

DANI NEIRA

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Art History and Visual Studies
University of Victoria

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020-2023 Open Space (Victoria, BC)

Program Coordinator (2022-2023)

Project Curator (2022)

Curatorial Assistant (2021)

Program Intern (2020)

2022 Dirty Dishes Collective (Victoria, BC) Co-founder & Curator

2022 Carey Newman/University of Victoria Research Assistant

2022 Cedric Bomford/University of Victoria Research Assistant

2020-2022 The Warren Undergraduate Review (Victoria, BC) Visual Arts Editor

2019-2020 Contemporary Art Gallery (Vancouver, BC) Visitor Attendant

EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

2025 Whippersnapper Gallery (Toronto, ON) Co-curator: Comfort Zone (Dirty Dishes Collective)

2023-2024 Artspeak (Vancouver, BC) Co-curator: to a pulp (Dirty Dishes Collective)

2022 UNIT/PITT (Vancouver, BC) Participating Artist: I Spy...

2022 The Frank Museum of Art (Westerville, OH, US) Curatorial Assistant: Colour Works

2022 Crummy Gallery, UNIT/PITT (Victoria, BC) Co-curator: Ripples (Dirty Dishes Collective)

2022 Open Space (Victoria, BC) Curator: Queer Futurities: holding area, gathering place

2022 Crummy Gallery (Victoria, BC) Co-curator: Homegrown (Dirty Dishes Collective)

2021 Open Space (Victoria, BC) Co-curator: The Garden of Earthy Delights

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WRITING & EDITING

- 2023 Fortune Gallery Exhibition Text: Laveen Gammie, The Meet Up
- 2023 Open Space Guest Editor: Open Word (Vol 1. Issue 2)
- 2022 Open Space Editor: FIFTY YEARS (Vol 1. Issue 1)
- 2022 Open Space Curatorial Essay: Queer Futurities
- 2021 Art Gallery of Greater Victoria e-Magazine Article: Intimate Pedagogies in the FAFS
- 2021 The Warren Undergraduate Review Visual Arts Editor: "Warren Pieces: Trash" (Vol 5. No. 1)
- 2020 The Warren Undergraduate Review Visual Arts Editor: "Warren Pieces: Fever" (Vol 4. No.1)
- 2020 Open Space Editor: (UN)PRODUCTIVE (Zine, ed. 150)

GRANTS & AWARDS

- 2023 Canada Council for the Arts Concept to Realization Project Grant
- 2022 BC Arts Council Early Career Development Grant
- 2022 UNIT/PITT Wrong Wave Program Funding
- 2022 Subtle Technologies Curatorial Mentorship Program Winner
- 2021 Greater Victoria Regional Arts Awards Fine Arts Student Community Impact Award
- 2021-2022 University of Victoria
 - Audre St. Denys & M.E. Johnson Scholarship (2022)
 - Chair in Transgender Studies UG Research Scholarship (2022)
 - Knowledge First Foundation Scholarship (2021)
 - Scholarship Beyond Boundaries (2021)
 - John and Myrtle Tilley Undergraduate Scholarship (2021)
- 2020 City of Victoria Everyday Creativity Grant
- 2017 Vancouver Foundation Neighbourhood Small Grant