

**Bibiana Suárez** is currently a Professor of Art in the Department of Art, Media and Design at DePaul University (Chicago). Suárez was born and raised in Puerto Rico, but has resided in Chicago since 1980. She has a BFA (1984) and an MFA (1989) in painting and drawing from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

Suárez has exhibited extensively in the United States as well as in Puerto Rico and Mexico. Her solo exhibitions include *Memoria(Memory)* at the Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago (2011-2012); *Domino/Dominó* at El Museo del Barrio (1998) in New York and the Illinois Arts Gallery (1999) in Chicago; *De Pico a Pico (Beak to Beak - Face to Face)* at Sazama Gallery, Chicago (1993); *Island Adrift: The Puerto Rican Identity in Exile* at Taller Puertorriqueño in Philadelphia (1993); *In Search of an Island* also at Sazama Gallery (1991) and *A Grafito* at the Art Students league in San Juan, Puerto Rico (1985).

Among her group exhibitions are: *1898: DIWA Arts, Rene J. Marquez, Maria Martinez-Cañas and Bibiana Suárez* at the Bronx Museum of the Arts (1998) and *Puerto Rican Equation* at Hunter College (1998) in New York; *Second Sight: Printmaking in Chicago, 1935-1995* at the Mary Leigh Block Gallery of Northwestern University in Chicago (1996); *National Drawing Invitational*, The Arkansas Art Center in Little Rock (1992); *In the Heart of the Country/ En el corazón del país*, The Chicago Cultural Center (1991); *Adivina! Chicago Latino Expressions* at the Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum in Chicago and the Museum of Modern Art in Chapultepec, Mexico City (1998) and *Expresiones Hispanas* a two-year traveling exhibition (1988-89) that began at the Mexican Cultural Institute in San Antonio.

Suárez has also been the recipient of several awards including three Illinois Arts Council Individual Visual Artist Fellowship Awards (1991, 1994, 1999), an Arts Midwest/NEA Regional Visual Arts Fellowship (1992) and was the inaugural recipient of the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture's (University of Chicago) Artist in Residence Fellowship in 2003-2004. Most recently, Suárez was a faculty fellow at the Center for Latino Research (DePaul University) in autumn 2011.