

ERICA NICOLE MCKEEHEN
B. 1987, Bucyrus, OH / resides Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

2023 MFA, Photography - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2021 MA, Arts Management - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2010 BS, Visual Communication (Magna Cum Laude) - Ohio University (Athens, OH)

SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2023 [Body Breeze Earth: MFA Thesis Exhibition](#) - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
[REVEAL](#) - The Arcade (Chicago, IL)
2022 Authoring Allure - The Martin (Chicago, IL)

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2024 [Elgin Fringe Festival](#) - Side Street Studio Arts (Elgin, IL)
[12th Annual Art Competition](#) - Bridgeport Art Center (Chicago, IL)
[SWOP: Chicago Sex Workers' Rights Exhibition](#) - Pilsen Arts & Community House (Chicago, IL)
CLICK - The Art Center Highland Park (Highland Park, IL)
Monochrome: PURPLE - Side Street Studio Arts (Elgin, IL)
2023 House of Worship: Narratives of Sex Work and Art - Superkhana International (Chicago, IL)
Where We Live - South[x]Southeast Gallery (Molena, GA)
Femalia - PRAXIS Photo Arts Center (Minneapolis, MN)
2022 [Albert P. Weisman Award Exhibition](#) - The Hokin (Chicago, IL)
2021 [Light Conversation, Vol. 2](#) - Smalltalk Collective (Portland, OR)
2020 [Interior Life](#) - Filter Space (Chicago, IL)
2013 [Argus: Organic Visual Archive](#) - Johalla Projects (Chicago, IL)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 Educator, *Chryssa & New York* - Wrightwood 659 (Chicago, IL)
2024-Present Emerging Teaching Artist, Photography - Marwen (Chicago, IL)
2024-Present Instructor, Digital Photography, Art Documentation Workshop - Evanston Art Center (Evanston, IL)
2023 Graduate Student Instructor, Photographic Practice I - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2022 Teaching Assistant, History and Theory of Photography I - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023-Present Administrative & Exhibitions Assistant - Evanston Art Center (Evanston, IL)
2023 Artist Lecture, "[Framing Perspectives: Picturing Sex Workers](#)" - MWSPE Regional Conference (Chicago, IL)
2022 "Looking In, Looking Out" Workshop with Richard Renaldi - Anderson Ranch Arts Center (Snowmass, CO)
2022-2023 Department Assistant, Photography - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2021-2023 Graduate Ambassador, Photography - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2020-2021 Gallery Assistant - 062 (Chicago, IL)
2019-2021 Graduate Assistant, Business & Entrepreneurship - Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)
2019-2023 Curatorial & Collections Assistant - Museum of Contemporary Photography (Chicago, IL)
[Photos at Zoom: American Epidemic Themes in the MoCP Collection](#)
[Photos at Zoom: Robert Frank's The Americans](#)

CURATORIAL & EVENT PRODUCTION

2023 Producer, REVEAL: An Evening of Dialogue and Dance (panel) - Haus (Chicago, IL)
2022-Present Co Creator and Co-Producer, [Lust for Life: A Rock-Out BurlyQ Revue](#) - Dorothy (Chicago, IL)
2022 Producer, Discussing Allure: Burlesque and Bodily Autonomy (panel) - The Martin (Chicago, IL)
Producer, Witnessing Allure: A Night of Live Burlesque - Dorothy (Chicago, IL)
Curator, [Provocative Play: The Power of Chicago Burlesque](#) - The Hokin (Chicago, IL)

AWARDS

2022 Fogelson Foundation Photography Scholarship - Columbia College Chicago
Lya Dym Rosenblum Award - Columbia College Chicago
John Mulvany and Bob Thall Scholarship in Photography - Columbia College Chicago
Stuart Abelson Graduate Research Fellowship - Columbia College Chicago
Anderson Ranch Award - Columbia College Chicago
Albert P. Weisman Award - Columbia College Chicago
2021-2023 Columbia RISE Award - Columbia College Chicago
2020 Summer 2020 Internship Award - Columbia College Chicago
2009 Don Perris Endowed Scholarship - Ohio University
2007 Dean's Scholarship - Ohio University
2006 Gateway Scholarship - Ohio University

PUBLICATIONS

2024 "[Show & Tell: Records and Reflections on Burlesque in Chicago.](#)" photo essay - Sixty Inches From Center, Mar. 2024
"[The Holy Hour: An Anthology of Sex Work, Magic, & the Divine.](#)" photography - Working Girls Press, Feb. 2024
2023 "[Babyfat.](#)" poetry - Potuck: Poetry, Prose, and Art, May 2023
"[REVEAL - A Photo Essay on Autonomy, Burlesque, Sexuality, and Creative Companionship](#)" - Womanly, May 2023
2020 "On Winter's Margin," photography - Underexposed, Jun. 2020
"Erica McKeehen," photography - Curated by Girls, May 2020
2018 [Issue 12](#), photography - Ginger Zine, May 2018

INTERVIEWS & PRESS

2023 "[Interview with Erica McKeehen](#)" - Creased Mag, Oct. 2023
"[MAM Alum and MFA Student Erica McKeehen on Choosing the Artist's Life](#)" - Colum.edu, Mar. 2023
"MFA student photographer reveals the world of burlesque" - The Columbia Chronicle, Feb. 2023
"[13 of the best new LGBTQ+ events in Chicago.](#)" - Time Out Chicago, Jan. 2023
2022 "'Provocative Play' exhibition shines light on Chicago's burlesque scene," - The Columbia Chronicle, Mar. 2022
"REVIEW: Authoring Allure by Erica McKeehen at The Martin" - BRIDGE, Mar. 2022
"[Photography Student Erica McKeehen Tests the Limits of Our Assumptions](#)" - Colum.edu, Feb. 2022