

**ILLINOIS ARTS COUNCIL AGENCY  
ANNOUNCES  
2019 ARTIST FELLOWSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Chicago --- The Illinois Arts Council Agency (IACA) is honored to announce the Fiscal Year 2019 Artist Fellowship Award recipients. Non-matching Fellowships in fixed amounts of \$15,000 are awarded to Illinois artists in recognition of their outstanding work and commitment within the arts. This year 17 Illinois artists will receive Fellowships totaling \$255,000.

Finalist Awards of \$1,500 were also awarded to 21 Illinois artists for a total of \$31,500. The Finalist Award recognizes and encourages additional applicants who demonstrate considerable talent.

The Artist Fellowship Program offered funding in 14 artistic disciplines. This year's Fellowship and Finalist Award recipients were selected from 574 creative artists working in the disciplines of Ethnic and Folk Arts, Media Arts, Music Composition, Performance-Based Arts (Choreography & Performance Art), Literature (Poetry, Prose, & Scriptworks), Visual-Based Arts (Photography, Sculpture, Painting, Craft, Interdisciplinary and Installation).

Following are Fiscal Year 2019 Artist Fellowship and Finalist Award recipients listed by discipline.

**ETHNIC AND FOLK ARTS**

Liz Carroll	Mundelein	\$15,000
Aedeok Lee Cho	Rolling Meadows	\$ 1,500
R.W. Robinson	St. Charles	\$ 1,500

**MEDIA ARTS**

Tirtza Even	Chicago	\$15,000
Carlos Javier Ortiz	Chicago	\$15,000
Salome Chasnoff	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Calum Walter	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**MUSIC COMPOSITION**

Jacob Bancks	Moline	\$15,000
Janice Misurell-Mitchell	Chicago	\$15,000
Katherine Young	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Zack Browning	Champaign	\$ 1,500
Nathalie Joachim	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**PERFORMANCE-BASED ARTS (CHOREOGRAPHY & PERFORMANCE ART)**

Jennifer Monson	Urbana	\$15,000
Ginger Krebs	Chicago	\$15,000
Erica Gressman	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Adam Brooks	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**POETRY**

Angie Estes	Urbana	\$15,000
Simone Muench	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Li-Young Lee	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**PROSE**

Heidi Bell	Aurora	\$15,000
Emily Maloney	Evanston	\$15,000
Catherine Lacey	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Michele Morano	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**SCRIPTWORKS**

Sandra Delgado	Chicago	\$15,000
Reginald Lawrence	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PHOTOGRAPHY)**

Paul D'Amato	Riverside	\$15,000
Alice Hargrave	Chicago	\$ 1,500

**VISUAL-BASED ARTS (SCULPTURE & INTERDISCIPLINARY)**

Joseph Grigely	Chicago	\$15,000
Edra Soto	Chicago	\$15,000
Daniel Baird	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Alex Chitty	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Mary Patten	Chicago	\$ 1,500

## **VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PAINTING, CRAFT, AND INSTALLATION)**

Bethany Collins	Chicago	\$15,000
Diana Guerrero-Macia	Chicago	\$15,000
Michael Dinges	Oak Park	\$15,000
Betsy Odom	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Sarah Nishiura	Chicago	\$ 1,500
Mel Watkin	Cobden	\$ 1,500

The following jurors reviewed this year's submissions:

**ETHNIC AND FOLK ARTS:** Nicholas Hartmann, Cedar Rapids, IA; Lisa Rathje, Oak Park, IL; Robert Baron, Brooklyn, NY; Julia Olin, Berwyn Heights, MD

**MEDIA ARTS:** Anula Shetty, Philadelphia, PA; Abina Manning, Chicago, IL; Joe Bowman, San Francisco, CA; Brenda Webb, Skokie, IL

**MUSIC COMPOSITION:** Sabrina Peña Young, Buffalo, NY; Kirsten Broberg, Aubrey, TX; Marjorie Rusche, South Bend, IN

**PERFORMANCE-BASED ARTS:** Carron Little, Chicago, IL; Peter Taub, Chicago, IL; Marianne Weems, Santa Cruz, CA; Hector Canonge, Elmhurst, NY

**LITERATURE (POETRY):** Leila Wilson, Evanston, IL; Chanda Feldman, Oberlin, OH; Lisa Olstein, Austin, TX

**LITERATURE (PROSE):** Jacinda Townsend, Bloomington, IN; James O'Laughlin, Evanston, IL; Sheila Everett, Paw Paw, MI

**LITERATURE (SCRIPTWORKS):** Ruth Margraff, Chicago, IL; Erin Washburn, Philadelphia, PA; Kirsten Bowen, Washington, DC

**VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PHOTOGRAPHY):** Deanna Witman, Warren, ME; Marzena Abrahamik, Park Ridge, IL; Jesse Mattimoe Avina, Chicago, IL

**VISUAL-BASED ARTS (SCULPTURE):** Lisa Costello, Champaign, IL; Stephanie Cristello, Chicago, IL; Zachary Zetterberg, Peoria, IL

**VISUAL-BASED ARTS (PAINTING, CRAFT, AND INSTALLATION):** Kathryn Koca Polite, Galesburg, IL; Kendra Paitz, Bloomington, IL; Allison Peters Quinn, LaGrange, IL; Douglas Stapleton, Chicago, IL

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