

Siyun Xue

(1)8062245834, siyunxue.design@gmail.com, Iowa City, IA 52246

WEBSITE

<https://siyunxue.com/>

PROFILE

- Interdisciplinary designer and scholar-artist working across objects, graphics, and environmental design.
- Trained in 3D design & philosophy, designing objects and spatial configurations grounded in concepts and material exploration.
- Drawing on active professional practice, teaching experience, and a commitment to inclusive pedagogy, fostering structured and supportive learning environments.

EDUCATION

Aug 2023 – May 2026	MFA in 3D Design • Secondary discipline: Jewelry and Metal Arts • MFA Thesis: <u>Incarnation: A Vision of Design from Its Origin</u>	The University of Iowa Iowa City, US
Aug 2020 – Present	ABD in Philosophy (PhD Expected Fall 2026) • Dissertation Prospectus (Defended): <u>In Defense of the Non-formalized Design Tradition: A Case Study of Circulation Design Through the Lens of Gestalt Dynamics</u>	The University of Iowa Iowa City, US
Aug 2018 – May 2020	MA in Philosophy	Texas Tech University Lubbock, US
Aug 2015 – Jun 2018	MA in Philosophy	Sun Yat-sen University Guangzhou, China
Aug 2011 – Jun 2015	BA in Philosophy	Sun Yat-sen University Guangzhou, China

INDUSTRIAL COLLABORATION

May 2026	<u>Scaffolding Set</u> • Newly selected for upcoming collaboration and product development following the Esposit Award announcement on May 12, 2026.	<u>Esposit (Saglietti Group)</u> Piedmont, Italy
----------	--	---

INTERNSHIP

Jun 2024 – Jul 2024	Exhibition Design Intern • Assisted in planning two exhibitions: <u>Navigating Lolelapiap</u> <u>Knowing The West</u>	Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art Bentonville, US
---------------------	---	---

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aug 2026 -May 2027 (Upcoming)	Adjunct Faculty, Studio Art - Instructor of Record – Foundations, Material: Objects + Spaces - Instructor of Record – Intellectual Foundations	Carthage College Kenosha, US
Aug 2023 -May 2026	Teaching Assistant - Instructor of Record – Design Fundamentals (Fall 23, Spring 24, Fall 24, Spring 25, Fall 25) - Instructor of Record – Elements of 3D Design (Fall 23, Fall 25, Spring 26)	The University of Iowa School of Art, Art History and Design Iowa City, US
Aug 2020 – Jun 2023	Teaching Assistant - Instructor of Record – Principles of Reasoning (Fall 22, Spring 23) - Instructor of Record – Introduction to Ethics (Discussion Section, Spring 22) - Instructor of Record – Meaning of Life (Discussion Section, Fall 20 (Online), Spring 21(Online), Fall 21)	The University of Iowa Department of Philosophy Iowa City, US
Aug 2018 – Jun 2020	Teaching Assistant - Instructor of Record – Logic (Fall 18) - Grader – Classical Greek Philosophy (Fall 19) - Grader – Modern European Philosophy (Spring 19, Spring 20)	Texas Tech University Department of Philosophy Lubbock, US

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

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

INDEPENDENT EXHIBITIONS

2026	May	ICFF – <u>Launch Pad</u> <u>PolyEye Space Divider</u>	New York City, US
	Apr	<u>Pulse Art Exhibition</u> <u>To the Heavens</u> <u>Blooming Moments</u>	Iowa City, US
	Mar	<u>Incarnation: A Vision of Design from Its Origin</u> (MFA Exhibition)	Iowa City, US
2025	Dec	Maison&Objet Intérieurs – <u>Shifted Mirrors</u> <u>String Chair</u>	Hong Kong, China
	May	ICFF – <u>Launch Pad</u> <u>Chair of Solemnity</u>	New York City, US
	Jan	IDS Toronto – <u>Prototype</u> <u>Blooming Moments</u>	Toronto, Canada

2024	Sep	<u>The DEA Exhibition</u> • <u>Mother's Embrace</u>	Melle, Germany
------	-----	--	----------------

COLLABORATIVE EXHIBITIONS

2025	Nov	<u>3D Design Student & Faculty Exhibition</u>	Iowa City, US
		<u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student & Faculty Exhibition</u>	Iowa City, US
	May	ICFF 2025 – Schools Showcase • <u>Duet</u>	New York City, US
	Jan	IDS Toronto – 2025 Studio North • <u>arCHAIRtecture</u>	Toronto, Canada
2024	Nov	Dubuque by Design • <u>Wallpapers Inspired by Tiffany Glass</u>	Dubuque, US
	Sep	3D Design Invitational • <u>3D Design Invitational Exhibition</u>	Iowa City, US
	May	ICFF 2024 – Schools Showcase • <u>Fruitful – Accessories of Everyday Comfort</u>	New York City, US
	Apr	<u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student & Faculty Exhibition</u>	Iowa City, US
2023	Nov	<u>Jewelry and Metal Arts Student & Faculty Exhibition</u>	Iowa City, US

AWARD & GRANT

2026		<u>Esposit Award</u> • <u>Best Overall Project</u>	Italy
		University of Iowa Research Grants – Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences	US
2025		Design Educates Awards • <u>Honorable Mention in Product Design</u>	Germany
		SIT Design Award • <u>Furniture Design - Honorable Mention</u>	Switzerland
		2025-2026 Len Everett Fund for Excellence Scholarship	US
2024		Design Educates Awards • <u>Honorable Mention in Product Design</u>	Germany
		International Design Awards (IDA) • <u>Bronze in Home & Living / Home Decor</u>	US
		SIT Design Award • <u>Furniture Design - Stool Winner</u> • <u>Furniture Design - Chaise Longue Winner</u>	Switzerland
		2024-2025 Len Everett Fund for Excellence Scholarship	US

MEMBERSHIP

Jan 2025 – Present	WantedDesign Member	New York City, US
	• Member Page	
Feb 2025 – Present	IDSA Student Member	Herndon, VA

MEDIA COVERAGE

Dwell		US
	• Meet the Emerging Designers From 2025 ICFF's Launch Pad at WANTED	
WantedDesign		US
	• Meet our WantedDesign Member Siyun Xue	
Homecrux		India
	• 15 Best Furniture Designs We Spotted at ICFF 2025	
IDS Toronto		Canada
	• Introducing Blooming Moments	
Glocal Design		Mexico
	• La simplicidad de un diseño elegante	

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Nov 2025	Conference Session Chair	The University of Iowa Iowa City, US
	• Served as a session chair at the 2025 Iowa Philosophical Society Conference	
Mar 2023	Conference Co-host & Commentator	The University of Iowa Iowa City, US
	• Served as co-host & commentator of the UIowa Graduate Philosophy Society Conference 2023, responsible for venue preparation and conference moderation	