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Gigi Yu, PhD, is an assistant professor in art education at the University of New Mexico's Art Department. She has over 20 years of experience teaching art with young children to adults in community settings, museums, and public-school classrooms in Arizona, Chicago, Wisconsin, and New Mexico. Gigi's scholarship, teaching, and community engagement focus on ecologies of creative practices within collaborations between artists and classrooms, aesthetics and its applications in education, and creative art processes in relation to learning processes for young children and educators.

Gigi employs narrative inquiry, autoethnography, and action research methodologies in her work. Her publications have been featured in: *Visual Arts Research*, *IMAG*, *Beautiful Stuff from Nature* (Davis Publications), *Learning Through Art: International Pictures of Practice* (InSEA publication), and *Thinking Transversally: International Perspectives on Community Arts Education* (Intellect). Gigi is the co-founder of the Collaborative Teachers Institute a community of practice that co-constructs interdisciplinary, aesthetic inquiries based on the interests of children, families, and educators. She is also an editor for the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance publication, *Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Emilia Exchange*.