

# Where Are They Now?

St Elizabeth Catholic High School Regional Arts Program

Visual Art



## Ellie Shuo Jin

**Art discipline?** Visual Arts

**Year of Graduation?** 2009

**Education** McGill University Bachelors of Psychology  
University of Texas at Austin - Masters and PhD in  
Clinical Psychology

**What is your current job and what does that entail?** I am working as a Clinical Psychologist at a private practice in Austin, Texas where I provide individual, couples, and group therapy for a wide range of clients experiencing anxiety, depression, trauma, relationship issues, and family concerns. Also, I consult part-time as a senior data scientist at a large health care/prescription benefits management company in the US. For example: examining factors that may make someone more susceptible to opioid addiction.

**Please comment on any skills you feel you have developed in the RAP.** Even though I'm not directly working in a field directly related to the fine or commercial arts, I feel like I learned a lot through my time in the RAP program. My education in RAP provided the foundation for me to see beyond what is immediately visible to the eye, whether it is the patient sitting in front of me, or a large data set without apparent patterns. It made me appreciate nuance, and always approach experiences with curiosity and openness. I also learned to communicate effectively about my observations to various stakeholders, whether it's my diagnostic conceptualization for a patient, or my data analysis interpretation for a corporation. Lastly, who doesn't love talking about the intensity of Baroque art, or trying to understand exactly what Ron Mueck was thinking?

**What is your most fond memory of RAP?** Making lifetime friends, all the AMAZING teachers that inspired me both personally and artistically, being able to express myself in ways that I couldn't have imagined, staying up really late the night before to put finishing touches on pieces. I could go on.

**What piece of advice would you have for current students?** Be open, be curious.

**Why did you choose to attend St. Elizabeth?** I loved my first meeting / interview with the teachers, Czereyska stands out in my mind.

**What else have you been up to?** I've really enjoyed travelled over the last decade. Kenya, Iceland, Australia, and New Zealand are a few highlights. Recently, my husband and I went snorkelling in the Great Barrier Reef, which was really cool. We also got to visit Hobbiton where Lord of the Rings/ Hobbit was filmed, and nerded out pretty hard. I met my husband here, and am really grateful for the community of friends I have cultivated. Oh also, got the PhD!

**Fun Information:** Feel free to get in touch if you're curious about living in the US. I've spent most of my time in Austin, Texas but have also lived in Colorado while I was completing my clinical residency there. Happy to talk about job stuff, moving here, immigration stuff, and where to find the best breakfast tacos / southern BBQ. Oh, also, visit me!