

# Siyun Xue

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## WEBSITE

<https://siyunxue.com/>

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## PROFILE

Scholar-artist and interdisciplinary designer working across graphics, sculpture, object, and environmental design. With training in philosophy and 3D design, I approach creation as a way of thinking, developing objects and spatial forms grounded in both conceptual reflection and material exploration. I draw on an active creative practice, undergraduate teaching experience, and a strong commitment to supporting diverse learners through clear, structured, and inclusive pedagogy.

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## EDUCATION

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| Aug 2023 – Present  | <b>MFA in 3D Design</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secondary discipline: Jewelry and Metal Arts</li><li>• MA achieved, Spring 2025</li><li>• MFA expected, May 2026</li><li>• Thesis (defended, Apr 2026):<br/><u><a href="#">Incarnation: A Vision of Design from Its Origin</a></u></li></ul>  | The University of Iowa<br>Iowa City, US    |
| Aug 2020 – Present  | <b>PhD in Philosophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Candidacy achieved, Spring 2022</li><li>• PhD expected, Dec 2026</li><li>• Dissertation prospectus (defended, Feb 2026):<br/><u><a href="#">In Defense of the Non-formalized Design Tradition: A Case Study of Circulation Design Through the Lens of Gestalt Dynamics</a></u></li></ul> | The University of Iowa<br>Iowa City, US    |
| Aug 2018 – May 2020 | <b>MA in Philosophy (PhD-track preparation)</b>   | Texas Tech University<br>Lubbock, US       |
| Aug 2015 – Jun 2018 | <b>MA in Philosophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: Negation in Wittgenstein's <i>Tractatus</i></li></ul>   | Sun Yat-sen University<br>Guangzhou, China |
| Aug 2011 – Jun 2015 | <b>BA in Philosophy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thesis: Categories and Aristotle's Categorialism</li></ul>  | Sun Yat-sen University<br>Guangzhou, China |

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Aug 2023 – Present  | <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor of Record – Design Fundamentals (Fall 23, Spring 24, Fall 24, Spring 25, Fall 25)</li><li>• Instructor of Record – Elements of 3D Design (Fall 23, Fall 25, Spring 26)</li></ul>   | The University of Iowa<br>School of Art, Art<br>History and Design<br>Iowa City, US |
| Aug 2020 – Jun 2023 | <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instructor of Record – Principles of Reasoning (Fall 22, Spring 23)</li><li>• Instructor of Record – Introduction to Ethics (Discussion Section, Spring 22)</li><li>• Instructor of Record – Meaning of Life (Discussion Section, Fall 20 (Online), Spring 21(Online), Fall 21)</li></ul> | The University of Iowa<br>Department of<br>Philosophy<br>Iowa City, US              |

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| Aug 2018 – Jun 2020 | <b>Teaching Assistant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructor of Record – Logic (Fall 18)</li> <li>Grader – Classical Greek Philosophy (Fall 19)</li> <li>Grader – Modern European Philosophy (Spring 19, Spring 20)</li> </ul> | Texas Tech University<br>Department of<br>Philosophy<br>Lubbock, US |
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## ACADEMIC SERVICE & INTERNSHIP

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| Nov 2025            | <b>Conference Session Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as a session chair at the 2025 Iowa Philosophical Society Conference</li> </ul>  | The University of Iowa<br>Iowa City, US                         |
| Jun 2024 – Jul 2024 | <b>Exhibition Design Intern</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in planning two exhibitions:<br/><u>Navigating Lolelapp</u><br/><u>Knowing The West</u></li> </ul>   | Crystal Bridges<br>Museum of<br>American Art<br>Bentonville, US |
| Mar 2023            | <b>Conference Co-host &amp; Commentator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Served as co-host &amp; commentator of the <u>UIowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference 2023</u>, responsible for venue preparation and conference moderation</li> </ul> | The University of Iowa<br>Iowa City, US                         |

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## AWARDS

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| 2026 | University of Iowa Research Grants – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences  | US          |
| 2025 | <b>Design Educates Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Honorable Mention in Product Design</u></li> </ul>   | Germany     |
|      | <b>SIT Design Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Furniture Design - Honorable Mention</u></li> </ul>  | Switzerland |
|      | 2025-2026 Len Everett Fund for Excellence Scholarship  | US          |
| 2024 | <b>Design Educates Awards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Honorable Mention in Product Design</u></li> </ul>   | Germany     |
|      | <b>International Design Awards (IDA)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Bronze in Home &amp; Living / Home Decor</u></li> </ul>                               | US          |
|      | <b>SIT Design Award</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Furniture Design - Stool Winner</u></li> <li><u>Furniture Design - Chaise Longue Winner</u></li> </ul> | Switzerland |
|      | 2024-2025 Len Everett Fund for Excellence Scholarship  | US          |

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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

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| 2026 | May | ICFF – <u>Launch Pad (Upcoming)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>PolyEye Space Divider</u></li></ul>     | New York City, US |
|      | Mar | <u>Incarnation: A Vision of Design from Its Origin (MFA Exhibition)</u>  | Iowa City, US     |
| 2025 | Dec | Maison&Objet Intérieurs – <u>Shifted Mirrors</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>String Chair</u></li></ul> | Hong Kong, China  |
|      | May | ICFF – <u>Launch Pad</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Chair of Solemnity</u></li></ul>                   | New York City, US |
|      | Jan | IDS Toronto – <u>Prototype</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Blooming Moments</u></li></ul>               | Toronto, Canada   |
| 2024 | Sep | <u>The DEA Exhibition</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Mother's Embrace</u></li></ul>                    | Melle, Germany    |

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## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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|------|-----|--|-------------------|
| 2025 | Nov | <u>3D Design Student &amp; Faculty Exhibition</u>  | Iowa City, US     |
|      |     | <u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student &amp; Faculty Exhibition</u>   | Iowa City, US     |
|      | May | ICFF 2025 – Schools Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Duet</u></li></ul>                                       | New York City, US |
|      | Jan | IDS Toronto – 2025 Studio North <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>arCHAIRtecture</u></li></ul>                          | Toronto, Canada   |
| 2024 | Nov | Dubuque by Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Wallpapers Inspired by Tiffany Glass</u></li></ul>                  | Dubuque, US       |
|      | Sep | <u>3D Design Invitational</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>3D Design Invitational Exhibition</u></li></ul>         | Iowa City, US     |
|      | May | ICFF 2024 – Schools Showcase <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <u>Fruitful – Accessories of Everyday Comfort</u></li></ul> | New York City, US |
|      | Apr | <u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student &amp; Faculty Exhibition</u>   | Iowa City, US     |
| 2023 | Nov | <u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student &amp; Faculty Exhibition</u>   | Iowa City, US     |

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## MEDIA COVERAGE

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| Dwell   | US     |
| • <a href="#">Meet the Emerging Designers From 2025 ICFE's Launch Pad at WANTED</a> |        |
| WantedDesign  | US     |
| • <a href="#">Meet our WantedDesign Member Siyun Xue</a>                            |        |
| Homecrux  | India  |
| • <a href="#">15 Best Furniture Designs We Spotted at ICFE 2025</a>                 |        |
| IDS Toronto   | Canada |
| • <a href="#">Introducing Blooming Moments</a>                                      |        |
| Glocal Design   | Mexico |
| • <a href="#">La simplicidad de un diseño elegante</a>                              |        |

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## MEMBERSHIP

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| Jan 2025 – Present | WantedDesign Member           | New York City, US |
|                    | • <a href="#">Member Page</a> |                   |

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## DESIGN SOFTWARE

|             |          |           |              |
|-------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
| 3ds Max     | AutoCAD  | CET       | Fusion 360   |
| Illustrator | InDesign | Photoshop | Premiere Pro |
| Rhino       | Revit    | SketchUp  | Twinmotion   |

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## SKILLS

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| 3D Printing | CNC Routing | Lasering   | Lost-PLA Casting                      |
| Mig Welding | Soldering   | Upholstery | General Woodshop and Metalshop Skills |