

SAMIRA GDISIS CV

EDUCATION

M.A. Museum Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland

B.A. Studio Art with minor Arts Management, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

B.S. Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2023- 2025 Artist-In-Residence to Blue Bear Restaurants, Racine, WI & Ellison Bay, WI

ARTIST LECTURES, INTERVIEWS, AND DEMONSTRATIONS

2025

Celebrating Nature: Lake County Art League Fall Membership Show, Critique Facilitator and Juror

Downtown Racine Corporation Creative Crawl: linoleum cut demo, Wine Knot, Racine, WI

Full Steam Ahead, RAM Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

2024

On View at River Arts on Water Gallery: Abstraction of Sunrise on the Lake, Reception and Artist Talk, Prairie du Sac, WI, March 2, 2024

Grief, Beauty and Getting through the Day, Interview with Kel Mur, Director at River Arts on the Water, Prairie du Sac, WI, April 20, 2024
(https://youtu.be/5hvVNf5y11g?si=oRhWDM_uUMfldbq0)

2023

Full Steam Ahead, RAM Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

Petals and Wings: Art+Food+Wine, Blue Bear Restaurant, Racine, WI

2022

Memories in the Kitchen: Teambuilding Book Arts Workshop (2-part), Waukesha, WI

Full Steam Ahead, RAM Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

2017

Fashioning More Than an Exhibit, Racine Arts Council ArtSpace Gallery, Racine, WI

2014

Words Bound: bookbinding workshop, The Make Stuff Series, Racine Public Library

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026

Lighthearted: white line color woodcuts, Featured Artist Exhibit, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha, WI (forthcoming)

2025

Happy Places: an exploration of joy in white line color woodcut, Artist Gallery Racine, WI

Exploring the Morning, Red Oak Restaurant, Bristol, IL

True Colors: Transparency and Color, Installation, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha, WI

2024

Petals and Wings: New Life Inspired Linocuts, Artworks Kenosha, Kenosha, WI

Rising Up: Brick Gallery, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha, WI

It's a Good Day: Abstractions of Sunrise on the Lake, River Arts on Water Gallery, Prairie du Sac, WI

2023

Petals and Wings: Life Inspired Linocuts, Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake, IL

Abstraction in Ink & Wax, Red Oak Restaurant, Bristol, IL

2022

Samira Gdisis: Monoprints & Encaustic Collographs, Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake, IL

Petals and Wings: Featured Artist, Lemon Street Gallery

RAM 13th Annual International Peeps Exhibition, Racine Art Museum, Racine, WI

2011 *Connection*, The Grounds Keeper, Racine, WI

2010 *Exploration of Culturally Influenced Prints and Books*, Mathis Gallery, Racine, WI

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2017 FASHIONISTA: art as fashion & fashion as art, Racine Arts Council ArtSpace, Racine, WI

THREE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

A Spring Triplet: Mixed Media Fine Art Celebrating Renewel, North Shore Senior Center, Northfield, IL, (forthcoming)

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026

New Member Highlights, Artists Gallery, Racine, WI (forthcoming)

The Power of Love, Artists Gallery, Racine, WI

2026 Member Exhibition, Robert T. Wright Community Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL (Purchase Award)

2025

MOWA Member Exhibition, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI

Exchange in the Membrane: printmaking exchange 2025, ADM Linocut, Pleasant Hill, IA

T & T Postcard Exchange and Exhibit, Tag and Tinier Gallery, Franklin, WI

9 Inch Handpress 10th Annual International Printmaking Exchange, 9 Inch Handpress Printmaking Studio, New Hope, PA

Anonymous Art, Featherston Center for the Arts, Oaks Bluff, MA

Wallflowers: a fine art juried exhibition, Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake, IL

Robert T. Wright Community Gallery Member Exhibition, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

1x1, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

Fresh Perspectives Juried Show, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha, WI

2024

Exchange in the Membrane: printmaking exchange 2024, Pleasant Hill, IA

National Small Works Juried Exhibit, ArtPie Gallery, Waukegan, IL

Wisconsin Inspired, Nadiana Gallery, Greenfield WI

Library Cat Exhibit, Hedberg Library, Carthage College, Kenosha WI

Fragility & Fortitude, Sauk Prairie River Arts Center, Prairie du Sac, Wisconsin

T & T Postcard Exchange and Exhibit, Tag and Tinier Gallery, Franklin, WI

Land-Sky-Waterscape: Invitational Exhibit, Antioch Art Center, Antioch, WI

Watercolor Wisconsin, Racine Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

Ultimate Abstract, Nadiana Gallery, Greenfield WI

MOWA Member Exhibition, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI

Robert T. Wright Community Gallery Member Exhibition, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, Madison, WI

Beyond a Theme, Nadiana Gallery, Greenfield WI

The Fortunate Ones, Lemon Street Gallery and Art Space, Kenosha, WI

1x1, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

2023

We Make Life Beautiful: affiliate artists exhibition, Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake, IL

Annual Winter Juried Show, Anderson Art Center, Kenosha, WI

MOWA Member Exhibition, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI

6th Biennial Wings & Water, River Arts Center, Inc. Prairie du Sac, WI

Robert T. Wright Community Gallery Member Exhibition, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

Community, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha WI

1x1, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

2022

MOWA Member Exhibition, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI

Annual Winter Juried Show, Anderson Art Center, Kenosha, WI

Feeling Blue: A Juried Fine Art Exhibition, Blue Moon Gallery, Grayslake, WI

Watercolor Wisconsin, RAM Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

Whispered Soliloquies, The Branch at 1501, Racine, WI

2021

August Group Exhibit, Jones Art Gallery, Kansas City, KS

Relief Conspiracy 2020 Print Exchange Exhibit, The Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME

9 Inch Handpress 6th Annual International Printmaking Exchange, 9 Inch Handpress Printmaking Studio, New Hope, PA

2020

Relief Conspiracy 2020 Print Exchange Exhibit, The Harlow Gallery, Hallowell, ME

2018

Birds of a Feather, Langdon Divers Community Gallery, Fond du Lac, WI

Creatures, RAM Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

Christine², Artworks, Kenosha, WI

Experimental, Gallery on 16th, Racine, WI

Get Behind the Arts Preview Party, Kenosha WI

Purple, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

1x1, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

Open, Left of the Lake Gallery, Kenosha, WI

2017

Muses of Mirth Postcard Show, Left of the Lake Gallery, Kenosha, WI

Pink, Artworks Gallery, Kenosha, WI

The Paper Doll Show, Left of the Lake Gallery, Kenosha, WI

Christine², Artworks, Kenosha, WI

Splash Exhibit, Left of the Lake Gallery, Kenosha, WI

A Professor's Legacy: Students of David V. Holmes, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha, WI

2016

Left of the Lake Gallery Inaugural Exhibit, Left of the Lake Gallery, Kenosha, WI

Collaboration with Chet Griffith, Lemon Street Gallery, Kenosha, WI

DrawWorks, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

2015

Sci-Fi, Superheroes & Steampunk, Wustum Museum, Racine, WI

Transformations: Poetry and Art, Racine Arts Council

2014

Time Share Exchange, Frank Juarez

Milwaukee Artist Trading Card Group Show, CAR&N Gallery, Waterford WI,

2013

Día de los Muertos, Artworks, Kenosha, WI

Venetian Artifacts, Preservation Racine, Racine, WI

The Brooch Show, Racine Arts Council ArtSpace, Racine, WI

Pressing-On: exploration in local printmaking Racine Arts Council ArtSpace, Racine, WI

2012

8x8 Collaboration, the Black-Eyed Press LLC, Racine, WI

Art Squared, Garden Magic, Racine Art Guild, Avenue Gallery and Framing, Racine WI

Brooch Show, Racine Arts Council ArtSpace Gallery, Racine WI

Art of the Draw Card Deck, Southport Press, Kenosha, WI

2011

Pandora's Box, Southport Press, Kenosha, WI

2010

Art² Exhibition: Food for the HeArt, Avenue Gallery and Framing, Racine WI

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Juried Student Art Show, Kenosha, WI

Parkside Downtown, Juried Show, Mathis Gallery, Racine, WI

2009

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Juried Student Art Show, Kenosha, WI

Artworks Student Printmakers Show, Kenosha WI

2008

University of Wisconsin-Parkside Juried Student Art Show, Kenosha, WI

PUBLIC ART

2024 *Butterfly Art Project of Downtown Racine, Public Art, Downtown Racine Corporation, Racine, WI*

2014 *Monumental Squares, Downtown Racine Corporation, Racine, WI*

AWARDS

2010 University of Wisconsin-Parkside Student Juried Show, honorable mention

PUBLICATIONS

2018

Racine Journal Times, May 28, Out and About Supplement, page 5

2017

Racine Journal Times, September 25, page

Racine Journal Times, August 16,

Racine Journal Times, July 6, Page A1

Racine Journal Times, June 29, Out & About Supplement, Page 3

Online Publications

2023

CGN (Chicago Gallery News), April 2023.

<https://www.chicagogallerynews.com/news/2023/4/new-exhibitions-open-april-20-23>

Shaw Local News Network, Lake County Journal.

<https://www.shawlocal.com/lake-county-journal/news/local/2023/04/20/blue-moon-gallery-launches-spring-season/>

2022

Kornecki, Lynne, Art Beat for Fox Valley & Beyond. December 17, 2022.
<https://www.foxvalleyartbeat.com/post/on-12-17-22-blue-moon-gallery-hosts-last-artist-reception-of-the-year-6-9-pm>

Shaw Local News Network, Lake County Journal.
<https://www.shawlocal.com/lake-county-journal/news/local/2022/11/17/blue-moon-gallery-to-host-science-based-artists-and-more/>

the Visualist. Chicago Visual Arts Calendar, November 2022.
<https://thevisualist.org/2022/11/samira-gdisis-monoprints-collagraphs/>

CGN (Chicago Gallery News), November 2022
<https://www.chicagogallerynews.com/events/samira-gdisis-monoprints>

Nelson, Mary Elizebeth, "UNsung," Posted by ARtRoot's Racine Writer-In-Residence, April 17, 2022. <https://racinewir.com/2022/04/07/samira-gdisis/>

2021

Bloner, John, "What I Wanted to Say," Posted by Art Root's Racine Writer-In-Residence, June 24, 2021. <https://racinewir.com/2021/06/24/i-dont-know-why-you-say-goodbye-i-say-hello/>

2017

Westal, Bob, "Fashionista Art Exhibition Underscores the Creative Spirit Behind All Kinds of Couture,Says, Fabric Selection Inc." PRWeb, access date: July 11, 2017. <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2017/07/prweb14491906.htm>

Dewey, Linda, "Classic Art Collides with Fashion," IFashionNetwork, access date: July 9, 2017. <https://www.ifashionnetwork.com/classic-art-collides-fashion>

Roberts, Lee B., "'Fashionista' Exhibition Explores the Art of Fashion," Racine Journal Times, access date: July 6, 2017. http://journaltimes.com/news/local/fashionista-exhibition-explores-the-art-of-fashion/article_824d6daa-f34f-5f1f-841e-66a9bba8c013.html

Roberts, Lee B., "A Professor's Legacy, Exhibit Pays Tribute to Late UW-Parkside Artist," Racine Journal Times, access date: 31 March 2017.
http://journaltimes.com/news/local/a-professor-s-legacy-exhibit-pays-tribute-to-late-uw/article_ea135d0e-bd0f-510b-9d75-2f4db0f92cbc.html

2015

"New Gallery Opens in Racine"
<https://www.wgtd.org/news/new-gallery-opens-racine>

2011

Burke, Michael, "Black-Eyed Press, collaborative art studio, opens soon," Racine Journal Times, access date: 16 March 2011. https://journaltimes.com/...art.../article_292535da-4fc5-11e0-9c20-001cc4c002e0.htm...

Geyer, Heather Rayne, "Mount Pleasant Artist's New Business is Her Dream-Come-True," Mount Pleasant Patch, access date Mar 23, 2011. pm
<https://patch.com/wisconsin/mountpleasant/mount-pleasant-artists-new-business-is-her-dream-come-true>

2010

Wishau, Brenda, "Work By UW-Parkside Students Now On Exhibit," Racine Journal Times, access date: May 4, 2010. http://journaltimes.com/news/local/education/work-by-uw-parkside-art-students-now-on-exhibit/article_3cea73d2-56b5-11df-b340-001cc4c03286.html

Permanent Collections

CLC Permanent Collection, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL

WGTD, Permanent Collection, Kenosha, WI

Racine Public Library, Racine, WI

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Golda Meir Library Special Collection, Milwaukee, WI

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Kenosha, WI