



Olivia Gude - Higher Education Art Educator of the Year

A Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Olivia Gude has made significant contributions to art education. Her dedication was recognized through the National Art Education Association's 2009 Viktor Lowenfeld Award for significant contributions to the field of art education. In 2012, she was chosen as a member of the Visual Arts Writing Team of the U.S. National Coalition for Core Arts Standards. Professor Gude is the Founding Director of the Spiral Workshop at the University of Illinois at Chicago, a curriculum research project based on art classes for urban teens. As a member of the Senior Artist Circle of Chicago Public Art Group and editor of CPAG's Community Public Art Guide website, Olivia has created over 50 collaborative mural and mosaic projects.

Professor Gude has received many grants and awards, including two National Endowment for the Arts grants

for public artworks, an Arts Midwest Regional Fellowship in Painting, and a State of Illinois Fellowship for Outstanding Achievement in the Visual Arts. Additionally, she has twice been named a Great Cities Scholar by the University of Illinois at Chicago. Olivia has presented keynote lectures and workshops on transforming public school art education, and on her work as a collaborative public artist at universities, museums, and art conferences throughout the U.S. and Canada. In recent years, Olivia has presented keynote addresses for the Korean Society for Education through Art in Seoul, Korea (2011), the Den Frie Contemporary Art Center in Copenhagen (2010), and the Asia-Pacific Arts Education conference in Singapore (2013). In 2012, Olivia was invited to present a Supersession at the National Art Education Association conference in NYC—"Evocative & Provocative Pedagogy: Towards a Culture Changing Curriculum".