capital Award

2018 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Artist Fellowship

2017 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Artist Fellowship

2016 S&R Foundation Studios Program Fellowship

2015 Harpo Foundation Artist Grant  
 Native Arts and Culture Foundation Artist Fellowship  
 DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities Artist Fellowship

2013 Cultural DC Artist Fellowship

2011 Eiteljorg Contemporary Art Fellowship

2008 Institute for Civil Society Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center

2007 Joan Mitchell Foundation Scholarship, Atlantic Center for the Arts

2006 Socrates Sculpture Park Emerging Artist Fellowship

2004 Juror's Choice Award, Albuquerque Contemporary 2004, Albuquerque Museum  
 ABQArts Merit Award, Albuquerque Contemporary 2004, Albuquerque Museum  
 Pat Berrett Merit Award, Albuquerque Contemporary 2004, Albuquerque Museum  
 Fort Studios Merit Award, Albuquerque Contemporary 2004, Albuquerque Museum

2002 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Fellowship  
 Yale University-Skowhegan Fellowship

2001 Di Modolo Award, Worldstudio Foundation  
 Sussman Fellowship  
 Catching the Dream Fellowship

2000-2001 Massachusetts Indian Association Fellowship  
 American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship

2000 Indigenous Peoples Award, Worldstudio Foundation

1995 R.C. Gorman Award



## Artist Residencies

2024	<i>MacDowell</i> , Peterborough, NH. <i>Indigo Arts Alliance</i> , Portland, ME.
2021	<i>Fountainhead Residency</i> , Miami, FL <i>Museum of Contemporary Native Arts</i> , Santa Fe, NM <i>Sandy Spring Friends School</i> , Sandy Spring, MD
2020	<i>Haverford College</i> , Haverford, PA
2019	<i>Colorado College</i> , Colorado Springs, CO
2017	<i>Millay Colony for the Arts</i> , Austerlitz, NY
2008	<i>Yaddo</i> , Saratoga Springs, NY <i>Grand Canyon National Park, Artist-in-Residence</i> , AZ <i>Vermont Studio Center</i> , Johnson, VT
2007	<i>Atlantic Center for the Arts</i> , New Smyrna Beach, FL, Master Artist: Paul Pfeiffer
2002	<i>Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture</i> , Skowhegan, ME

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