

Education

2020 Northern Illinois University, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Sculpture, Minor in Anthropology, Summa Cum Laude
2019 William Rainey Harper College, Associate in Fine Arts, Studio Art Emphasis
2015 William Rainey Harper College, Associate in Arts

Solo and Two-Person Exhibitions

2026 Solo Exhibition, Western Exhibitions, Chicago IL (Forthcoming)
Gargaphie, Solo Exhibition, Left Field, Los Osos, CA
2025 *Fellows in the Garden: Olivia Zubko*, Solo Presentation, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Sanctum, Solo Exhibition, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
2024 *Scott Stack and Olivia Zubko*, Two-Person Exhibition, DeGroot Fine Art, Chicago, IL
2023 Solo Presentation with Cleaner Gallery + Projects, NADA House, Governor's Island, NY
Soap Opus, Two-Person Exhibition, Rockford University Art Gallery, Rockford, IL
2022 *Necessarium*, Solo Exhibition, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL
2019 *Embellished*, Solo Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL
Assemblage, Solo Exhibition, Backspace Satellite Case, Dekalb, IL

Selected Group Exhibitions

2026 *The 92nd Exhibition of Visual Artist Members*, The Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Group Exhibition, Patient Info, Chicago, IL (Forthcoming)
2025 NADA Miami, Western Exhibitions (Chicago), Miami, FL
Flesh, Fixture, Feeling, Three Person Show, Grizzly Grizzly, Philadelphia, PA
2-3 Weeks, Gallery 350, Malé, Maldives
2-3 Weeks, The Plan, Chicago, IL
Tacoma Sculpture Park, Patient Info Gallery, Chicago, IL
2024 *The 100th Show*, Left Field, Los Osos, CA
Thirst Trap, Bridgeport Art Center, Chicago, IL
2023 NADA Miami, Cleaner Gallery + Projects (Chicago), Miami, FL
Petrified Wastage, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
Water Sports, Cleaner Gallery + Projects, Chicago, IL
Make You Make Me, Tiny Table Gallery hosted at Free Range, Chicago, IL
Street Sweeper, Cleaner Gallery + Projects hosted at Common Wealth Gallery, Madison, WI
Selections From the Irie Collection, McHenry County College, Crystal Lake, IL
West, Westest 4, LEFT FIELD, Los Osos, CA
2022 *Home Grown*, Unpacked Artist Space at MdW Fair, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
Art of Surface, Robert T. Wright Gallery, College of Lake County, Grayslake, IL
2020 NIU Spring BFA Show, Northern Illinois University, Virtual Exhibition
The Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, Dekalb, IL
2019 Terrain Biennial 2019, 215 N 4th St, Dekalb, IL
Assertive Charms, Color Circle Gallery, Chicago, IL
2018 *Return to 90/39*, Group Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL

Site/Site, Installation, East Lagoon, Dekalb, IL

2017 Juried Student Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Gallery, Palatine IL

2015 Special Projects Art Exhibition, Harper College Art Gallery, Palatine, IL

Residencies

2023 ACRE Residency- Steuben, WI
ACRE Strategic Planning Staff Session

Awards and Honors

2025 The Arts Club of Chicago Fellowship Recipient (2025-2026)

2021 Honorable Mention. 2020 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards, Sculpture Magazine

2020 2nd Place in Senior Category, The Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition

2019 O'Malley-Pugh Endowment Fund
Sally Stevens Scholarship in the Arts
1st Place, Emerging Artist Spotlight Undergraduate Juried Art Show

2017 Juror's Award, Harper College Juried Student Art Exhibition

2015 Inaugural Recipient of the Annual President's Art Selection Award, Harper College
Ray Mills Award, Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine
Juror's Award, Harper College Juried Student Art Exhibition

Bibliography and Press

2023 Balden, Kerry. "More Private Still," Red Skate Mag, Issue #3, pp. 70-87, Print. October 2023.
"Transformation Through Fire: The Porcelain Works of Olivia Zubko", Create! Magazine, Issue #37, pp. 20-25, Print. June 2023.
Rockford University, "Soap Opus," Exhibition Catalog. Print. June 2023.

2022 Alamo-Costello, Chester. "Olivia Zubko—Lifecycles of objects and belongings." TheCOMP Magazine, The University of St. Francis, Web. August 2022.

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2020 2020 BFA Undergraduate Portfolios, 2020 BFA Catalog, pp. 68-71
"Art and Design Senior Spotlight- Olivia Zubko." NIU Arts Blog, Web. June 2020. "NIU Artists. Never. Quit. – Olivia Zubko." NIU Today, Web. April 2020.

2018 "Meet Trailblazer Olivia Zubko", Voyage Chicago, Web. September 2018.
Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine, pp 16, 34-35

2017 Point of View, Harper College Literary Magazine, pp. 8, 20, 28, Front Cover