

## Artist CV

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### Grants / Awards / Commissions of Significance

City of Markham Ontario, Delimit: speculative public art, 1 of 10 finalists, favored by 4 of 9 judges, 2020  
Order of Yukon, Creative Container/Artwork, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2020  
Whistle Bend Facility, Feature Wall, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2019/2020  
Bike Rack Design Competition, Yukonstruct, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2019  
Major Artwork, Grand Hall, Haines Junction Convention Centre, Yukon, 2018/19  
Advanced Artist Award, Yukon Government, 2017/18  
Sculptural Project, *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT, 2017 (CARFAC compliant)  
Canada Council for the Arts, Travel Grant, 2017  
Tourism Banner Art Competition, Yukon Government, 2017  
Arts North of Ordinary, Cover Art Competition, 2016  
Yukon Touring Artist Fund, 2011, 2017  
Kaarle Hjalmar Lehtinen Fund/ Finnish Institute of Migration, Helsinki, Finland, 2008  
Northwest Territories Arts Council Grant, 2005, 1999, 1996, 1994  
Great Northern Arts Festival, NWT, Award of Excellence, Photography 1994  
Sooter's National Photo Contest, Canada, First Prize, 1990

### Selected Solo Exhibitions

2020 *Stix & Stones*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2019 *Ubiquitous*, Yukon Art Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
2018 *Precious*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2017 *SubARCCtic V*, City of Yellowknife, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)  
2016 *Beyond Focus*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2014 *Metal-Stone-Clay*, Yukon Artists at Work, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2014 *Insidious*, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
2013 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2011 *Shift*, Gallery 22, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2010 *Eye of the Lens*, Baked Café, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2000 - 2002 *Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, Prince of Wales Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (Toured NWT)  
1998 *Northern Visions*, Indigo Gallery, Edmonton, AB (and Toured NWT)  
1995 *Our Forgotten North*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT. (Toured NWT)

### Selected Group Exhibitions

2022/23 a god show, Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
2022 Art for Change, Jenga Jenga, Okanagan Heritage Museum, Kelowna, BC  
Beauty In The Beast, and Beauty WAD (Wearable Art & Design), Rotary Arts Centre, Kelowna, BC  
2020 Yac Yac Tac Tac, a virtual show of artist multiples, Yac Tac, Vanvecur, BC  
The Blue Space Gallery, (on-line), an initiative of Ocean Wise, Vancouver, BC  
All This Time, #3 Gallery, (on-line), Vancouver, BC  
2019/16/17 Art House, Carcross, Yukon  
2018 Words North Art Exhibition, Dawson Creek, BC  
2016 *Internationalization: through the lens*, Beaumont Studio Galleries, Vancouver, BC  
2016 & 2015 *Created in the Canyon*, Northern Front Studio, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
2015 *NWT Arts Council Retrospective*, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC)  
*Second Look*, Alberta Craft Council gallery, Edmonton, Alberta  
2013 *Set design/exhibit*, TEDx-Whitehorse, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2011 *100th Anniversary of International Women's Day*, Ayr Space Gallery, Ayr, Ontario.  
2008 Swish Gallery, Dubbo NSW Australia  
Retrospect Galleries, Sydney and Byron Bay, Australia  
2003 & 2006 Northern Life Museum, Fort Smith, NWT  
2001 *Film Fatale*, International Women's Day Exhibit, Iqaluit, Nunavut

## **Juried Art Festivals, Residencies and Fairs (selected)**

*Sagarmatha Next*, Syangboche, Nepal, Spring 2024, (1 month, upcoming). (Partially funded)  
*Zero Waste / Raven Recycling Artist Residency*, Whitehorse, YT, May 2023, (upcoming). (CARFAC compliant)  
*Ted Harrison Artist Retreat*, Crag Lake, Yukon, Canada, 2018 (3 months)  
*The Arctic Circle Residency*, Svalbard, Norway, 2018. (Operated by the Farm Inc., New York, USA)  
*SubARCCtic V*, Yellowknife, NT, 2017. (CARFAC compliant for residency)  
Tissardmine Artist Residency, Morocco, 2016  
*En Plein Air Festival*, Whitehorse, Yukon, 2015, 2014. (CARFAC compliant)  
*Cranberry Fair*, Whitehorse, Yukon, annually 2011 thru 2019, 2009.  
*Great Northern Arts Festival*, Inuvik, NWT 2019, 2013, 2011, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994  
*Naaka*, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT 2007  
*Nah a Dehe*, Open Sky Festival, Fort Simpson, NWT 2006, 2003

## **Artist Talks**

2023 Yukon Arts Centre, *a god show*, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
The Old Firehall, Available Light Film Festival, *Polaris*, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
2019 Yukon Arts Centre, *Ubiquitous: Technology & the Human Condition*, Whitehorse, Yukon (CARFAC compliant)  
St. Elias Convention Centre, *I Sit in Silence and I See*, Haines Junction, Yukon  
McBride Museum, *Arctic Epiphany*, Svalbard, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2018 Ted Harrison Retreat, Crag Lake, Yukon  
Arctic Circle Residency, Svalbard, Norway  
Diverbo English Language Program, La Alberca, Spain  
2017 Yellowknife Snow Castle, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)  
SubARCCtic V, Art-build site, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)  
2014 Yukon Artists at Work, Yukon  
1999 Diamond Jenness School, Hay River, NWT (CARFAC compliant)  
1998 William McDonald School, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)  
St. Patrick High School, Yellowknife, NWT (CARFAC compliant)

## **Selected Professional Experience**

2021 Armor Fabrication for the movie, *Polaris*, Whitehorse, YT  
2010-present Instructor: Artist in the School and City of Whitehorse programs, Yukon-wide.  
2016 Featured Artist, JAR workshop weekend and gala event, Haines Junction, YT  
Featured Artwork, International Women's Day, London Assembly, City Hall, UK  
2012-2013 Executive Director, Yukon Arts Society/Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT  
2007 Featured Guest Artist / Workshop Instructor, Naaka, Hay River Arts Festival, NWT  
1994-2005 Owner/Graphic Designer/Photographer of a design & photography business, Fort Smith, NWT  
1998 Guest Celebrity, Peter Gzowski Invitational Golf Tournament for Literacy, Hay River, NWT  
1997 Author/Speaker. A Celebration of Northern Authors, Yellowknife, NWT

## **Selected Publications:**

*Inuktitut Magazine*, Cover, Winter 2018-2019 / Issue 124, February, 2019, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, Ottawa, ON  
*The Northern Review*, Cover Art, Number 48, October 2018, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Arts North of Ordinary*, cover art competition, Whitehorse, YT, 2016/17  
*Yukon Fish & Wildlife Management Board*, Calendar, Yukon, 2017  
*Canada's Northwest Territories: a land of diversity*, Kromar Printing, MB, 2003.  
*Our Forgotten North: a glimpse of the subarctic in Canada's north*, Coast Color Press, BC, 1997.  
*Blood-letting: a rite of purification*, exhibition catalogue, Swarm Enterprises, AB, 2000.

## **Selected Media Coverage:**

2023 *Polaris: Artist Leslie Leong Creates Costumes from Scrap*, Feb. 8, 2023, Zero Waste, Whitehorse, Yukon  
<https://zerowasteyukon.ca/polaris-artist-leslie-leong-creates-costumes-from-scrap/>  
2022 *A big night for Polaris*, Airplay with Dave White, July 15, 2022, CBC-radio, Whitehorse, Yukon  
[www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-81/clip/15925456](http://www.cbc.ca/listen/live-radio/1-81/clip/15925456)

### **Selected Media Coverage (continued / copies available upon request):**

- 2020 *Sneak Peek: Leslie Leong*, by Portia Priegert, May 31, 2020, Galleries West Magazine, Calgary.  
[www.gallerieswest.ca/magazine/stories/sneak-peek-leslie-leong/](http://www.gallerieswest.ca/magazine/stories/sneak-peek-leslie-leong/)  
*Leslie Leong: Artist in the Window*, July 2020, Galleries West Magazine, Calgary.  
[www.gallerieswest.ca/events/leslie-leong/](http://www.gallerieswest.ca/events/leslie-leong/)
- 2019 *Can Technology Be Trusted*, Yukon North of Ordinary, Vol. 13 Issue 3 Fall 2019, Karen McColl, Yukon  
*Challenged by Technology*, What's Up Yukon, Issue #646, Oct. 2<sup>a</sup>, Danny McDonald, Yukon
- 2018 *Evoking Kintsugi*, What's Up Yukon, Nov.14, Nicole Bauberger, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*St. Elias Convention Centre project*, CBC Yukon-radio, May 30, Meagan Dueling, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*Artist seeks garbage way north, Svalbard, Norway*, May 31, Tara McCarthy, CBC-radio, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2017 *Artists combine forces for Circumpolar Duet*, CBC Yukon- radio, Sept. 29, Dave White, Whitehorse, YT  
*Yukon tourism banners out for 2017*, CKRW 96.1 FM, June 13th, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Six new Yukon tourism banners*, CBC News Yukon, June 13, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Yukon tourism banners out for 2017*, Real Estate + Tourism, Canada, June 12.
- 2016 *The Art of Repurposing*, cover contest feature, Arts North of Ordinary 2016/17, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Exhibit of inspiring photographs to open today*, Whitehorse Star, Sept. 15, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Interview: Beyond Focus*, CBC-radio, A New Day, Sept 15, Whitehorse, YT
- 2014 *Yukon artist offers textured take on the natural world*, Yukon News, Oct. 24, Whitehorse, YT  
*Interview. Insidious*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, April 4, Whitehorse, Yukon  
*The Insidious Computer*, What's Up Yukon, April 17, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2013 *Interview. Artist prepares for the Christmas Season*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, December 10, Whitehorse, YT  
*Spilt to see: artist Leslie Leong shows us her insides*, Whitehorse Daily Star, February 1, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*Life is in the Blood*, What's Up Yukon, January 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*The Bloody Business of Art*, Yukon news, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon  
*Interview. Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, January 18, Whitehorse, Yukon  
*Interview. Blood letting*, CBC-Radio, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2011 *A Shape-Shifting Artist*, What's Up Yukon, November 24, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*Shifting perspectives*, Yukon News, November 16, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*Visual words get political at Arts Underground*, Yukon News, Friday, February 25, Whitehorse, Yukon.  
*Interview. One person's trash is another person's art*, CBC-Radio: Airplay, Whitehorse, YT  
*Interview. Shift Exhibition*, CKRW/Rush FM, Whitehorse, Yukon
- 2010 *Wide-ranging photographer captures both hemispheres*, Yukon News, Sept. 8, Whitehorse, YT.  
*Lens Like An Eye*, What's Up Yukon, August 26, Whitehorse, Yukon.
- 2002 *Interview. Blood letting*, CBC-TV: Northbeat, Yellowknife, NWT

### **Collections:**

Private Collections: HRH Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge, UK; Various Private Collections in Canada, US, Australia, Germany, UK

Permanent Collections: Northern Frontier Visitor Centre, Yellowknife; The Beckett School (Music) in Kitchener, Waterloo, Ontario; Town of Fort Smith, NWT

### **Current Gallery Representation:**

DOWN TO EARTH GALLERY, Yellowknife, NWT; YUKON ARTISTS AT WORK, Whitehorse, Yukon; ARTS UNDERGROUND, Whitehorse, Yukon; MCBRIDE MUSEUM OF YUKON HISTORY, Whitehorse, Yukon; YUKON TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, Whitehorse, Yukon; INSPIRED ARTS, Skagway, Alaska.

### **Professional Associations**

- 2019 - 2021 Member, CARFAC National, Ottawa, ON  
2012– present Member/Board Member/Chair/ Past Chair, Yukon Artists at Work Society, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2015 – present Jury member/developer, *reDesign*, reclaimed, post-consumer, recycled show, Whitehorse, Yukon  
2009 – present Member, Yukon Art Society, Whitehorse, Yukon & Board Member 2013-2016  
2013, 2016 Member, BC Craft Council, Vancouver, BC  
1997-2002 Founding Member/Director, The Artists of the South Slave Society, Ft. Smith, NWT  
1989–2020 Registered Professional Engineer, British Columbia (EGBC / K. L. Leong)

## Education, Workshops, Mentorship:

- 2020 Becoming Public Art: Working Models & Case Studies for Art in Public, Markham Public Art Program, ON  
Homework: A Practical Webinar Series on Public Art, Markham Public Art Program, ON  
Ceramic Surface Treatments, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT, Astrid Kruse
- 2019 Glaze and Kiln workshop, Northlight, Whitehorse, YT, Sue McLeod  
Screen Printing 101, Arts Underground, Whitehorse, YT, Rebekah Senko  
Willow Basketry, Inuvik, NT, Cathie Harper.  
Sewing a cowl with material scraps, Inuvik, NT, Brigitte Genois
- 2015 Introduction to the Forge, Atlin Arts & Music Festival, Paul Baker  
Mold Making & Clay Workshop, Tagish Lake, Sandra Storey  
Paper Making Workshop, Tagish Lake, Helen O'Connor  
Welding Refresher and Introduction to Aluminum Casting, Crag Lake, Paul Baker  
Fused Glass, Mt. Sima Studio, Jeanine Baker  
Portrait Drawing, YA@W, Suzanne Paleczny  
Portrait Painting (Acrylic). YA@W, Suzanne Paleczny
- 2014 Working with Oxides, Mentorship, Arts Underground, Sandra Storey
- 2013 Knife Making, GNAF (Great Northern Arts Festival), Inuvik, George Roberts  
Beaver Fur Mitts, GNAF, Inuvik, Lena White  
Lost Wax Casting, GNAF, Inuvik, Allyson Simmie  
Intermediate Ceramics, Arts Underground, Larry Duguay
- 2011 Needle Felting, GNAF, Inuvik, Allison McCreesh  
Sand Casting (brass/copper), GNAF, Inuvik, Claude Roussel  
Ceramic Sculptural Portraits, GNAF, Inuvik, Harreson Tanner
- 2009 Welding Mentorship, Dubbo, NSW, Australia, Paul Allan
- 2008 Silverworks (Silversmith program), Tuggerah Lakes Community College, NSW, Australia
- 2004 Silversmith Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Kris Schlagintweit  
Silver Spoon Chasing Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Kris Schlagintweit  
Glass Bead Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Guest Instructor from Vancouver (Joy)
- 2003 Birch Bark Basketry, Open Sky Festival, Fort Simpson  
Polymer Clay, GNAF, Inuvik, Lara Melnik  
Pressed Flowers in Beveled Glass, GNAF, Inuvik, Rosalind Mercredi
- 2001 Finding Your Authentic Voice (writing workshop), Esalen, Big Sur, California
- 2000 Leather Clothing Design, South Slave Arts Festival, D'Arcy Moses  
Beaded Moccasins, South Slave Arts Festival, Jane Dragon
- 1999 Willow Basketry, South Slave Arts Festival, Joan Lepine  
Stained Glass Workshop, South Slave Arts Festival, Rosalind Mercredi
- 1998 Beading a Native Choker, GNAF, Inuvik, Crista Big Canoe  
Soap Stone Carving, GNAF, Inuvik, Eli Nasogaluak
- 1997 Paper Making Workshop, GNAF, Inuvik, Indigo Gallery  
Watercolour Painting, GNAF, Inuvik, Cyndi Foster
- 1996 Cedar Bark Basketry, GNAF, Inuvik, Sheila Alexandrovich  
Caribou Hair Tufting, GNAF, Inuvik, Brendalynn (Inuk) Trenert
- 1995 Fish Printing, Festival of the Midnight Sun, Yellowknife, Willie Wong  
Watercolour Painting, Festival of the Midnight Sun, Yellowknife, Willie Wong
- 1994 Print Making, GNAF, Inuvik, Janice Rahn & Joyce Majiski  
Watercolour Painting, GNAF, Inuvik, Willie Wong
- 1989 The Photographer's Eye, UBC (University of British Columbia)
- 1986 Felting, De Veenhop, Nederland, Ditte Velink
- 1983 Buddhist Art in Asia, UBC, Department of Fine Arts
- 1982 History of Architecture, UBC, Department of Fine Arts
- 1981 North American Native Art, UBC, Department of Fine Arts
- 1980 History of Western Art, UBC, Department of Fine Arts
- 1979 Pottery Intensive, Herman Venema Studio, Abbotsford, BC