

HALE EKINCI

EDUCATION

2011	MFA, COLUMBIA COLLEGE (CCC) Interdisciplinary Arts and Media	Chicago, IL
2007-08	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA Digital Media Arts MFA Courses	Gainesville, FL
2006	BA, CONNECTICUT COLLEGE Computer Science Art (Design Concentration) Ammerman Center for Arts and Technology	New London, CT Magna cum laude Certification
2005	SCUOLA INTERNAZIONALE DI GRAFICA Study Abroad	Venice, Italy

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2025	Dots, Knots, Relics , Rubine Red Gallery, Palm Springs, CA
2024	Hand to Hand - Cook Center Process Gallery , Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2023	For (Y)our Eyes Only , SooVAC, Minneapolis, MN Between You and I , Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
2022	Compound Subjects , Leonor R. Fuller Gallery, Olympia, WA Motif: Silent Language , University of Illinois Springfield Gallery, Springfield, IL
2021	Connected , Facebook Office, Permanent Site-specific Installation, Chicago, IL
2020	Oya: Borders of History , Dittmar Gallery, Chicago, IL
2019	Written in Oya: Entangled Stories , Pearl Conard Gallery, Mansfield, OH Solo Exhibition , One River Art School (Curator: Robert Sebanc), Chicago, IL The Gün (a.k.a. Gold Day) Video Screening + Participatory Event , FilmFront, Chicago, IL

TWO-THREE PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2022	When or if I was there: Rachel de Cuba & Hale Ekinci , Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Chicago, IL
2021	A Different Future in the Making: Building Garment Worker Power , Studio Gang, Chicago, IL
2019	Art on Campus Series , University of Maine at Farmington, Farmington, ME Serious Vanity , One After 909, Chicago, IL The Body is Work , Chicago Artist Coalition (Curator: Elliot Reichert), Chicago, IL
2013	Being Charlie Chaplin , Architecture Open House - Essanay Studio (Commission: Uptown United), Chicago, IL
2012	Residuum , Oracle Art (Part of Chicago Artists' Month), Chicago, IL

SELECT RECENT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- upcoming **The Humankind Series - Artist in residence**, West Shore Community College, Michigan
- 2026 **To Be Remembered: Woven Matters of the Heart**, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL
Edirne Bienali, Devecihan and other historic sites, Edirne, Turkiye
Tangled Webs, Fairmont State University, Fairmont, West Virginia
Umetnost iz kovčka, MMC KIBLA/KiBela, Maribor, Slovenia
- 2025 **Art from a Suitcase, 16th International Festival of Visual Arts**, Lapidarium Museum, Novigrad, Croatia
Material Witnesses: Terrestrial Whispers, ACG/The Demos Center (Curator: Tamara Chalabi, PhD), Athens, Greece
Color in Transit, Unpacked Mobile Gallery, Michigan City and LaPorte, IN
Turkish Textile Biennial, (Curator: Nihat Özdal) Gazipasa-Alanya, Turkey
legacy as lexicon, a stand-in for my voice, Goldfinch Gallery (Curator: Lauren Leving), Chicago, IL
- 2024 **Veil, Drape, and Stitch**, Zolla/Liebarman Gallery (Curator: Ruth L. Poor), Chicago, IL
Cuts Across, Carnation Contemporary, Portland, OR
Presently 2024, Mana Contemporary 2nd Floor, Chicago, IL
- 2023 **Neighbors**, Purple Window Gallery, Chicago, IL
Tapestry of Voices, Christopher Art, Chicago Heights, IL + Downing Museum, KY
Terrain Biennial, Luddington, MI
TL;DR (too long; didn't read), Heaven Gallery (Curator: Jenn Sova), Chicago, IL
Lineage, Field Projects (Curator: Kris Racaniello), New York City, NY
- 2022 **Sugar Coating**, Co-Prosperity, Chicago, IL
Continuum, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
Double Time, C-Worker Gallery at River House Arts, Toledo, OH
Textiles and Fiber Art Juried Exhibition, Robert Hillestad Textiles Gallery, Lincoln, NE
- 2021 **Built by Pictures**, **Stay Home Gallery** (Curator: Carolina Alamilla), online
- 2020 **How Have You Been?**, Schwitzer Gallery, Indianapolis, IN
Home As Situation, Bolivar Art Gallery at University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY
Bridge Residency Program Exhibition, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Complex Territory: Image and Appearance, Giertz Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2019 **Portals**, Chicago Artist Coalition (Curator: Elliot Reichert), Chicago, IL
Reminiscence, One After 909, Chicago, IL
Terrain Biennial, Terrain Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
23rd Annual No Dead Artists, Jonathan Ferrara Gallery, New Orleans, LA
Survey 1, Chicago Artist Coalition (Curators: Alexis Brocchi, Elliot J. Reichert, Jeff Robinson), Chicago, IL
Fiber Focus 2019, Art St. Louis (Juror: Arturo Alonzo Sandoval), St. Louis, MO
Biennial 30, South Bend Museum of Art (Curator: Sarah Rose Sharp), South Bend, IN
Beyond The Surface - Surface Design Association's Annual International Juried Members Exhibition, St Louis Artists' Guild (Jurors: Jo Stealey and Jim Arendt), St Louis, MO
Refreshing Feminism, Woman Made Gallery (Curator: Dorit Jordan Dotan), Chicago, IL
Lifted: image-based appropriation in the digital age, Pearl Conard Art Gallery, Mansfield, OH
Pushing Paper, Indianapolis Art Center (Juror: Kyle Herrington), Indianapolis, IN
- 2018 **A Hopeful Gesture, A film screening in conjunction with 2018 Creative Time Summit**, Center for Contemporary Art, Ujazdowski Castle, Warsaw, POLAND | **Online Exhibition**, The Muted Horn, Cleveland, OH; Storoboskop Space, Warsaw, POLAND
Open Door 14: Juried Exhibition, Rosalux Gallery (Curator: Nicole Soukup), Minneapolis, MN
Nevertheless She Persisted, Koehnline Museum of Art, Des Plaines, IL
A Small Matter, Ann Street Gallery, Newburgh, NY
Resident Exhibition, Elsewhere Museum (Curator: Emily Ensminger), Greensboro, NC
Textile Show, VAE, Raleigh, NC

- Illinois at 200**, Giertz Gallery (Curator: Doug Stapleton), Champaign, IL
Loved Ones, Bridgeport Art Center (Curator: Lelde Kalmite), Chicago, IL
Alternative to What, Sulfur Studios (Curator: Bridget Conn), Savannah, GA
Pen & Ink, Union Street Gallery (Juror: Kate Lewis), Chicago Heights, IL
 2017 **Asides + Besides 2, Video Artists Remixing Artist Videos**, The Nightingale Cinema, Chicago, IL
Spotlight Exhibition: EXPO CHICAGO 2017 Showcase, ShopColumbia at Averill and Bernard Leviton Gallery, Chicago, IL
EXPO Chicago (International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art), Special Exhibitions - ShopColumbia Booth, Chicago, IL
Musrara Mix Festival - Exhibition in Public Places, Jerusalem, ISRAEL
 2016 **Displacement & Migration**, St. Louis Artists' Guild, St. Louis, MO
Hispanic Heritage Month Exhibition, Harold Washington Public Library, Chicago, IL
embody Exhibition, Uptown Art Center (Curator: Eden Unluata), Chicago, IL
Community Art Show, Oesterle Library Gallery (Juror: Deborah Venezia, Executive Director of Naperville Art League), Naperville, IL
Open Studios, MOMENTUM Worldwide (Curator: Rachel Rits-Volloch), Berlin, GERMANY
Let's Resist Installation, Gallery 200 Store Front, West Chicago, IL
Artist Residency Open Studios, Jiwar International Residence, Barcelona, SPAIN
Faculty Group Show, Schoenherr Gallery, Naperville, IL
 2015 **Document**, Woman Made Gallery (Curator: Jessica Cochran), Chicago, IL
Screening/Talk "The Rays of The Sun" and "Where The Stone Tones" (w/ M. Krystal), College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, North Central College, Naperville, IL
Finite Growth, Human Thread Gallery – Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
 2013 **Annual Video Festival**, Trestle Gallery – Brooklyn Art Space, New York, NY
Alumni on 5: Start of Something, Columbia College Chicago Library, Chicago, IL
Goddess Online Art Exhibition, Art Depth
Annual review video art interview and showcase, Stigmat
Introvert, Fire Gallery (Juror: Joanna Pinsky, Artistic Director of Art Encounter), Naperville, IL
Culture Shock, Design Cloud Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2012 **Amulets, Nazars & Evil Eyes: Artists Looking Forward**, Queens College Art Center, New York, NY
Circus Surreal Emerging Arts Festival, The Observatory, Chicago, IL
 2011 **Interdisciplinary Arts Booth**, Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Art Bazaar, Black Cloud Gallery, Chicago, IL
Art Loop Open Competition, Block 27, (In collaboration with Eden Unluata), Chicago, IL
The Astronaut's Birthday, Museum of Contemporary Art - Redmoon Theater, Chicago, IL
 2010 **The Culture Garden Festival**, Global Coffee & Cargo / Community Garden, Chicago, IL
Version Fest Video Show, Cable Access Channel 21 - CAN TV, Chicago, IL
Chicago Artists' Coalition-12th Annual Chicago Art Open, River East Art Center, Chicago, IL
Digital Incarnate, Project Room, (collaboration w/ E. Unluata), Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Work Studio Opening Show, Work Studio, Chicago, IL
Flat Iron Arts Association showART Exhibit, FIAA Gallery, Chicago, IL
ARTexchange - College Art Association Conference, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL
Beyond Belief, Galley - Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Spirituality x 9: A Group Investigation, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
At Close Distance, C33 Gallery, Chicago, IL
 2009 **In Possibility - a transformable art installation**, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
ReFab, Mess Hall, Chicago, IL
Core Project Exhibition, The Galaxie, Chicago, IL
Square Foot Show, The Galaxie, Chicago, IL
 2008 **Distant Relations**, WarpHaus Gallery, Gainesville, FL

TALKS | WORKSHOPS

- 2023 **Visiting Artist Series Talk**, Eskenazi Museum of Art, Bloomington, IN
- 2022 **Artist Lecture**, **Ecce Speaker Series: Written In Oya: Symbolic Patterns And Women's Work**, University of Illinois, Spring
- The Leonor R. Fuller Gallery Artist Talk**, **Leonor R. Fuller Gallery**, Olympia, WA
- Artist Workshop (3 days) - Symbolic Memory: Mixed Media Textiles**, Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN
- Visiting Artist + Workshop**, Waubensee Community College, Aurora, IL
- 2021 **Acing The Interview Panel**, Self-Employment in the Arts (SEA) Summit Panelist and Mentor, virtual
- Visiting Artist**, Art 180: Integration Forum class at Trinity Western University, BC, Canada
- 2019 **Panel Presenter: Text + Textile + Resistance**, Materializing Resistance: Gender, Politics & Craft Symposium, University of Kentucky, Lexington, IL
- 2018 **After Effects Workshop and Artist Talk**, Marwen "Drawing in Motion" Course, Chicago, IL
- Contemporary Issues in Collage Panel**, Kolaj Fest New Orleans, New Orleans, LA kolajmagazine.com
- 2016 **Artist Talk, July Artist Residency**, Elsewhere Museum, Greensboro, NC
- 2014 **Open Studio Artist Talk**, Kunstquartier Bethanien, MOMENTUM Worldwide, Berlin, Germany
- Document Exhibition Artist Talk**, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL
- Documentary Film Talk "Where The Stone Tones"**, College of DuPage, Chicago, IL
- Documentary Film Talk "Where The Stone Tones"**, North Central College, Naperville, IL
- Photoshop Workshop**, North Central College – Tech Week, Naperville, IL
- Amulets, Nazars & Evil Eyes Exhibition Artist Talk**, Queens College Art Center, New York, NY

AWARDS | GRANTS

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| 2024 | Joan Mitchell Fellowship Nomination (not selected) | New York, NY |
| 2023 | Visiting Artist Series Talk , Eskenazi Museum of Art | Bloomington, IN |
| 2026-2021 | Summer Research Grant, FDRC North Central College | Naperville, IL |
| 2022, 2021 | Dissinger Prize For Faculty Scholarship/Creative Work | Naperville, IL |
| 2019 | Best in Show Award, South Bend Museum Of Art, Biennial 30, | South Bend, IL |
| 2018 | Fiber And Figure Award , Surface Design Journal, Third annual International Exhibition | |
| 2019, 18-16, 13-12 | Summer Research Grant, FDRC North Central College | Naperville, IL |
| 2012 | Best In Show Award, Fire Gallery, Introspection | Naperville, IL |
| 2011 | 1st place, Columbia College, Digital Incarnate Student Response | Chicago, IL |

SKILLS

Photoshop	HTML & CSS	Videocams
Illustrator	Lightroom	Zoom Recorder
InDesign	Adobe XD	Lighting kits
After Effects	Figma	Printmaking press
Premiere	Canvas/Blackboard	Book&Papermaking
Dreamweaver	DSLR cameras	Vinyl & Laser cutter

LANGUAGES

Turkish (native)
English (fluent)
Spanish (intermediate)
German (elementary)
Italian (beginner)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2011-present	NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE <i>Professor of Art and Design</i>	Naperville, IL
2022-2026	<i>Chair of Art and Design Department</i>	
2011	COLUMBIA COLLEGE CHICAGO, TELEVISION DEPARTMENT <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	Chicago, IL
2007-08	UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, SCHOOL OF ART + ART HISTORY <i>Instructor of Record</i>	Gainesville, FL

ARTIST RESIDENCIES (A.I.R.)

2023	Engaged A.I.R., Cook Center For Public Arts&Humanities,	Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
2022	Spudnik Press Cooperative Residency	Chicago, IL
2020	Facebook A.I.R. Program	Chicago, IL
	Bridge Program, Hyde Park Art Center	Chicago, IL
2019-2018	Hatch Residency, Chicago Artists Coalition	Chicago, IL
2018	Elsewhere	Greensboro, NC
2017	KALA Institute (accepted)	Berkeley, CA
	ACRE (Artists' Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions)	Steuben, WI
2016	Momentum Worldwide	Berlin, GERMANY
	Jiwar International Residence For Artists/Researchers In Urban Creativity	Barcelona, SPAIN

PRESS | PUBLICATIONS

upcoming	featured in an article by Olivia Valentine on Oya, Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of World Textiles
2025	Featured in book: Le fil dans l'art contemporain (Thread in contemporary art: 125 artists at the heart of creation) by Charlotte Vannier, Pyramyd publications, 2025 Turkish Textile Biennial Discovering 'Slow Fabric' , Art Dog Istanbul Hale Ekinci Weaves Stories Of Identity, Heritage, And Humor Through Textile Art , WOWwART 2nd Turkish Textile Biennial weaves art, culture, heritage , Daily Sabah
2023	Society's Viewpoints Are On Display In This Chicago Artist's Work , Luxe Interiors + Design Discover Seven Contemporary Textile Artists
2022	Arte Morbida Interview
2021	Artist Hale Ekinci Explores Cultural Identity with Colorful Embroidery Paintings , NotRealArt.com
2019	Issue 42 - Folk Art Gallery Feature , Uppercase Magazine Artist Spotlight , Create Whimsy
2018	Figure and Fiber Award - Journal Article , Surface Design Association Women Cinemakers Biennale Interview , Women Cinemakers Special Edition
2017	The Rich History of Women's Work , Kolaj Fest New Orleans Local Stories Interview , Voyage Chicago Expo Chicago Interview , ShopColumbia Illinois Artist of the Month , I Like Illinois