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Education

- 2007 Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY, Master of Fine Arts, Painting
1999 Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Philadelphia, PA,
Certificate in Painting and Printmaking
1990 Texas State University, San Marcos, TX Bachelor of Fine Arts, Theater

Awards and Fellowships

- 2025 Women United Art Prize 2025 Finalist, Painting and Drawing Category, Women United Art Movement, Czech Republic
2023 Bennett Prize Finalist, Winner to be announced at *Rising Voices, Round 3*, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI
2022 First Prize, *Exhibitour 2022*, Wausau, WI
2019 Award of Recognition, *University of Southern Mississippi National Painting Exhibition*, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Second Place, Oil Painting, *Texas Friends and Neighbors Regional Exhibition*, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
2005 National Arts Club Award of Distinction, National Arts Club, New York, New York
2003 First Place, *Painting, Art of the State*, Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, PA
Fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

Solo Exhibitions

- 2025 *Staying the Course*, (opening July of 2025) Cultural Activities Center, Temple, TX
2025 *Sara Lee Hughes*, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI

Group Exhibitions

- 2025 *The Shape of Things*, ILIKEYOURWORKPODCAST.COM, (curator Sharon Rae Finke)
2023 *Texas Vignette*, Dallas Market Hall, Dallas, TX
2023 *Rising Voices, Round 3*, The Bennett Prize, Bennett Prize Finalist, Muskegon Museum of Art, Muskegon, MI ; Arnot Art Museum, Elmira, NY, ; Customs House Museum and Cultural Center, Clarksville, TN; Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA; (Jurors Zoey Frank, Julie Bell, Joseph Rosa)
2022 *Exhibitour 2022*, Wausau, WI (Juror Alyssa Monks)
What We Give, The Provincetown Commons, Provincetown, MA
Both Sides Now, The Art Room, Fort Worth, TX
2021 *The Journey Forward*, Commerce Gallery, Lockhart, TX
Drawing Discourse, 12th Annual Contemporary Drawing Exhibition, University of North Carolina, Asheville, NC (Juror Pamela Phatsimo Sunstrum)
2020 *National Day of Racial Healing Exhibition*, Austin Community College, Austin, TX
The Journey of Two Unlikely Friends, Cultural Arts Center, Temple, TX
2019 *The Journey of Two Unlikely Friends*, Commerce Gallery, Lockhart, TX
University of Southern Mississippi National Painting Exhibition, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS (Juror Bill Scott)
Texas Friends and Neighbors Regional Exhibition, Irving Arts Center, Irving, TX
2015 *Exclamation*, Zosima Gallery, San Marcos, TX
Spring Faculty Exhibition, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Featured In

Women United Art Magazine, Issue XIII, Women United Art Movement, Spring 2026
Artist, Mother, Proud and Serious, Vol. II, Women United Art Movement, 2024
Fine Art Connoisseur, Today's Masters, The Great Indoors, Kelly Compton, August 2023
Podcast Interview *Injecting Personal Narrative Into Your Art With Sara Lee Hughes*,
ArtBizSuccess, Episode 131, Oct. 12, 2022
Interview Underwood, Clark, *Artist Makes Giant Cape from Dads Letters*, The Quest for
Zest, Youtube, April 12, 2022
Interview *Rising Stars Meet Sara Lee Hughes*, Voyage Austin, online, April 27, 2021
Interview Aldrich, Jennifer, *Texas Artist Creates House Paintings to Raise Funds for
Local Food Bank*, Better Homes and Gardens, online publication, July 5, 2020
Interview *Meet Sara Lee Hughes*, Voyage Dallas, online publication May 12, 2019
New American Paintings, Vol. 45, 2003