

Jesenia Avila-Ugalde

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Born 1995 Mexico City, Mexico

Resides Louisville, KY, USA

Education

BFA, Studio Art, Kentucky College of Art + Design, Louisville, KY – 2024

AAS, Communications Arts, High Distinction, Jefferson Community Technical College, Louisville, KY – 2019

Exhibitions

2025 *Cumbia Sin Fronteras*, Evoke Gallery, Group Exhibition, Chicago, IL

2024 *Aflorar*, Frazier History Museum, Group Exhibition, Louisville, KY

2024 *Prismatic Terrain*, KyCAD 849 Gallery, Group Exhibition Louisville, KY

2023 *Aflorar*, Speed Museum, Group Exhibition, Louisville, KY

2022 *Aflorar*, La Casita Center, Permanent Collection, Louisville, KY

2019 Portfolio Review, Jefferson Community Technical College, Louisville, KY

CATP Student Show, KRANTZ Gallery, Louisville, KY - Juried

2018 *CATP Student Show*, KRANTZ Gallery, Louisville, KY

Awards + Scholarships

2019 Full Tuition Academic Scholarship, Kentucky College of Art + Design, Louisville, KY

Judges' Choice Award, Design, American Advertising Federation Louisville, Louisville, KY

Gold ADDY Award, Design, American Advertising Federation Louisville, Louisville, KY

Silver District ADDY Award, Design, American Advertising Federation, Cincinnati, OH

Best in Show, Portfolio Review, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, KY

CATP Outstanding Achievement Award, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, KY

2018 Judges' Choice Awards, Photography, American Advertising Federation Louisville, Louisville, KY

Silver ADDY Award, Photography, American Advertising Federation Louisville, Louisville, KY

Silver ADDY Award, Design, American Advertising Federation Louisville, Louisville, KY

2013 Gold Key Award, Photography, Scholastic, Louisville, KY

Commissions + Collections

- 2022 Untitled, Large-Scale Art + Design Commission, Kentucky College of Art + Design, Louisville, KY
The Divine, The Hopeful, and the Consequences, Louisville Visual Arts Collection, Louisville, KY

Workshops + Panels

- 2024 Highlights in Undergraduate Research, Panelist, College of Arts Association, CAA 2024, Chicago, IL
- 2023 #ElAmorGana (#LoveWins) Graphic Design Social Justice Project Class, Latino Leadership and College Experience Camp, Lexington, KY
- 2022 Panelist, *Changing Story Keepers: Millennials and Gen Zers*, Festival of Faiths, Louisville, KY
Stencil Workshop, Center for Social Justice Youth Development Research, Louisville, KY
Craft Workshop, Center for Social Justice Youth Development Research, Louisville, KY
Gallery Installation Workshop, Family & Children's Place: CLASP, Louisville, KY
Art Workshop, Family & Children's Place: CLASP, Louisville, KY

Related Professional Development + Experience

- 2026 *Derby Photography Coverage*, Al Dia en America LLC, Louisville, KY
- 2026 Adjunct Instructor, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, KY
- 2026 Multimedia Specialist, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Louisville, KY
- 2022 Adobe Max Creativity Conference, Los Angeles, CA
Graphic Design / Photography / Art Freelance, Louisville, KY
Curator, *If it's perfect, there's nothing for us to fix*, ACME Gallery, Louisville, KY
- 2021 Latino Leadership College Experience Camp, Lexington, KY
- 2019 Graphic Designer, Signarama Downtown, Louisville, KY
- 2017 19th Annual Allied Media Conference, Detroit, MI