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Curriculum Vitae

Education

Master of Fine Arts	2018	OCAD University, Toronto, ON
Bachelor of Fine Arts	2016	NSCAD University, Halifax, NS
Fine Arts Advanced Diploma	2015	Georgian College, Barrie, ON
Art & Design Fundamentals Certificate	2012	Georgian College, Barrie, ON

Exhibitions

2018	<i>From Food to Monument: Northern Retellings</i> , Quest Art, Midland, ON
2018	<i>Settling in Place</i> , MacLaren Art Gallery, Barrie, ON
2018	<i>GradEx</i> , Ada Slaight Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018	"very fine people on both sides", MFA thesis exhibition, OCAD University Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018	<i>Ice Follies</i> , Lake Nipissing, sponsored by White Water Gallery, North Bay, ON
2017	<i>Tonight's Special: Bannock, Mille-Feuille and Berries</i> , Nuit Blanche, Toronto, ON
2017	<i>Course Credit</i> , OCAD University Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON
2016	<i>Humanalia</i> , OCAD University Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON
2016	<i>Wake the Town and Tell the People</i> , Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
2016	<i>The Mush Hole Project</i> , Woodlands Cultural Centre, Brantford, ON
2016	<i>Wake the Town and Tell the People</i> , Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
2015	<i>Off the Hook</i> , MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON
2015	<i>21st Annual ISC Outstanding Student Achievement Awards in Contemporary Sculpture Exhibition</i> , Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ
2015	<i>The Art of Living</i> , WKP Kennedy Gallery, North Bay, ON
2015	<i>SDVA Scholarship Show</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2015	<i>Know Sense</i> , Double Door Studio & Gallery, Anten Mills, ON
2015	<i>Print Exchange Exhibition</i> , Ulster University, Belfast, Ireland
2015	<i>MacLaren Benefactor Exhibition</i> , MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>The Season: Baby It's Cold Outside</i> , DVA Gallery, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>Getting to Zero</i> , the front room gallery, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>Hot Off the Press</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>Off the Hook</i> , MacLaren Art Centre, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>From the Rafter</i> , Double Door Studio & Gallery, Anten Mills, ON
2014	<i>Works by Aylan Couchie</i> , Le Studio Gallery, Lafontaine, ON
2014	<i>Suddenly Strung</i> , the front room gallery, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>SDVA Scholarship Show</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>Ritual Practice</i> , the front room Gallery, Barrie, ON
2014	<i>By the Dozen</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2013	<i>Hot off the Press</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2013	<i>91st Annual Butter Sculpture Competition</i> , Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, ON
2013	<i>SDVA Scholarship Show</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2013	<i>Works on Paper</i> , University of Belgrade, Serbia
2012	<i>Hot off The Press</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2012	<i>90th Annual Butter Sculpture Competition</i> , Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, ON
2012	<i>SDVA Scholarship Show</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON
2012	<i>One Night Stand</i> , Georgian College, Barrie, ON

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Public Art/Special Projects/Performance/Curatorial

- 2018 *Land Is Where Your Feet Touch the Ground*, Onsite Gallery, Toronto, ON
2018 *Jessie Oonark* (works from the permanent collection), Curator, Bovey Gallery, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
2018 *Smooshes, Slabs & Slices: Entanglements in Ceramic* by Pamela Nelson, Curator, OCAD U Graduate Gallery, Toronto, ON, August 13-20
2018 *#callresponse*, Social Media Writer-In-Residence, Blackwood Gallery, Toronto, ON
2017 *Global Experience Project* w/ Isaac Julien, OCAD University, January-June '17
2016 *Witnesses: Called to Action* Performance, Art Bar + Cabaret Voltaire-Atlantique, Halifax, NS
2016 *This Is What I Wish You Knew*, {Re}conciliation Mural, Canada Council for the Arts, Halifax, NS
2015 *The Current Current*, Public Art Installation, Stanfield Intl Airport, Halifax, NS
2015 *H.I.O Big Chiefs*, Public Art Installation, Pratt Homes, Barrie, ON
2015 *Don't Sweat It*, Public Art Installation, Pratt Homes, Barrie, ON

Awards

- 2018 Ontario Arts Council Indigenous Arts Award Nominee
2018 Interdisciplinary Master's in Art, Media and Design Interdisciplinarity Award, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
2017 Arthur Lismer Award for Academic Excellence, NSCAD University, Halifax, NS
2016 Premier's Award, Recent Graduate, Ontario Colleges, Toronto, ON
2015 Inaugural Barbara Laronde Award, Native Women in The Arts, Toronto, ON
2015 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award, International Sculpture Center, Hamilton, NJ
2015 Excellence in Studio Award, SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON
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2014 Barrie Art Club Scholarship, SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON
2013 Grand Champion "Harvey Townsend Award" Butter Sculpture Competition, Royal Winter Fair, Toronto, ON
2013 Randy Anderson Memorial Scholarship, SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON
2013 Excellence in Studio Award, SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON
2012 Award of Excellence in Fine Art Studio: 3D, SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON
2012 John Hart Memorial Scholarship, 2012 SDVA Scholarship Show, Barrie, ON

Media & Publications

- 2018 "The 'Site-Specific' art and politics of Aylan Couchie", *Anishinabek News*, February 2018
2018 Talking Art with Aylan Couchie, *The Roundtable Podcast* hosted by Wayne K. Spear, January 2018
2017 2017 Graduation Catalogue, NSCAD University, Halifax, NS
2017 "A Day in the Life with Anishinaabe Artist Aylan Couchie", *Toronto Guardian*, April 2017
2016 Aylan Couchie Cover feature and Profile, *GeorgianView Annual Magazine*
2016 "Double win for Georgian alumnae at Premier's Awards Gala", *Georgian News*, November 2016
2016 "Anishinaabe artist receives nomination in Recent Graduate category of the Premier's Awards", *Anishinabek News*, October 2016
2016 "Wake the Town and Tell the People", *Suzanne Seesman, Mana Contemporary*

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- 2016 "New Art: Aylan Couchie" Annual Artist Feature, *The Coast*, February 2016, Halifax, NS
- 2015 "Birch bark plane one of eight art pieces by NSCAD students installed at Halifax airport", *Metro News Halifax*, December 2015
- 2015 "2015 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards", *Sculpture Magazine*, October 2015
- 2015 "Aylan Couchie's piece chosen to adorn Pratt Homes building", *Barrie Examiner*, September 2015, Barrie, ON
- 2015 "Georgian Fine Arts alumna chosen to create Barrie art installation", *Georgian College News*, September 2015, Barrie, ON
- 2015 "Aboriginal-inspired artwork wins Pratt Homes contest in Barrie", *Barrie Advance*, September 2015, Barrie, ON
- 2015 "Artist close with her grandfather", *Anishinabek News*, August 2015, ON
- 2015 "Vote for one of two Georgian artists in Barrie art competition", *Georgian College News*, July 2015
- 2015 "Former Barrie artist wins sculptor's award", *Barrie Advance*, July 2015, Barrie, ON
- 2015 "Sculptor Award" (television), *CTV Barrie*, June 2015, North Bay, ON
- 2015 "North Bay Sculptor" (television), *CTV Northern Ontario*, June 2015, North Bay, ON
- 2015 "Local artist wins worldwide award", *Baytoday*, June 2015, North Bay, ON
- 2015 "Featured Artist: Aylan Couchie", *Sunday Crush*, February 2015, Barrie, ON
- 2014 "Extraordinary Experience: Carving a Grand Prize Winner", *GeorgianView 2014 Issue*, Barrie, ON
- 2013 "Fine Arts Student Hops to Grand Champion Win with Her Royal Winter Fair Butter Sculpture", *Georgian College News*, Barrie, ON

Publications as Author/Contributor

- 2018 "Zeal Without Wisdom: Rushing for Reconciliation" by Aylan Couchie, *CMagazine*, Issue 139, Fall 2018
- 2018 "Layers Over Layers" in *The Unpublished City: Volume II*, edited by Dionne Brand, Phoebe Wang and Canisia Lubrin, Book-Hug Publishing, Toronto, ON.
- 2018 *Rebecca Belmore: Facing the Monumental* catalogue, researcher, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON, July 2018.
- 2018 "very fine people on both sides", MFA Thesis, OCAD University, April 2018
- 2018 "When Textbooks are Held Within Forest Floors" by Aylan Couchie, *Arts Everywhere*, Spring 2018
- 2018 "Appropriation" by Aylan Couchie, Raven Davis and Chief Lady Bird, moderated by Lindsay Nixon, *Canadian Art*, Spring 2018
- 2017 "Anti-Seal hunt rhetoric ignores facts and suppresses Indigenous Culture" Co-authored w/ Ian Mosby, *The Globe & Mail*, October 12, 2017
- 2017 "Let's Start with What Cultural Appropriation is Not", *Global News*, May 19, 2017
- 2017 "Returning Our Voices to Us: The recent debate about cultural appropriation shows that true reconciliation is not about saying sorry, it's about listening to Indigenous Voices", *IRPP Policy Options*, May 16, 2017

Presentations, Artist Lectures, Symposia

- 2018 *Aboriginal Curatorial Collective: Global Discussions*, panelist, Pijlita'q Mi'kmaki: L'nuite'tmukl tan wejkuwaql naqwe'kl International Gathering, Halifax, NS, Oct. 12
- 2018 *Indigenous Placemaking: Making city sites places of reconciliation*, panelist, Innovations in Creative Space and Placemaking, Artscape in association with the World Cities Culture Forum and City of Toronto, Toronto, ON, June 7

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- 2018 *The Dynamics of Urban and Rural Arts in Ontario*, panelist, CPAMO Gathering, Toronto, ON, May 29-31
- 2018 *Post-Reality NDN Art: Disrupting Indigenous Art and its Cannon*, panelist, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Tenth Annual Meeting, University of California, Los Angeles, CA, May 17
- 2018 *The Labour of Being Studied/The Labour of Refusing to be Studied*, speaker, University of Toronto, May 11
- 2018 Guest Artist Talk, Nipissing University, North Bay, ON, February 9
- 2017 *Indigenous Tattoo Resurgence Panel: Ka'nikonhrí:yo Gatherings*, moderator, Native Women in the Arts, Onsite Gallery, Toronto, ON, November 16
- 2017 "social media disruptor," *Art & Activism*, panelist, Native American Arts Studies Association (NAASA) Biennial Symposium, Tulsa, OK, October 25-28
- 2017 "glu-it: forcing Inuit art into settler creations," *Questioning the Artist: Indigenous and non-indigenous strategies and practices*, panelist, Native American Art Studies Association Biennial Symposium, Tulsa, OK, October 25-28
- 2017 "Resilient Women Must Sing," Pop Up Speaker, AGO: First Thursdays, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON

Related Experience & Residencies

- 2018 Facilitator, Oral Histories Wikipedia Workshop, programming as part of *From Food to Monument: Northern Retellings* (2018), Midland Public Library, Midland ON
- 2018 Delegation member, World Cities Culture Forum Leadership Exchange, (Topic: Indigenizing Urban Spaces through Public art/landscape) City of Toronto exchange with Sydney, Australia, October 26-Nov 2
- 2018 Mentor, Indigenous Curation Grant, White Water Gallery, North Bay, ON
- 2018 aabaakwad Global Indigenous Gathering Lead Coordinator, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Researcher, *Rebecca Belmore: Facing the Monumental* exhibition, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
- 2018 *Groundworks Indigenous Art Intensive*, Residency, UBC Kelowna, July 12-28
- 2018 Cultural Appropriation Workshop facilitator, Lambton-Kent District School Board, April 27
- 2018 Delegation member, Canadian Embassy invitation and tour of Washington & North Carolina National Galleries, Washington DC, March 5-9
- 2018 Curatorial Intern, Indigenous Art, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Public Art Jury for Creative City Campus, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Graduate Student Representative, OCAD University Senate Graduate Studies Committee, Toronto, ON
- 2018 Creation/Development of Cultural Appropriation Learning Module for 1st year DRPT program, OCAD University, Toronto
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Drawing & Painting, OCAD University, Toronto, ON
- 2017 Board Member, White Water Gallery, North Bay, ON
- 2017-ongoing Secretary, Native Women in the Arts, Toronto, ON
- 2017-18 Fine Arts Advisory Committee, Georgian College, Barrie, ON
- 2015-17 Art & Design Fundamentals Advisory Committee, Georgian College, Barrie, ON
- 2015 Event Curator, "Films Short Like Loin Cloths", Barrie Film Festival Aboriginal Days Feature, Barrie, ON
- 2015 Committee Member, Art & Design Fundamentals Advisory Committee, Georgian College, Barrie, ON
- 2015 Jury Panel, First Floor Gallery (City Hall), Barrie, ON

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- 2014 Event Coordinator, "Getting to Zero" (World AIDS Day 2014), Barrie, ON

- 2014 Key Organizer/Creator, "Who New?!" Downtown Community Art Crawl (April 5, Sept. 13), Barrie, ON

- 2014 Director of Marketing, the front room gallery, Barrie, ON