

EDUCATION

2018-20 **Master of Arts** in Humanities

University of Chicago, IL, U.S

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, 2015-2018 | Bronze Tablet Honoree, 2018 | Highest Distinction

Honor Thesis: *Anatomy and Corporeality in Late 18th Century Japanese Paintings of the Maruyama School*

2014-15 **Year in Japan Program**

Konan University, Kobe, Japan

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

National Taipei University, Taiwan

SYMPOSIA

2018 Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- **Paper** “Tanizaki’s *Naomi*, Nabokov’s *Lolita*, and Naomi’s *Lolita*: Exoticism of a New Era”

2017 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”

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

- **Presentation** “Language-Learning Strategies of Japanese”

GUEST LECTURES

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”

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

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Article and Presentation

Jiang, Lingjun. "Tanizaki's Naomi, Nabokov's Lolita, and Naomi's Lolita: Exoticism of a New Era". Re: Search, *The Undergraduate Journal of Literary Criticism at Illinois* vol. 5, no. 1 (2018).
<https://ugresearchjournals.illinois.edu/index.php/ujlc/article/view/536>.

Jiang, Lingjun. "Tanizaki's Naomi, Nabokov's Lolita, and Naomi's Lolita: Exoticism of a New Era". April 19, 2018. Presentation at Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois.
<http://hdl.handle.net/2142/99863>.

Essays

Ju Mao 橘猫 (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 橘猫 (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.

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

Books

MEW3MEW (Lingjun Jiang). *The Last Year of Mew and Friends at U of I: A Retrospective by Lingjun Jiang*. United States: Blurb, 2018.

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.

Video

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>.

Interviews

Prosise, Katie Baldwin. "Boneyard Arts Festival 2018 Preview: Part One". *Smile Politely*. April 11, 2018.
http://www.smilepolitely.com/arts/boneyard_arts_festival_2018_preview_part_one/.

"Augmented Reality Exhibit with Mew". *CITL Armory Innovation Spaces*. September 12, 2017.
<http://publish.illinois.edu/innovationstudio/2017/09/12/augmented-reality-exhibit-with-mew/>.

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*. 2016.
<http://www.illinoishomepage.net/ciliving/author-jeff-mondak-releases-a-new-book-of-poetry/414936925>.

WORK AND VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

2018 **Secretary**, Master of Arts in the Humanities Community Board, University of Chicago
Student worker, Humanities Day, University of Chicago

- Freelance illustrator**, Sydney, Australia
- Animator**, “CAPSat” NASA-Funded CubeSat Project, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 **Volunteering interpreter**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Designer**, Pettuce Game, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Volunteer**, Japan House, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- Translator**, short documentary *Reimei: Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station Construction Record*
- 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

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.
- Boneyard Arts Festival 2017: MewMew at Cream and Flutter**, 114 N Walnut ST, Champaign, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS AND CURATIONS

- 2018 **BFA Exhibition**. Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL.
- AsiaFEST 2018: APIDA Fighting for Visibility**. Asian American Cultural Center, Urbana, IL.
- Who Are You?** 612 California Ave, Urbana, IL.
- Bio-Humanities Symposium 2018 Art Exhibition**. Levis Faculty Center, Urbana, IL.
- Boneyard Arts Festival 2018: Self(ish)**. Independent Media Center, Urbana, IL. *Artist and Curator*.
- Boneyard Arts Festival 2018: Fighting for Visibility**. Asian American Cultural Center, Urbana, IL.

- Pen Pal.** Bloc Gallery, Champaign, IL.
- 2017 **Porrima: An Art Showcase for Understanding Mental Illness and Suicide**, Urbana, IL.
The Collective Magazine 1st Issue Launch Party, Independent Media Center, 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.

AWARDS

- 2018 University Honors, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 Stevick Foundation Excellence in Humanities/FAA, Outstanding, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 James R. and Dorothy E. Shipley Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 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

Languages

- Japanese: fluent, N1 certificate (180/180, 2015)
- *Kuzushi-ji* (nonstandard and cursive Japanese): intermediate
- Mandarin: native
- Cantonese: native
- English: fluent
- Korean: elementary

Computer/Audio-visual Skills

- Microsoft Office Software: Word, PowerPoint, Excel
- Multimedia art practices: painting, drawing, watercolor, digital illustration

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