

Born: 1962, South Miami, Florida

Education

- 2016 MFA in Book Arts and Paper, University of Iowa Center for the Book; Iowa City, IA
1984 BFA in Studio Art (Painting & Drawing), Lamar University; Beaumont, TX

A native of Miami, Florida, Amy Richard's life-long connection with the natural environment began while exploring coastal waters and mangrove forests as a child. Her passion for art was later set in motion at Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas where she studied painting, drawing, art history and sculpture, completing a BFA in 1984. Since then, she has worked as an artist, science writer and educator. A fascination with hand papermaking processes led Richard to complete an MFA in Book Arts at the University of Iowa with a focus on Asian papermaking, sculpture and the spiritual and healing aspects of paper (2016). Her recent work is a response to *liber naturae* (the Book of Nature), an idea tracing back to generations of philosophers who considered the natural world a source of limitless text to be studied as a symbolic repository of divine wisdom. Richard currently lives in Gainesville, Florida where she works in her studio and teaches.

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 Melrose Bay Gallery, Melrose, FL [postponed due to COVID]
2019 *Paper Spirits*, Hippodrome Art Gallery, Gainesville, FL
2016 *Drawing from the Book of Nature*, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Public Space One Gallery, Iowa City, IA
1996 *Fish Tails and Other Seaside Impressions*, Works in Paper, Barbin Gallery; Galveston, TX
1995 *At the Sea's Edge*, Pastels on Paper, Barbin Gallery; Galveston, TX
1994 *Coastal Reflections*, Rockport Center for the Arts; Rockport, TX

Selected Group Exhibitions (with Awards)

- 2021 *Reclamation*, San Francisco Center for the Book; San Francisco, CA [confirmed: June]
2021 *National Juried Exhibition*, Morgan Conservatory; Cleveland, OH
2020 *Affinities: Artists in the Libraries*, Virtual exhibition: *Caxton Club*; Chicago, IL
2020 *Collective Voices: Persistent Narratives within Campus Collections*, George Caleb Bingham Gallery, University of Missouri; Columbia, MO
2020 *National Juried Exhibition*, Morgan Conservatory; Cleveland, OH
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2018 *Catalyst: Four Years of the Coffey Residency for Book Arts*, University of Florida Smathers Library; Gainesville, FL
2018 *Pushing Paper: A National Juried Exhibition*, Barrett Art Center; Poughkeepsie, NY
2018 *After School Special: The Lamar University First Juried Alumni Exhibition*, Lamar University; Beaumont, TX
2018 *Know How 1: Summer Workshop Instructors Exhibition*; Morgan Conservatory; Cleveland, OH
2017 *Intermolecular Forces: Paperworks by Melissa Jay Craig & Amy Richard*; Morgan Conservatory; Cleveland, OH
2017 *South Cobb Arts Alliance 30th National Juried Exhibition*, Mable House Arts Center; Mableton, GA
2017 *Handy Books Exhibition*, University of Iowa, Center for the Book; Iowa City, IA
2016 *In, On, Of Paper*, Juried Exhibition, Cycle 2, Paper Circle; Nelsonville, OH (**Award of Distinction**)
2016 *MFA Group Thesis Exhibition*, K.K. Merker Gallery, Center for the Book, University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA
2014 *Cut & Sewn: Book and Paper Arts*, Coralville Library; Coralville, IA
2010 *Jerry Newman Tribute Exhibition*, Dishman Art Gallery, Lamar University; Beaumont, TX
1996 *15th Annual September Competition*; Alexandria Museum of Art; Alexandria, LA (**Purchase Award**)
1996 *Beyond the Bounds*, North Harris College Fine Art Gallery; Houston, TX
1996 *Grand Bal Invitational Art Auction and Exhibit*, Dishman Art Gallery, Lamar University; Beaumont, TX
1995 *Selected Works—ARTWALK*, Barbin Gallery; Galveston, TX
1994 *Art Studio Annual Juried Exhibition*, Art Studio; Beaumont, TX (**Honorable Mention**)

- 1994 *Dishman Competition*, Dishman Art Gallery; Beaumont, TX
1993 *Miniature Show*, Rockport Center for the Arts; Rockport, TX
1986 *Alumni Exhibition*, Dishman Art Gallery; Beaumont, TX
1986 *Juried Student Exhibition*, Glassell School, Museum of Fine Arts; Houston, TX
1986 *Art Studio Annual Juried Exhibition*, The Art Studio; Beaumont, TX (**2nd Place**)
1985 *Evelyn Brown and Amy Richard: Recent Paintings and Drawings*, The Art Studio; Beaumont TX
1985 *Tri-state Annual Juried Exhibition*, Beaumont Art League; Beaumont, TX (**Purchase Award**)
1984 *Museum of Southeast Texas Annual Juried Exhibition*, Museum of Southeast Texas; Beaumont, TX

Public Collections

- Alexandria Museum of Art / Alexandria, LA
- Beaumont Art League / Beaumont, TX
- George Caleb Bingham Gallery, University of Missouri / Columbia, MO
- Newberry Library / Chicago, IL
- Smithsonian Art Museum and Portrait Gallery Library / Washington, DC
- University of Miami Special Collections Library / Miami, FL

Grants / Residencies

- 2020 In, On, Of Paper / University of Florida [postponed due to COVID]
2018 Coffey Residency for Book Arts, University of Florida (Fall)
2016 Caxton Award for Midwestern Graduate Students, Caxton Club, Chicago, IL

Teaching

- 2021 Arts4All Teaching Artist Residency [students with disabilities], University of South Florida; Tampa, FL
2020 *Kozo Contemporary Papermaking Workshop* [online], International Biennial for Paper & Fibre Art, National Taiwan Craft Research and Development Institute; Nantou County, Taiwan
2020 Arts4All Teaching Artist Residency [students with disabilities], University of South Florida; Tampa, FL
2019 Florida VSA Teaching Artist Residency [students with disabilities], University of South Florida; Tampa, FL
2019 DEEP PAPERMAKING, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Florida School of Art and Art History, Gainesville, FL
2018 Sculpture from Nature: Materials and Methods [workshop]; Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
2018 Florida VSA Teaching Artist Residency; Dixie County (Old Town, FL and Cross City, FL)
2017 Visiting Artist, DEEP PAPER [workshop]; School of Art & Art History, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
2016 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Summer Session A: *Expressive Paper*, University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA
2016 *Expressive Paper* [workshop], Iowa City Press Co-op; Iowa City, IA
2015 Studio Assistant, Paper Works Summer Session A: University of Iowa Center for the Book; Iowa City, IA
2014 Studio Assistant, Paper Works Summer Session A: University of Iowa Center for the Book; Iowa City, IA
1989 Instructor: Figure/Perspective Drawing for Young Artists, Glassell School of Art Jr. School; Houston, TX
1987 Visiting Artist, *Exploring the Third Plane*, papermaking workshop; Lamar University; Beaumont, TX
1983 Instructor: Beginning Watercolor, Museum of Southeast Texas; Beaumont, TX

Collaborative Projects

- 2018 *Hand Papermaking: A Versatile, Dynamic Clinical Tool for Kids, Teens & Adults*; Expressive Therapy Summit; Co-presenter and Facilitator of hand papermaking workshop with art therapist Genevieve Camp and Studio Coordinator Amy Jacobs at Dieu Donne Paper Mill and Gallery; New York, NY
2015 *Therapeutic Hand Papermaking with Vulnerable Populations*, Expressive Therapy Summit; Presenter and Facilitator of workshop with art therapists Amy Bucciarelli, Genevieve Camp and Amy Jacobs at Dieu Donne Paper Mill and Gallery; New York, NY

- 2014 *Emotional Healing Through Hand Papermaking*, Expressive Therapy Summit; collaborated and assisted Amy Bucciarelli, Genevieve Camp and staff at Dieu Donne Paper Mill and Gallery; New York, NY
- 2014 *Full Circle Project*, collaborated with Dawn Wohlford and a small group of breast-cancer survivors utilizing hand papermaking processes as a vehicle for making art and communicating individual stories of illness, healing and wellness. Figge Art Museum; Davenport, IA
- 2013 *Papermaking: A Dynamic Tool for Creative Arts Therapists*, Expressive Therapy Summit, assisted Amy Bucciarelli, Genevieve Camp and staff at Dieu Donne Paper Mill and Gallery; New York, NY
- 2013 *Transfiguration: Making Peace With our Bodies*, paper artist and facilitator for one-day workshop and group sculpture project with art therapist Genevieve Camp and patients at the Eating Disorder Recovery Center, University of Florida Springhill Health Center; Gainesville, FL
- 2012 *The Peace Paper Project*— a week of hand papermaking activities serving area veterans and UF SHANDS hospital patients; Gainesville, FL (facilitator)

Presentations and Related Videos

- 2018 THE MOLLUSK ~ An Artist Talk, George A. Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville FL
- 2018 Innovator Series: Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention, Papermaking Demonstration, Gainesville, FL
- 2018 Reading Nature – A Precursor to Sculpture [artist talk], Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
- 2017 *MFA Thesis Exhibit: Drawing from the Book of Nature*, filmed and produced by Kalmia Strong, PS1 Gallery, Iowa City, Iowa, Video: <https://vimeo.com/198095639>
- 2016 *Iowa Center Brings Books to Life*, featured student interview with Big Ten Network (LiveBig), Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zGRn08F2oMQ&sns=em>
- 2014 *Hand Papermaking and the Printed Word: A Dynamic Tool for the Healing Arts Community (and paper artists)*, Author and Presenter, American Printing History Association and Friends of Dard Hunter Joint Annual Conference (October); San Francisco, CA
- 2014 *Hand Papermaking: A Dynamic Tool for the Healing Arts Community*, Presenter/Co-Author with Amy Bucciarelli and Genevieve Skillen-Camp, Health Humanities Symposium: Building the Future of Research and Technology, The Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA
- 2013 *Transfiguration: Making Peace With our Bodies*, featured paper artist with collaborators Amy Bucciarelli and Genevieve Camp; video by Genevieve Skillen-Camp, University of Florida Springhill Health Center; Gainesville, FL; Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dRroDV8s8QZQ>

Articles and Publications

- 2018 “Breathing Through Paper,” *Hand Papermaking*, Volume 33, No.1 Summer
- 2017 “Paper, Paper, Paper: A Book Review,” *Openings: Studies in Book Art*, College Book Art Assoc., Volume 3, No. 1
- 2013 “A Recipe for Healing,” *Hand Papermaking*, Volume 28, No. 1
- 2013 “A Papermaker’s Dilemma: Examining the Use of Invasive Plants” *Hand Papermaking*, Volume 25, No. 1

Professional Community Service

- 2020 – Member / Board of Directors, Good News Arts [arts space]; High Springs, FL
- 2017 – Columnist, *Hand Papermaking* newsletter, Hand Papermaking, Inc, Minneapolis, MN
- 2017 – 2011 Hand Papermaking, Inc., Board of Directors: Vice-Chair, Subscription Chair (2016), Secretary (2015)
- 2016 – 2013 Research Assistant/Copyright Manager, University of Iowa Press, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2015 – 2008 Hand Papermaking, Inc. Volunteer; Desktop production for *Hand Papermaking Newsletter* (quarterly)

Other Professional Experience

- 2016 – 2013 Research and Production Papermaking Assistant to Timothy Barrett, University of Iowa, Center for the Book Paper Mill; Coralville, IA
- 2016 – 2013 Graduate Research Assistant: Rights and Permissions Manager, University of Iowa Press
Provided research, documentation and implementation of rights and permissions policy for the Press, University of Iowa; Iowa City, IA
- 2013 – 2006 Coordinator: Florida Invasive Plant Education Initiative, University of Florida / Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), responsible for obtaining annual grant funding of \$160,000, developing and disseminating curricula about invasive plants in Florida, including dozens of lessons and hands-on activities, videos and an annual 5-day training workshop. Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants, Gainesville FL <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/education>
- 2006 - 2004 Design and Production Coordinator: UF/IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants.
Coordinated all aspects of production and dissemination of educational materials about aquatic and invasive plants, and Florida plant management. Projects included field guides, educational displays for conferences, professional meetings, and various public venues; photographing aquatic and wetland plants for use in educational materials and Center websites: <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu> and <http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/manage>
- 2004 - 1996 Senior Information Specialist: Florida LAKEWATCH, UF/IFAS Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. Provided science writing, editing and desktop production for citizen-based, volunteer water-monitoring program. Collaborated with researchers, faculty and staff to develop a series of information circulars and outreach publications about lake ecology and water management (quarterly newsletter, brochures, press releases, etc.).