

ponnapa prakkamakul

Born Bangkok, Thailand

Education

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI (MLA, hon.)

Brown University, Harriet W. Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning, Providence, RI

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (BLA, hon.)

Fellowship and Awards

- 2025 Artist Residency, Fallingwater Institute
- 2024 Inspiration Award, Asian community Development Corporation, Boston MA
ACTivate Residency, Boston Center for the Arts
- 2023 NEFA Public Art Learning Fund
- 2022 Best in Show, Fay Chandler EMERGING Art Exhibition
NEFA Collective Feature Fund Sustaining Practice Grant
Artist Residency, The Umbrella Arts Center, Concord MA
Public Art Accelerator Program: Cohort Five Artists, Boston Public Art Triennial
Artist Residency, Urbano Project, Boston MA
Artist Exercise, Asian Art Archive, Hong Kong
- 2021 Artist Residency, Mount Auburn Cemetery, MA
Innovative Solution Award for Creative People Leading Climate Action, Augusta Salvage Gallery, Amherst MA
Third Place Award, Black 'N White Exhibition, Wickford Art Association, Providence RI
First Place Award, Off the Wall Exhibition, Brookline Arts Center, MA
- 2019 Artist Residency, Residence Lab at the Pao Art Center and Asian Community Development Corporation
David Bethuel Jamieson Artist Residency, Community Compact C-Scape Dune Shack, Provincetown MA
Artist Residency, La Wayaka Current, Desert 23°S Atacama, Chile
Artist Residency, Vermont Studio Center, VT
- 2018 Manoog Family Artist Residency, the Plumbing Museum, Watertown MA
Juror's Choice Award, Jamaica Plain Arts Council, Boston MA
- 2015 Strategic-Creative Energy Award, Sasaki
- 2011 Lowthorpe Traveling Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI
Graduate Student Fellowship, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence RI
- 2004 Praya Surasak Montree Scholarship for outstanding performance in Design & Construction, Thailand
Highest Score Award, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
Academic and Activity Outstanding Award, Department of Architecture, Bangkok, Thailand
Medal of Honor for Student with Best Conduct from the Buddhist Association of Thailand
- 2003 Department of Landscape Architecture Scholarship, Thailand
- 2002 Academic Scholarship for outstanding work on Building Material and Construction class, Thailand

Public Art Commission and Space Activation Project

- 2024** **Year of the Dragon**, Auntie Kay and Uncle Frank Chin Park, Boston MA
Community engaged temporary installation. The installation is part of the Greenway's public art program
- You. Me. A Place to Be.**, Harvard Ed Portal, Allston MA
Community engaged temporary mural. The installation is part of Harvard Ed Portals public art program
- Past to Present**, 745 Atlantic Avenue, Boston MA
Temporary mural supported by Boston Public Art Triennial and Oxford Properties Group
- Dance Together III**, Citywide Dance Party, Cambridge MA
Temporary space activation. The installation is part of Cambridge Citywide Dance Party and supported by the City of Cambridge Community Development Department and Central Square BID
- 2023** **Joyful Stitch**, Leather District Park, Boston MA
Community engaged temporary installation funded by Now+There Public Art Accelerator Program Cohort Five
- Where We Crossed**, Stonehill College, MA
Students engaged mural funded by Intercultural Office, Stonehill College
- Dance Together II**, Cambridge MA
Temporary space activation. The installation is part of Cambridge City Dance Party and support by Central Square BID
- 2022** **Dance Together**, Cambridge MA
Temporary space activation. The installation is for Dance Happens Here festival and is supported by the City of Cambridge Community Development Department
- Together Everywhere**, Boston MA
Temporary mural at Q restaurant. The installation is part of Experience Chinatown and supported by the Pao Arts Center
- I AM A-MAZED**, Downtown Crossing, Boston MA
Temporary Giant Maze. This installation is part of inPUBLIC festival organized by DS4SI
- The ICA Play Date**, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston MA
Temporary Hopscotch. This installation is part of ICA Play Date program
- Rise Together**, Somerville Art Council, Somerville MA
Temporary Hopscotch. This installation is part of Art Beat festival and supported by Somerville Art Council
- Rep Your Cities Live Art and Graffiti**, BAMS Fest, Boston MA
Live mural. This installation is part of BAMS Festival.
- Artful Piano**, Newton Community Pride, Newton Centre MA
Painted baby grand piano. This installation is supported by Newton Community Pride
- Reimagine Union Square**, Somerville MA
Temporary Space Activation. The project was commissioned by Design Studio for Social Intervention
- 2021** **Space Between Us**, Downtown Crossing, Boston MA
Temporary Hopscotch. This installation is part of inPUBLIC festival organized by DS4SI
- Perkins School for the Blind Mural** Watertown MA
Community engaged mural supported by Perkins International

Where We Belong Chinatown, Boston MA

Community engaged mural supported by Oxford Properties Group

All About Us Monmouth Park, Brookline MA

Temporary installation. This project is part of the Brookline Art Center Public Art Program

2019 Sampan Chinatown, Boston MA

Community engaged temporary installation. This project is part of Residence Lab's Artist in Residence at the Pao Art Center and ACDC

2018 The River Bench (Semi-Finalist) The Design Museum Portland, OR

Temporary installation. Collaborative Project with Concrete Poetry and Sasaki Fabrication Studio

Game of Snail The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Boston MA

Temporary mural. Collaborative Project with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy

2017 A New Perspective Hopscotch The Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy, Boston MA

Temporary mural. Collaborative Project with the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy

Solo Exhibition

2025 (TBD), Kingston Gallery, Boston MA

2023 Colors of Concord : The Glassy Plain, Umbrella Arts Center, Concord MA

2022 Season of Changes, Main Gallery at Kingston Gallery, Boston MA

2021 Samatha : Stillness in the Chaos, Center Gallery at Kingston Gallery, Boston MA

Phantasm, Fountain Street Gallery, Boston MA *(two person exhibition with Steven Sangapore)*

2020 In Transition, Pop-Up Gallery in SOWA Building C Unit 8, Boston MA

Beyond the Planet Earth: Rethinking the Boundary, Augusta Savage Gallery, UMass Amherst Fine Arts Center

2018 Constructed Ground The Plumbing Museum, Watertown MA *(two person exhibition with Emily Belz)*

Selected Group Exhibition

2024 Too Hot, Kingston Gallery, Boston MA *(curated by Jessica Roscio)*

AAPI City Hall Celebration, Boston City Hall

American Public Gardens Association, Story Chapel, Mount Auburn Cemetery

2023 Borders/Boundaries, Kingston Gallery, Boston MA *(Juror: Erica-Licea Kane and Krystle Brown)*

2022 Fay Chandler EMERGING Art Exhibition, The Scollay Square Gallery at the Boston City Hall, Boston MA

The Flag Project 2022, Rockefeller Center, New York City

Moving Towards Our North Star, the Tisch College gallery at Tufts University, MA

Period Art Pop Up Show, Boston City Hall, Boston MA

Lantern Stories 2022 by Yu-Wen Wu Studio, Boston and San Francisco

Coastline, LEXART, Lexington MA

New Narratives: the Collective Imaginary, Pao Art Center, Boston MA *(Curated by Leslie Condon)*

Integrated Cycles: Artists Respond to Our Changing Earth, Arlington Center for the Arts *(Curated by Emily Belz)*

Newport Biennial 2022, Newport Museum of Arts, Newport RI *(Juror: Dr.Kimberli Grant)*

2021 REAL, Arlington Center for the Arts, Arlington MA *(Juror: Phil Young)*

BLUE 2021, Kathryn Schultz Gallery, Boston MA *(Juror: Dr.Jessica May)*

- Chasing Light, Gallery 263, Cambridge MA (*Juror: Leah Triplett Harrington*)
 Space Between, Kingston Gallery, Boston MA
 Creative People Leading Climate Action, UMass Amherst Arts Extension Service & Augusta Salvage Gallery
 Home, Arc Gallery, San Francisco CA (*Juror: Susan Aulik*)
 Upended, The Mayor's Gallery at Boston City Hall, Boston MA
 Change is in the Air, The Umbrella Arts Gallery, Concord MA
 2020, The Mary Cosgrove Dolphin Gallery at Worcester State University, MA (*Juror: Stacey Parker*)
 Landscape, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Laguna Beach CA
 Black 'N White, Wickford Art Association, Providence RI (*Juror: Mary Dondero*)
- 2020 Celebration, Gallery 40, Poughkeepsie NY
 Art Dash, Beacon Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Jessica Burko and Christine O'Donnell*)
 Chemical Exchange, Beacon Street Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Tanya Crane and Kendall Reiss*)
 Speak Up, Piano Craft Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Christine O'Donnell and Timothea Pham*)
 ROX/SE, Piano Craft Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Althes Krisuikenas Bennett, Jamaal "Barry" Bonnette, Rion Folan, Erik Grau*)
 Sharp Focus, Fountain Street Gallery, Boston MA
 Boston Society of Architecture Foundation 'Architecture Auction', BSA Space, Boston MA
 Repeat As Needed, Kingston Gallery, Boston MA
 New Narratives: Reclaiming Asian Identity through Story, Unbound Visual Art (*Curated by Leslie Condon*)
 Activation, The Brookline Art Center, Brookline MA (*Juror: Arlette Kayafas*)
 Totem, Beacon Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Lydia Gordon, YoAhn Han, and Christine O'Donnell*)
- 2019 Art Dash, Beacon Gallery, Boston MA (*Juror: Jessica Burko, Dina Deitsch, and Christine O'Donnell*)
 Collective Ecology, The Brookline Art Center, Brookline MA
 CROSSING THE LINE: In Search of Sanctuary, Nave Gallery, Somerville MA (*Juror : Gabriel Sosa*)
 Pop-Up Gallery Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport MA
 Chaos and Orders Post Office Gallery, Truro MA
 Impact Color Black & White The Art Center Highland Park, IL
 The Tenth Annual Juried Exhibition NEW ENGLAND COLLECTIVE X Galatea Fine Art, Boston MA
 (*Juror: Katherine French*)
 Paper Works 2019, Upstream Gallery, Hudson NY (*Juror: Antonio Alvarez, Nancy Egol Nikkal, and Rachel Weatherford Whitlow*)
 Waterloo Arts Juried Exhibition, Waterloo Arts Gallery, Cleveland OH (*Juror: Anthony Mastromatteo*)
 Please Touch the Art, Mosesian Center for the Arts, Watertown MA
 Boston Society of Architecture Foundation 'Architecture Auction' BSA Space, Boston MA
 Emerging Artists 2019, Limner Gallery, Hudson NY
 Annex Member Exhibition, Fountain Street Gallery Boston, Boston MA (*three person exhibition*)
 The Works, The Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Cape Cod MA
- 2018 PLACE (HOLDER), Gallery 263, Cambridge MA
 Art@Freepoint X Maud Morgan Arts, Freepoint Hotel, Cambridge MA
- 2017 Projection II: Art on the Brewery Walls, Jamaica Plain Arts Council, Jamaica Plain, Boston MA
 Mother Tongue, Bunker Hill Community Art Gallery, Boston MA

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- Erika Tarantal, WCVB 5, [5 for Good : Now and There brings public art to Boston, elevated diverse talent](#), October 27, 2023
- Molly Farrar, Dig Boston, [NEW INSTALLATIONS IN EGLESTON SQUARE ADDRESS HOUSING INSECURITY, ENGAGE PUBLIC](#), June 9, 2022
- Anna Moir, Mount Auburn Cemetery, [Exploring Nature's Impermanence with Ponnapa Prakkamakul](#), January 25, 2022
- Michael Rose, GOLOCAL Prov Life Style, [Inside Art with Michael Rose – Highlights From The Newport Biennial](#), January 19, 2022
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- Perkinsvision, [Instagram](#), November 17, 2022
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- Julia Taliesin, Boston.com, [Striking New Mural Unveiled in Chinatown Celebrates History, Community](#), July 19, 2021
- Frankie Symonds, Boston Hassle, [Where We Belong](#), July 18, 2021
- Sasaki, [Local Artist and Sasaki Designer Prakkamakul Paints Mural in Boston's Chinatown](#), July 14, 2021
- Michaela Donnelly, RISD Alumni, [Ponnapa Prakkamakul Creates Mural for Boston's Chinatown](#), Jul 2021
- Jared Bowen, GBH's Open Studio, July, 2021
- Matt Reed, WCVB, [New Mural Represent Culture, Tradition of Chinatown](#), June 28, 2021
- Nancy Lane, Boston Herald, Noodle Mood Piece, print, June 25, 2021
- Jessica Rinaldi, Boston Globe Metro Section, Color of Chinatown, print, June 22, 2021
- Jenny Gilbert, Mount Auburn Cemetery, [Art and Inspiration at Mount Auburn](#), April 2, 2021
- Pamela Reynolds, WBUR, [In Exhibition "Upended," Artists Explore Life Turned Upside Down](#), March 3, 2021
- Pamela Reynolds, WBUR, [Escape The House With These 15 Spring Art Exhibitions](#), March 29, 2021
- Jess Costello, Boston Hassle, [Repeat As Needed : 5 Questions with 7 Kingston Gallery Artists from the Latest Exhibit](#), September 3, 2020
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- Christine Nguyen, [Residence Lab Artist Profile - Ponnapa Prakkamakul](#), September 24, 2019
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- Emma Flower, Sasaki, [Prakkamakul Collaborates with BCNC on Chinatown Installation](#), August 5, 2019
- Kate Ziskin Levesque, The Rose Kennedy Greenway Blog, Play Ambassador, [Ponnapa: a playful designer and volunteer](#), October 26, 2018
- Boston Voyager Magazine, [Meet Ponnapa Prakkamakul](#), August 20, 2018
- Maud Morgan, [Freepoint Hotel Artist Demo on Vimeo](#), Cambridge Community Television, Cambridge, MA, June 21, 2018
- Sasha Parfenova, The Plumbing Museum Blog, [Interview with Artist in Residence Ponnapa Prakkamakul](#), May 7, 2018

Community and Special Education Experience

Museum of Fine Arts Boston, MA

Volunteer Access Guide I 2017-current

Assisting visitors with various special needs

Residence Lab by Pao Art Center and Asian Community Development Corporation Boston, MA

Visiting Speaker I 2019-2022

Conduct workshop for artists to learn about participatory design and community engagement

Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy Boston, MA

Play Ambassador I 2017-2020

Interact with children and adult visitors, providing guidance, activities, and information about The Greenway

Summer Exploratory Experience Design (SEED) Program at Sasaki Foundation Watertown, MA

Mentor I 2018-2020

Mentor and guide youths during summer to learn about landscape architecture design

The Asperger Autism Network (AANE) Watertown, MA

Volunteer I 2014-2019

Assisting artists with Autism Spectrum in Artist Collaborative program during open house and MFA tour 3

MIT Educational Studies Program Cambridge, MA

HSSP Instructure I 2018, 2017, 2012

“Make Your Own Playground (MYOP)” classes during summer for grade 6-8 and 9-11 students

The class explored history of play scape, how- why human play, and make play elements from recycle materials.

“A Sketch Book Project” class during summer for grade 10-12 student and grade 6-12

The class introduced students how to use visual journal to generate ideas and express their voices

Thai Autism Vocational Center Bangkok, Thailand

Art Instructor I 2014

Art workshop for young adult with Autism Spectrum. Curated a group exhibition at the end of the class

Child’s Dream Foundation Chiangmai, Thailand

Full-Time Volunteer Teacher at Baan Khun Mae Yod School I 2013-2014

Taught English, Art Appreciation and ASEAN Studies class in spring semester for grade 3-9 at a boarding school for Karen students

Creative Growth Oakland, CA

Volunteer I 2013

Assisted art instructors in a studio for artists with mentally challenges (full time for 1 month)

California Institute of Earth Art and Architecture Hesperia, CA

Earth Building Apprentice (Lowthorpe Fellowship) I 2011

Reservoir Avenue Elementary School Providence, RI

Art Mentor for “After School Art” program I 2011

Co-taught a “Fort Building” class during spring semester for grade 3-5.

Museum of Art Rhode Island School of Design, RI

Teacher Assistant I 2010

Volunteer to assist teachers for a free family art class on Saturday

Art as a Source of Healing Program (with Melinda Bridgeman) Bradley Hospital, RI

Researcher and Art Mentor for children with Autism Spectrum I 2010

Fulbright Thailand Prachuabkhirikhan, Thailand

Art Mentor Leader for “Fulbright for Kids Camp II” at Pala-u Patrol Police School I 2009

Collections

Perkins School for the Blind
The Plumbing Museum
Pao Art Center
Stonehill College
King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital
Mahaniyom Boston
Mae Asian Eatery
Pho O sha
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Research Collaboration

- 2023 New York University Langone's Collaborative Center in Children's Environmental Health Research and Translation (CEHRT)
"Envisioning Climate Resilient and Equitable Open Spaces for Boston's Chinatown"
(lead by MyDzung Chu, Tuft University and ACDC)
- 2015 Sasaki Research Grant
Innovative Play Scope Research (with Kate Tooke and Lei Zhang)

Presentation at a Conference

- 2023 **At Home in Chinatown: A Residence Lab Retrospective**, Pao Arts Center, Boston MA
Artist Panel
- 2022 **Trans Cultural Exchange** Boston, MA
Roundtable Discussion: Public Art and Landscape Architecture: "Overlapping Fields,"
How Artists and Designers Can Work Together
- 2017 **Council of Educator in Landscape Architecture (CELA)** Beijing, China
Oral Presentation: Creative Play, A Post-Occupancy Evaluation of the Smale Riverfront Park's Playground
Poster Presentation (*CELA's Poster Award*): Quantitation Landscape Performance Assessment,
Jiading Central Park in Shanghai China
- Play Coalition** Clemson University, South Carolina
Oral Presentation: Creative Play, A Post-Occupancy Evaluation of the Smale Riverfront Park's Playground
- 2016 **Council of Educator in Landscape Architecture (CELA)** Salt Lake City, Utah
Poster Presentation: Beyond Representation, Landscape Rendering as a Design Tools

Landscape Architecture Professional and Teaching Experience

Sasaki Watertown, MA

Senior Associate, Registered Landscape Architect | 2011- current (sabbatical 2013-2014)

Graduated School of Design at Harvard University, MA

Guest Critic

Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio Studio Review taught by Naill Kirkwood and Kotchakorn V. | 2023

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, MA

Visiting Speaker

Placekeeping and participatory art | 2023

University of Southern California, CA

Guest Critic

Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio Studio Review taught by Robyn Reed | 2023

Montclair State University, NJ

Visiting Speaker

Placekeeping and participatory art | 2023

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

Visiting Speaker

Temporary Public Art Installation | 2022

Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA

Guest Critic

Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio Studio Review taught by Robyn Reed | 2021

Portfolio Review for Professional Practice Class taught by Kathleen Bogaski | 2021

Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio Mid-Review taught by Robyn Reed | 2020

Landscape Architecture Graduate Studio Final Review taught by Robyn Reed | 2020

Visiting Speaker

Visual Representation Workshop for Landscape Architecture Studio taught by Robyn Reed | 2022

Visual Representation Workshop for LSU ASLA Student Chapter | 2021

Rhode Island School of Design Providence, RI

Guest Critic

Graduate Student Representation Class II taught by Elaine Stokes and Julian Osorio | 2020

Planning and Cultural Geography Class taught by Nadine Gerdtts | 2019

Hybrid Drawing Studio taught by Andrew Hartness | 2019

Design Portfolio Review | 2019

MLA Portfolio Review | 2017

Hybrid Drawing Studio taught by Andrew Hartness | 2017

Urban System Studio taught by Robyn Reed and Tao Zhang | 2016

Design Principal Studio taught by Adam Anderson | 2015

Constructed Ground Studio taught by Adrian Flores | 2015

Urban System Studio taught by Elizabeth Dean Hermann | 2013

Advanced Architectural Studio taught by Silvia Acosta | 2013

Design Principles Studio taught by Elizabeth Dean Hermann | 2012

Hybrid Drawing Studio taught by Andrew Hartness | 2012

Visiting Speaker

Lowthorpe Fellowship Lecture | 2012

Frameworks : the Art and Ethics of International Engagement | 2012

Career Service | 2011

Teaching Assistant

Landscape Architecture Foundation Study taught by George Harvey | 2011

Urban System Studio taught by Takuma Ono | 2011

Landscape Digital Representation class taught by Takuma Ono | 2010

Boston Architectural College Boston, MA

Guest Critic

Architectural Studio taught by Kathryn Friedman | 2024

Architectural Studio taught by Kathryn Friedman | 2023

Architectural Studio taught by Elaine Stokes and Justin Kollar | 2020

Architectural Studio taught by Poshan Chang and Yoojee Koh | 2019

Architectural Studio taught by Garine Boghossian and Ali Khodor | 2018

Architectural Studio taught by Jerolim Mladinov | 2018

Urban Design and Infrastructure Network taught by Allen Pennyman and Chanwoo Kim | 2017

Architectural Studio taught by Jerolim Mladinov and Chris Hardy | 2017

Visiting Speaker

“Hybrid Drawing” | 2018

“Learn Through Play: A lesson learned from a post occupancy evaluation of the Smale riverfront park” | 2018

“Learn Through Play: A lesson learned from a post occupancy evaluation of the Smale riverfront park” | 2017

Roger Williams University Bristol, RI

Guest Critic

Biannual Gallery Review for architectural studios taught by Roberto Viola Ochoa | 2011-2022

University of Oregon Eugene, OR

Guest Critic

Architectural Studio Final Review taught by Jerolim Mladinov | 2018

Visiting Speaker

Visual Representation | 2018

Massachusetts Institute of Technology Cambridge, MA

Guest Critic

Real Estate Development Studio taught by Victor Eskinazi, Dennis Frenchman, and Peter Roth | 2013