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EDUCATION

2026	Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut, Graduate Certificate in College Instruction
2023	Bachelor of Arts in Art History, Minors in Southern Studies and Outdoor Adventure Education/ Experiential Education, University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, North Carolina

SOLO, TWO, OR THREE PERSON EXHIBTIONS

(* indicates a solo)

2026	Forthcoming solo exhibition at Gadsden Museum of Art, Gadsden, Alabama.*
2025	Muscle Memory - with Rebecca Pempek at 82Parris, Portland, ME If / Only / And / Then - Anonymous Society Gallery, Redding, Conn.
2023	The Woman Who Wasn't Drowning. Solo exhibition at UNCC, Student Union Gallery.*
2022	Bodies of Work - with Carolyn DeMerritt and Pink/MM Bass. Eastern Shore Center for Art, Fairhope, AL.
2021	On Being: Maiden, Mother, Crone. with Tonya Hughes and Pinky/MM Bass. The Walnut Gallery, Gadsden, AL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025	HILL BLOCKS VIEW - Creative Arts Workshop, New Haven, Conn. Sovereign: Honoring Bodily Autonomy - McColl Center, Charlotte, NC The Space We Make - Alexey von Schlippe Gallery, Groton, Conn.
2024	For Carrying - Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. These Things Can Be Complicated - Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. Big Top - Dumbo Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY., Partial Company - Alexey von Schlippe Gallery, Groton, Conn.,
2023	Think of a Door - Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn. She Waits. Seething. Blooming - Arena Gallery, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.
2022	Nutrient Rich - Good Year Arts, Charlotte, NC
2021	Novant Student Show. UNCC student exhibition at the Novant Medical Center Charlotte, NC
2020	Tone. Cabarrus Arts Council in Concord, NC (Curated by Laurie Schorr)

- 2019 Women by Women. SE Center for Photography in Greenville, SC (Juried by Kat Keirman) Summer Blues. Goodyear Arts in Charlotte, North Carolina (Curated by Hamilton Ward) Light Factory Member Show, Charlotte, NC
- 2018 An Alternative Perspective. Group exhibition at C3 Lab Gallery located in Charlotte, NC Light Factory Member Show, Charlotte, NC

SELECTED SPECIAL PROJECTS AND AWARDS

2025	Shortlisted for NYPL Picture Collection Artist Fellowship
	Nominated for Edward Victor Gant Scholarship at UConn
	Nominated for Outstanding Graduate/Teaching Assistant Award at UConn
	Awarded UConn Graduate School Conference/Residency Participation Award
2024	Finalist for the Edward Victor Gant Scholarship at UConn
	Nominated for Student Employee of the Year UConn
2023	Graduated Summa Cum Laude at University of North Carolina Charlotte
2022	Outstanding Art History Senior Award from UNCC Art and Art History Department
2021	Photography commissioned for Carolina Premium Beverage Distribution Center
2019	Recipient of Charlotte's Art's and Science Council 2019 CSA Grant
2018	First place winner of The Light Factory's Member Show

RESIDENCIES

2025	Elf School of the Arts, Hayesville, NC - January AIR
2020	Hemlock House Residency, Western NC - October AIR
2019	Winter Residency at Penland School of Craft, Spruce Pine, NC - January AIR

CURATORIAL WORK

2025 Curator for *The Space We Make* at Alexey von Schlippe Gallery, Groton, Conn.,

GUEST SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS

2026	(forthcoming presentation), Society For Photographic Education, Atlanta, GA
2025	Artist Talk, Anonymous Society Gallery, Redding, CT
	Selected Participant, Graduate Student Research Symposium, UConn, Storrs, CT
2024	Artist Talk, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
	Guest Lecture about Judy Chicago, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT
	Panelist at Mooresville Arts Talk, Mooresville, NC
	Guest Lecture for Two Sections of Politics of Reproduction Class at UConn
2023	Artist Talk for ART2420: Intermediate Photography Fall 2023 at UConn
2021	Featured Student Speaker at 10th Annual UNCC Art and Art History Symposium
	Artist Conversation for On Being: Maiden, Mother, Crone
2020	Artist Talk, The Light Factory, Charlotte, NC
2019	Artist Talk at Charlotte's Art's and Science Council CSA Grant Reception

PUBLICATIONS

2025	Lens Scratch - Photographers on Photographers: Lydia McNiff in conversation with Sonja Langford
	Redding Sentinel - Anonymous Society show examines "moments that define us"
2024	Lens Scratch - Sonja Langford: The Way of Being a Woman
	Two Coats of Paint - "Big Top" DUMBO Open Studios
2023	Two Coats of Paint - Meet UConn's MFA Studio Art Class of 2026

Hyperallergic - Meet UConn's MFA Studio Art Class of 2026

Niner Times - Humans of Charlotte Feature

2022 Gulf Coast Media - Bodies of Work

2021 Featured Photographer in NSEW Photography Magazine

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Facilitator & Curriculum Designer, Leadership Workshop Series, UConn, 2024-Current Instructor of Record for Intermediate Photography (Analog), UConn, Fall 2025 Teaching Assistant for Basic Photography (Digital), UConn, Spring 2024 Teaching Assistant for Intermediate Photography (Analog), UConn, Fall 2023 Facilitator, Four Arrows Challenge Course, UConn, 2023-2024 Facilitator, Venture Challenge Course, UNC Charlotte, 2022-2023 Cyanotype Workshop at Hemlock House Residency, Western NC, 2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Graduate Assistant, CounterProof Press, University of Connecticut, 2024 – 2025
Graduate Assistant, Contemporary Art Galleries, University of Connecticut, 2024 – 2025
Graduate Assistant, Digital Arts Services Lab & Darkroom, University of Connecticut, 2023 – 2024
President, Society of Art Historians at UNCC
Lab Assistant for UNC Charlotte Darkroom, Fall 2022
Teacher Assistant for Camera and Light (Large Format Darkroom Class), Fall 2022
Assisted Sonia Handelman Meyer in archiving personal collection and archives. 2021-2022
Gallery Assistant, Light Factory, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2019

Her work is held in the Archive & Special Collections at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut as well as in numerous private collections throughout the United States.