

VIDISHA AGGARWAL

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EDUCATION School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)

Bachelor of Fine Arts 2018 (Arts Administration and Policy, Fiber and Material Studies)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

2019 **Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts, Program Assistant** (June 2018–Present)

Assist with developing, implementing, and promoting public programs including exhibitions, weekly talks, and performances; Process and promote recent grantee products; Strategize and execute press relations—Tracking, pitching and media coverage; Assist with daily operations and sales in the Bookshop.

2018 **Chicago Manual Style, Program Assistant**

Assisted with programming; Drafted and implemented a digital marketing campaign for the exhibition, *In Light Of...*

EXPO CHICAGO, Programming Assistant

Managed the production of 26 /Dialogues book signings over the 3-day art fair for 38,000 visitors and 135 galleries; Drafted the *Reading List* for the EXPO 2018 Guide.

SAIC Wellness Center, Office Assistant and Curator

With/in: Developed and organized the exhibition featuring 15 artists; Executed a 6-month production schedule; Implemented a campus-wide digital/print media campaign; Organized 3 related public programs.

SAIC SITE Galleries, Gallery Assistant

Assisted with 22 exhibitions over 3 years; Digitized the SITE archive; Curated the exhibition, *Test SITE: Soft Spot*.

2017 **Design Museum of Chicago, Curatorial Intern**

Assisted with art handling and facilitated the build-out of the exhibitions, *City of Ideas: Architects' Voices and Visions* and *Dan Friedman: Radical Modernist*; Proposed a 3-month social media plan and self-guided tour for *Dan Friedman*; Researched local studios for related talks and lectures; Staffed the museum during open hours.

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2018 *there is spackle stuck in the outlet*, Gallery no one, Chicago, IL

Show Don't Tell: The SAIC VCD Design Show, Design Museum of Chicago Market, Chicago, IL

Test SITE: Soft Spot, SAIC SITE Galleries, Chicago, IL (Co-curated with the SITE Gallery Assistants)

Compassion, Belonging and Citizenship (SAIC Artists/Designers/Citizen AICAD Symposium)

With/in: An Exhibition on Compassion and Belonging, SAIC Wellness Center, Chicago, IL

In the Spaces: A Theatrical Narrative of Dis/ability, SAIC Ballroom, Chicago, IL (Curatorial team)

2017 *Dys/functional Furniture*, SAIC SITE Galleries, Chicago, IL

Declarations of Contemporary, Hairpin Art Center, Chicago, IL (Co-curated with the SAIC Graduate Administration Art and Policy Curatorial Practice class)

EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Paper Trails*, Spudnik Press Cooperative, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)

2018 *SAIC BFA Thesis Show*, SAIC Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL

2017 *21 Minus*, Museum of Contemporary Art (MCA), Chicago, IL

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Spudnik Press Cooperative Studio Fellowship 2018–19
- SAIC Excellence in Leadership Award 2018
- SAIC Student Leader Recognition 2015–2018
- SAIC Merit Scholarship Recipient 2014–2018
- SAIC Odyssey Travel Grant Recipient 2016

SKILLS

- Adobe Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign
- Squarespace, WordPress, MailChimp, QuickBooks
- Project Management: Airtable, Basecamp