

Lingjun Mew Jiang

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EDUCATION

2013-18 **Bachelor of Fine Arts**. in Painting and History of Art, Minor in East Asian Language and Culture

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, U.S.

Dean's List | 2013-2014, 2015-2017

2014-15 **Year in Japan Program**

Konan University, Kobe, Japan

Short-term Experience Program | February 2-7, 2015

National Taipei University, Taiwan

LECTURES AND PANELS

2017 Center for Innovation in Teaching and Learning Open House, University of Illinois

- **Artist's talk** "With Mew: My Hidden Friends and the Hidden Places"

International Undergraduate Symposium in Art History, University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

- **Paper** "Makoto Aida the Mischievous Genius and His Pseudo Activist Art"

Hiding in Plain Site: Seeing and Feeling the Everyday, Art History Symposium, University of Illinois

- **Paper** "Kusozu and its Reconstruction in Contemporary Visual Culture"

Guest speaker, MACS326: Mass Media, Culture & Society, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- **Artist's talk** "Augmented Reality, Apps, and Art Practice"

2015 **Guest speaker** at the English Conversation Community, Kobelco Systems Corporation, Kobe, Japan

2014 Language Teaching and Research Curriculum Symposium, Konan University, Kobe, Japan

- **Presentation** "Language-Learning Strategies of Japanese"

SOLO EXHIBITIONS AND CURATIONS

2018 **V.A.N.I.T.A.S.** Bloc Gallery, Champaign, IL. Featured *artist and curator*.

2017 **Impotence, Schizophrenia, Self-Injury: Reikin Ahokawa's Self-Portraits**, Flagg Hall, Champaign, IL.

With Mew: Hidden Friends and the Hidden Places, CITL TechHub, Amory, Champaign, IL.

Art Beggar in Urbana-Champaign, Main Quad, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The MEWseum: Friend MEW! Flagg Hall, Champaign, IL.

MewMew at Cream and Flutter for Boneyard Arts Festival 2017, 114 N Walnut ST, Champaign, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND CURATIONS

- 2018 **The Collective's Spring Art Gallery**, 106 N Busey Street, Urbana, IL.
- 2017 **Porrima: An Art Showcase for Understanding Mental Illness and Suicide**, Urbana, IL.
The Collective Magazine 1st Issue Launch Party, IMC, Urbana, IL.
Check This Sh!t Out, Studio Art Exhibition, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL. *Artist and Curator*.
Space for the Mind: Activism through Inclusion and Self-Care, University YMCA, Champaign, IL
Bed + Breakfast: Live Music + Art Show, Champaign, IL.
Halloween Spooky Pop-Up Show, Society of Art History and Fine Arts, Champaign, IL.
SELF, Bloc Gallery, Champaign, IL. *Artist and curator*.
Me, Myself & I, 1300 S. Neil St., Champaign, IL.
Asiafest 2017: AAPI Strong Standing United, Asian American Cultural Center, Urbana, IL.
Spring Showcase, University YMCA, Champaign, IL.
PAINTing & sCULpTure & New Media Show, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL.
- 2016 **Bilocation: A Virtual Reality Experience**, Gallery 217, Champaign, IL. *Artist and curator*.
Student Art Gallery, Undergraduate Library at the University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
Boneyard Arts Festival 2016, Fluid Event Center, Champaign, IL.
Painting Exhibition, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL.
- 2014 **Boneyard Arts Festival 2014**, 503 E. Green St., Champaign IL.
RAW Exhibition, Indie Go Artist Co-op, Champaign, IL.
Art Foundation, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL.

WORK AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 **Illustrator**, "CAPSat" NASA-Funded CubeSat Project, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 **Animator and designer**, Pettuce Game, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Freelance designer, original stuffed animal, calendar, postcard designs
Volunteer, Japan House, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Translator, for online documentary *Reimei: Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Construction Record* from Japanese to Chinese
Language tutor in Japanese, Sydney, Australia
Animator and designer, You Matter Video Game
- 2017 **Illustrator**, Symptom of Wealth, Champaign, IL
Volunteer, Gallery 217, Champaign, IL
Volunteer, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
- 2016 **Internship**, Japan House, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Illustrator and designer, children's poem anthology *The Toy Box Ate My Brother* by Jeff Mondak

Translator for short story "The Girl Watcher" by Tayama Katai from Japanese to Chinese

2015 **Translator** for short story "Under the Sunny Sky" by Ekuni Kaori from Japanese to English and Chinese

2014 **Internship**, Xueyuan Design Co., Ltd., Guangzhou, China

2012 **Illustrator**, Haizi Magazine, Guangzhou, China

PUBLICATIONS

Ju Mao (Lingjun Jiang). "神奇的小橘猫博物馆. 'The Amazing MEWseum.'" *Blink Magazine* no. 23 "In Need of Humor", November 15, 2017. http://www.blink-magazine.com/uploads/1/3/7/1/13718683/blink_2017-23.pdf.

Ju Mao (Lingjun Jiang). "松井冬子:当内在的疼痛化身幽玄的美. 'When inner pain turns into unfathomable beauty: an essay on Matsui Fuyuko.'" *Blink Magazine* no. 22 "Muses and Feminism", September 15, 2017. http://www.blink-magazine.com/uploads/1/3/7/1/13718683/blink_22.pdf.

Art History Department-University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. "UMass Dartmouth Art History 6th Annual Undergraduate Symposium Public Art & Activism 2017". Video. 2017. <https://youtu.be/S7QywVdeuhY>.

Kang, Janet. "Art Beggar in Urbana-Champaign Gives Back." *The Art Beggar in Urbana-Champaign*. April 2017. <http://www.mew3mew.com/the-art-beggar.html>.

"Author Jeff Mondak Releases a New Book of Poetry." *Illinois Homepage*. <http://www.illinoishomepage.net/ciliving/author-jeff-mondak-releases-a-new-book-of-poetry/414936925>.

Mondak, Jeff and TachibanaMew (Lingjun Jiang). *The Toy Box Ate My Brother*. Poems by Jeff Mondak, Illustrated and designed by TachibanaMew (Lingjun Jiang). Champaign: JPFK, 2016.

Mew Tachibana (Lingjun Jiang). "Mew Expires." *Ninth Letter* vol. 12, no. 2, Fall/Winter 2015-16. <http://www.ninthletter.com/journal/122-12-2>.

MEW3MEW (Lingjun Jiang). *Mythology of the Lonely World*. An online story book. 2015. <http://mewemew.weebly.com/>.

AWARDS

2017 Professor Glenn Bradshaw Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Helen E. Platt Blake Outstanding Junior, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
School of Art and Design Partial Tuition Waiver Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2015 Recognition of Excellence, Year in Japan Program, Konan University, Kobe, Japan
First place in Year in Japan Program Speech Contest, Konan University, Kobe, Japan

2014 Hyogo University Mobility in Asia and the Pacific Scholarship, Hyogo Prefecture, Japan
Fine and Applied Arts Talented Student in Art and Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2013 MacDowell Club of Allied Arts, Oklahoma City Scholarship, OK

SKILLS

- Japanese: fluent, N1 certificate
- *Kuzushi-ji* (nonstandard and cursive Japanese): beginner
- Mandarin: native
- Cantonese: native
- English: fluent)
- Korean: beginner
- Adobe Software: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Character Animator
- Microsoft Office Software: Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Multimedia art practices: painting, drawing, watercolor, digital illustration, animation

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