**Ryan Mark Pagett**

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**Education**

May 2023Master of Arts, Art History and Visual Culture, Lindenwood University, St. Charles MO.

May 2020 Bachelor of Science, Art Education, Columbus State University, Columbus GA.

**Awards and Honors**

2025 Artist, Champion Ribbon and 1st Place Blue Ribbon, Painted jacket, "I AM A DROP IN THIS OCEAN OF NOISE," Open Adult- Arts & Crafts, Fabric Painting, Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

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2025 Artist, 1st Place Blue Ribbon, Cyanotype Tapestry, "fouquieria splendens in hieme," Open Adult-Arts & Crafts, Wall Hangings, Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

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2025 Artist, 1st Place Blue Ribbon, Cyanotype Jumpsuit, "fouquieria splendens floret," Open Adult-Arts & Crafts, Decorated Garments, Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

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2025 Artist, 1st Place Blue Ribbon, "Pink Lady," Open Adult-Fine Arts, Portrait/Figures (Acrylic), Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

2025 Artist, 1st Place Blue Ribbon, "At Rest (metroman takes a break)," Open Adult-Photography, Color-Creative/Experimental, Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

2025         Artist, 2nd Place Red Ribbon, "Chromatic Elevation," Open Adult-Photography, Color-Creative/Experimental, Imperial Valley Mid-

Winter Fair and Fiesta Competitive Exhibits, Imperial, CA.

2024 Curator, Certificate of Congressional Recognition, CA. Congressional District 25, *Native Voices | Native Truths: A Contemporary Experience*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA.

**Art Exhibitions**

2025 Competitive Exhibits, Imperial Valley Mid-Winter Fair and Fiesta, Imperial, CA.

2025 Group Exhibit, *Black and White 2025*, Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center, Calexico, CA.

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2024 Group Exhibition, *Intercepting Nature*, Gateway Gallery, Ocotillo, CA.

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2024 Group Exhibition and Fashion Show, *The New West*, Gateway Gallery, Ocotillo, CA.

2023 Group Exhibition, *Small Works Exhibit 2023*, JAG Gallery, Key West FL.

2023 Group Exhibition and fundraiser, *Palate, Palette & Pallet*, Imperial Valley Food Bank, Imperial CA.

2023Online Group Exhibition, *Colorium*, organized by Gallerium, powered by Biafarian.

2019Student artist and curator, Group Exhibition, *Ivoire Fashion Showcase* at *Zenith* Senior Thesis Exhibition, Illges and Bay Gallery, Columbus State University, Columbus GA.

2019Student artist and curator, Solo Exhibition, Junior Thesis Exhibition, Bay Gallery, Columbus State University, Columbus GA.

**Collaborative Projects**

2017 Student artist alongside Chicago based artist Gabriel Villa, large-scale mural painting (85 ft.), Davidson Student Center, Columbus State University, Columbus GA.

**Commissions**

2025 Private Art Commission, *desert blooms in blue*, denim overalls accented with cyanotype prints

2023 Corporate Art Commission, *Diners and Dives*, large-scale mural painting (23 x 9.5 ft. mural), Got 2b Rollin’ Skating Rink, Buckhead, GA.

2022 Private Art Commission, series of 3 acrylic pours (12 x 12 in.)

2021 Private Art Commission, *Maggie and Bags*, acrylic painting Pet portraits (10 x 20 in.)

2021 Private Art Commission, *Peppers and Eva*, acrylic painting Dog portraits (12 x 16 in.)

2021 Private Art Commission, *Jerry and Larry*, acrylic painting Dog portraits (12 x 16 in.)

2021 Private Art Commission, acrylic pour (12 x 12 in.)

**Curatorial Experience**

**August 2023 – Present**

**Head Curator, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA.**

2025 Competition judge, Imperial County Arts Festival, El Centro, CA. May 2025.

2025 Curator, *Desert Fables: Illustrations from “The Neotenic Queen,”* inspired by *The Neotenic Queen: Tales of Sex and Survival in the Sonoran Desert*, *Writing and Illustrations of Alejandro Canelos, and Rachel Ivanyi*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. In progress, January-May of 2025.

2024 Curator, *Borderland Expressions: Narrative Change Through Arts in Imperial Valley*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. October-December of 2024.

2024 Curator, *Imperial Valley Desert Museum: Rocky Start to Firm Foundation*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. Summer of 2024.

2024 Project Support Staff, *Imperial Valley Decolonization Movement* grant project, mural designed and created by 4 local indigenous artists of the Southern/Northern Baja California area, to encompasses the front walls of the Imperial Valley Desert Museum. This mural showcases the history and culture of the Kumeyaay indigenous people, a tribe seen throughout Southern/Northern Baja California, funded by *Far South/Border North*. Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. September 2024 - Present.

2024 Competition judge, *Imperial County Arts Festival,* El Centro, CA. May 2024.

2024 Competition judge, *Congressional Art Competition* (District CA-25, Imperial Valley), April 2024.

2024 Curator, *Native Voices | Native Truths: A Contemporary Experience*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. January-April 2024.

**June 2022 – July 2023**

**Curatorial, Archival Assistant, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA.**

2023 Designer, *Steffen Thomas: Rock & Chisel* Digital Catalog, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA. Currently found on the museum website.

2023 Lead curator, *Steffen Thomas: Rock & Chisel* (selected works from the recently created *Steffen Thomas: Rock & Chisel* documentary film), Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA.

2023 Lead curator, *Richard and Marjorie Lowrance Collection Tableau* (21 works), Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA. Currently on display.

2022-23 Lead archiver, Richard and Marjorie Lowrance Personal Steffen Thomas Collection (approximately 340 works), from Atlanta, GA. to Buckhead, GA.

2023 Designer, *Hinterglasmalerei: Reverse Paintings of Steffen Thomas* Digital Catalog, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA. Currently found on the museum website.

2023 Designer, *Hinterglasmalerei: Reverse Paintings of Steffen Thomas* 8-page fold zine, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA.

2023 Co-Curator (co-organized with M. Adams), *Hinterglasmalerei: Reverse Paintings of Steffen Thomas*,Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA.

2023 Co-Curator (co-organized with M. Adams, A. Vuley & L. Conner), *Mentor and Protege: Steffen Thomas & Jack Stewart*, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead GA.

2022 Co-Curator (co-organized with M. Adams), *Master Prints: Steffen Thomas and Chloe Alexander*, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead GA.

2022 Co-organizer (co-organized with M. Adams, A. Vuley & L. Conner), 2022 Founder’s Day Celebration, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead GA.

2021 Lead educator, *Steffen Thomas’s Animal Kingdom* Family Workshop, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead GA

**Teaching Experience**

July 2021- May 2022 Art Teacher for 4-8th graders, Anita White Carson Middle School, Greensboro GA.

July 2020- May 2021 Art Teacher for 6-8th graders, Indian Creek Middle School, Covington GA.

Spring of 2020Art Student Teacher for 9-12th graders, Hardaway High School, Columbus GA.

**Internships**

2022 Exhibit Installation Assistant, *Dinosaurs: Land of Fire and Ice*, UpCountry History Museum, Greenville, SC.

2019 FallMuseum Internship within the Department of Education, The Columbus Museum, Columbus GA.

2019 SummerIntern Assistant and Curator/Archival Researcher, The Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead GA.

2019 Spring Museum Internship within the Department of Education, The Columbus Museum, Columbus GA.

**Publications**

**August 2023 – Present**

**Head Curator, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA.**

2025 *An Introduction to Artifact Conservation at the Imperial Valley Desert Museum* for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA.

May 2025.

2025 *What is IVDM? A Museum, Research Center, Community Hub, and So Much More* for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. February 2025.

2024 *Borderland Expressions: Narrative Change Through Arts in Imperial Valley* for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. September 2024. [*Imperial Valley Desert Museum: Rocky Start to Firm Foundations - An Exhibition 50 Years in the Making*](https://www.ivpressonline.com/life/desertmuseum/land-of-extremes-imperial-valley-desert-museum-rocky-start-to-firm-foundations---an/article_6a3e8a62-37ec-11ef-b57c-b38ab4808e9b.html) for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. July 2024.

2024 Co-Writer(co-written with N. Beltran) *Curation Station* article *Rockin’ Out with Ryan & Nallely* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. June-September 2024.

2024 *Curation Station* article *Artist Spotlights #1-4 from Native Voices | Native Truths: A Contemporary Experience* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. January-April 2024.

2024 *IVDM Pivoting into the New Year with* *Native Voices | Native Truths: A Contemporary Experience*! for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. February 2024.

2023 Co-Writer (co-written with K. O’Lear), *Native Voices* **|** *Native Truths: A Contemporary Experience* article, for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. December 2023.

2023 *Curation Station* article *Archaeological Analysis Adventures with Dr. Gregory Haynes* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. December 2023.

2023 *Celebrating the Holidays, An Indigenous Perspective*, for the *Imperial Valley Press*, El Centro, CA. November 2023.

2023 *Curation Station* article *Ocotillo Rocks!* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. November 2023.

2023 *Curation Station* article *The History of La Loteria* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. October 2023.

2023 *Curation Station* article *Traditional Craft Day* for *The Cactus Chronicle*, Imperial Valley Desert Museum, Ocotillo, CA. September 2023.

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2022 *Hinterglasmalerei: Reverse Paintings of Steffen Thomas* Digital Catalog, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA. Currently found on the museum website.

2022 *Hinterglasmalerei: Reverse Paintings of Steffen Thomas* zine, Steffen Thomas Museum of Art, Buckhead, GA.

February - April 2023.

**Training and Certifications**

2025 California Collections Care Training Cohort, Balboa Art Conservation Center, San Diego CA.

Present - January 2026

* A large-scale initiative to bring collections care capacity building to institutions throughout the state of California via accessible virtual lectures and in-person, hands-on workshops. Made up of 15 applicants.

2023 Sexual Harassment and Abusive Conduct Prevention Training, *California Department of Fair Employment and Housing*

October 2023.

2023 Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Training, September 2023 - September 2025.

2022 Gary Alderman (Classroom Management) Training, Northeast GA RESA, February 2022.

**References Available Upon Request**