

BIDDY TRẦN

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Born Rach Gia, Viet Nam
Lives and works in Chicago, IL

EDUCATION

MFA California Institute of the Arts (Art)

BA University of California, Los Angeles (Art, emphasis in New Genres)
summa cum laude, commencement speaker

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *The Deconstruction of the World* (two-person exhibition) Casa Mérida, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2024 *Bought. And Then? New Works from the Art Collection of the City of Vienna*, MUSA @ Wien Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 2022 *My Bloody Strangers; Remembering Someone Else's Past*, Jewish Museum Wien, Vienna, Austria
- 2020 *Collection*, Palais des Beaux Arts, Vienna, Austria
- 2014 *Specters of the West*, Bäckerstrasse 4 Platform for Contemporary Art, Vienna, Austria
- 2012 *Behold the Invisible*, Gallery 621, Tallahassee FL (solo)
- 2012 *Narcissism, the Real, the Fake and the Anti-Digital Impulse*, Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 *Something you could wipe off, wash away, peel off*, The Lighthouse, Oakland CA
- 2011 *Tompkins Projects West: Works on Paper*, Dan Graham Gallery, Los Angeles CA
- 2009 *Why Theory*, Spring Arts Tower, Los Angeles

CURATION

- 2012 Curator, *Narcissism, the Real, the Fake and the Anti-Digital Impulse* featuring artists Anoka Faruquee, Nikhil Murthy and Karina Nimmerfall; Cirrus Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Curator, *The Road to Hell is Paved...* with Dennis Adams, Andrea Bowers, Michelle Dizon, Charles Gaines, Nery Gabriel Lemus, Joaquin Segura, and Nate Young; Las Cienegas Projects, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 Curator, *Tumbleweeds and Other Histories* with Steve Kado, Meghann McCrory, Ignacio Perez, Gala Porras-Kim, Ali Prosch and Ingrid Von Sydow; Five Thirty Three, Los Angeles, CA

PANELS / ARTIST TALKS

- 2026 Panelist, Conversation with Sofia Gabriel, Ximena Alarcon and Biddy Tran on *La Deconstrucción de la Mundo*, Casa Mérida, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2020 Artist Talk, Palais Des Beaux Arts, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Artist Lecture, Roberts Art Gallery, Santa Monica, CA
- 2014 Artist Talk, "Specters of the West," Baeckerstrasse 4—Platform for Contemporary Arts, Vienna, Austria
- 2012 Panelist, "Uncanny Valley" with moderator Claudia Slanar and panelists Seth Lower, Nikhil Murthy and Chris Peters
- 2010 Moderator and Coordinator, "The Politics of Art," with panelists Michelle Dizon, Charles Gaines and Ashley Hunt, Las Cienegas Projects, Los Angeles, CA

PUBLICATION / BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2026 "Interview with Ximena Alarcón and Biddy Tran about the installation *The Deconstruction of the World*," (translated from Spanish Culturas 22 by Chanel 22, Mexico City, Mexico)
- 2026 "They Invite us to Reflect on the Cruelty Rooted in Societies" (translated from Spanish), *La Jornada*
- 2026 "Ximena Alarcón Confronts the Viewer with the Abject" (translated from Spanish), *Excelsior*, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2026 "Ximena Alarcón Erects Rubble Against Indifference" (translated from Spanish), *Milenio Arte*
- 2021 "This art exhibition uses envelops to deliver hope online and in Long Beach," *Press Telegram*

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- 2015 "The Road to Hell is Paved...", *Time Runs Out*, 2015, 194-195
- 2014 "Specters of the West," Curatorial essay, Claudia Slanar
- 2012 "Narcissism, the Real, the Fake and the Anti-Digital Impulse" (exhibition catalogue)
- 2010 "The Road to Hell is Paved...", Curatorial Essay, *The Road to Hell is Paved... Catalogue*, 2010, 9-14
- 2010 "Conversation with Michelle Dizon," Interview, *The Road to Hell is Paved... Catalogue*, 2010, 15-25
- 2010 "Regarding Our Pop Culture Problem, and Plato's: Charles Gaines and Biddy Tran," Interview, edited by Adam Feldmeth, *The Road to Hell is Paved... Catalogue*, 2010, 63-69

SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- 2026 Faculty Travel Grant, Columbia College Chicago
- 2024 Faculty Project Grant, Columbia College Chicago
- 2014 Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant
- 2011 Puffin Foundation Artist Grant
- 2008 Joshua L. Meador Scholarship
- 2008 CalArts Scholarship
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- 2005 School of Arts & Architecture Academic Achievement Award
- 2005 Chancellor's Marshall
- 2005 School of Arts & Architecture Commencement Speaker
- 2005 Graduated Summa Cum Laude

TEACHING

- 2023-current Assistant Professor, Columbia College, Chicago IL (Drawing & Painting)
- 2023 Lecturer, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA (Drawing II)
- 2022 Visiting Professor, Scripps College, Claremont, CA (Intro to Painting, Intro to Drawing)
- 2021-2023 Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach CA (Intro to Painting, Intermediate Life Drawing, Life Painting)
- 2015-2023 Adjunct Faculty, Cerritos College, Norwalk CA (Foundation Drawing, Adobe Photoshop/Digital Imaging)
- 2014 Lecturer, California State University, Long Beach CA (Fundamentals of Drawing)
- 2011-2014 Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo CA (Art Appreciation)

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