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SKILLS

Professional:

- Exhibition Curation
- Art Handling & Installation
- Visual Storytelling
- Project Management
- Digital & Print Lab Maintenance
- Studio Space management

Interpersonal:

- Leadership & Team Collaboration
- Creative Problem-Solving
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Mentoring & Instruction
- Public Speaking
- Adaptability
- Time Management

Technical:

- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe InDesign
- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe Lightroom
- DSLR Photography
- Social Media Management
- Video Production & Editing

EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Studio Art

James Madison University | 2024

- Focus: Photography, Video and Assemblage

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Fine Art

University of Cape Town | 2020

- Focus: New Media

YULIN YUAN

INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTIST AND ART EDUCATOR

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Yulin Yuan is an interdisciplinary artist and dedicated art educator, born in China and raised in South Africa. She holds a BFA from the University of Cape Town and an MFA from James Madison University. Her practice spans photography, video, and assemblage, focusing on identity, mythology, and displacement themes. In addition to exhibiting her work internationally in the U.S., South Africa, China, and South Korea, Yulin has extensive teaching experience, having instructed both foundation and advanced-level courses. She is also the recipient of the 2024–2025 Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Professional Fellowship.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor

James Madison University | Harrisonburg, VA

Aug 2024 - Present

Key Contributions:

- Lead advanced studio art courses, including Digital Photography (ART360), teaching professional DSLR techniques, lighting setups, and portfolio development.
- Mentor students in developing and curating work for exhibitions, fostering both technical proficiency and creative expression.
- Guide students through a deeper exploration of visual concepts, enhancing their capabilities in modern photography and design principles.

Gallery Intern

Hangaram Arts Center Museum | Seoul, SK

May 2023 - May 2023

Key Contributions:

- Collaborated with international artists to assist in installing and handling diverse artworks, ensuring proper care and presentation.
- Maintained the gallery space during operating hours, overseeing artwork security and visitor engagement.
- Provided Mandarin interpretation for artists, facilitating smooth communication between international collaborators.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

James Madison University | Harrisonburg, VA

Aug 2021 - May 2024

Key Contributions:

- Assisted with course instruction and curriculum development for FDS108 Expressive and Expansive Drawings, FDS102 2D Design Composition and Color, and ART360 Digital Photography.
- Provided students with constructive feedback and mentorship, leading to improved class performance and successful project outcomes.

- Managed exhibition logistics, including curation, art handling, and promotional content creation for departmental showcases and events.

Media and Design Intern

People's Daily Online (人民网) | South Africa

Jun 2023 - Aug 2023

Junior Graphic Designer and Marketing

The Media Crowd | Cape Town, South Africa

Jan 2021 - Aug 2021

EXHIBITIONS

Solo Exhibitions

- "Home," | LC Micro Gallery | VA, USA 2024
- "K(now) W(ere)," | Duke Hall Gallery of Fine Art | VA, USA 2024
- "Metamorphosis," | James Madison University | VA, USA 2023
- "ABOVE," | James Madison University | VA, USA 2023
- "Egg of Chaos," | James Madison University | VA, USA 2022

Group Exhibitions

- "Fantastical and Dysfunctional" | The Garden | Anshun, China 2024
- "Group Show 2024" | Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship | VA, USA 2024
- "Residency Group Show Vol25" | WorldOfCo | Sofia, Bulgaria 2024
- "Int. Fiber Arts Festival" | Hangaram Art Center Museum | Seoul, SK 2023
- "Voice 2023" | CICA Museum | Gimpo, SK 2023
- "ESCAPE in/out" | Milan, Italy 2023
- "Wabi-Sabi: Imperfect and Impermanent" | Artworks Gallery | VA, USA 2023
- "Pop-up Graduate Show" | Artworks Gallery | VA, USA 2022
- "Michaelis Graduation Show" | Michaelis Gallery | Cape Town, SA 2020
- "Midnight Minds" | First Thursday | Cape Town, SA 2019
- "Millennial Jukebox" | First Thursday | Cape Town, SA 2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

VMFA Professional Fellowship

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Mar 2024

- Awarded for exceptional achievement in studio art.

Graduate Research Travel Grant

James Madison University

Jun 2023

- Granted to support research-related travel for academic and creative projects.

60-Hour Plus Gold Leadership Award

University of Cape Town

Nov 2020

- Recognized for outstanding leadership.

RESIDENCIES

World Of Co Residency

Sofia, Bulgaria

2024

PRESS AND MAGAZINES

Richmond Zine Fest

Richmond, VA

2024

Laminator VOL 1

Jenny Lam, Chicago, IL

2024

The Daily News-Record Museum Note by Alexandria Searl

https://www.dnronline.com/features/student-artist-highlights-military-mental-health-at-jmu-critique/article_c09b7b27-65d4-55d8-ab95-790b91418fa1.html

2023

WORKSHOPS AND ARTIST TALK

Artist talks to 2D design class

James Madison University, VA, USA

2024

Artist talk at Graduate Textile Program

Ewha Women's University, Seoul, SK

2024