

LAURA NILES

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Designer, Curator and Multidisciplinary Artist

Los Angeles, California

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS AND PROJECTS

Chair Check | Ongoing

Independent field research and documentation project examining notable furniture encountered in public spaces and private businesses, including libraries, airports, restaurants, retail spaces and showrooms. Through photography, video, identification and archival research, the project explores design in everyday environments.

Our Joy Is Resistance | Los Angeles Design Weekend, 2026

Farmette, a functional sculpture integrating furniture and cultivation. Alabaster, Los Angeles.

10/10 Burger Seating System | 2026

Furniture sourcing, design development, prototyping and fabrication coordination for a repeatable, floor-mounted restaurant seating system. Installation planned for late 2026 at two locations.

Sit Quest | 2026

Creator and developer of an interactive 3D iOS project transforming furniture photography and Show.Room.LA inventory into a virtual environment centered on ten iconic chairs. Released August 2026.

Art Deco Archive | 2026

Creator and developer of an iOS editorial archive documenting Art Deco architecture and design internationally.

Forms of Living | Los Angeles Design Weekend, 2025

Sit Exquisite, chair. Selected design exhibition.

Squiggle Lamp Series

Designed and produced a series of approximately fifteen sculptural lamps. Subsequent experimentation includes 3D-printed objects and small-scale fabrication.

DESIGN AND CURATORIAL PRACTICE

Show.Room.LA | Founder, Designer and Curator | 2022 to present

Founded an independent design practice and showroom specializing in collectible furniture, functional art and vintage design. Work encompasses curatorial research, furniture and object sourcing, exhibition development, design history, digital projects, fabrication, photography and content development.

Selected sourcing and rentals include Nordic Knots at the Stahl House, Euphoria Season 2, Good Fortune, residential interiors, recording studios and commercial spaces.

RESEARCH, PUBLISHING AND CONTENT

DATAVERSITY | Publishing and Content

Editorial, publishing, research and conference-related work focused on data and technology.

McSweeney's Internet Tendency | 2019

"Key Ring Chronicles: Palau Pill Purse," short humor piece.

Creative research practice spans furniture and design history, archival research, photography, publishing, writing and digital storytelling.

SELECTED DESIGN PRESS

Domino | October 2026

["We Asked L.A.'s Design Crowd What Will Be Trending in 2027 - Here's What They Said."](#) Design interview and coverage of Farmette, published October 4, 2026.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Assistant and Video Editor to Principal Lobbyist

Provided executive support, research, communications, project coordination and video production for a principal lobbyist focused primarily on labor unions, with clients including IATSE and United Steelworkers. Edited campaign videos for Maria Elena Durazo.

American Asian Economic Community Center | Writer

Monterey Park, California | 2003 to 2004

PERFORMANCE AND FILM

Professional actor and performer with extensive experience in film, television, comedy and live performance. SAG-AFTRA member. Writing and performance inform a broader practice centered on observation, narrative, humor and public engagement.

Director, Class Photo, directorial debut.

SELECTED SKILLS

Creative research; archival research; furniture and design history; curatorial development; photography and video; writing and publishing; furniture sourcing; exhibition development; content creation; woodturning; woodworking; 3D printing; metalworking; fabrication; digital product development.

AFFILIATIONS

SAG-AFTRA

Glendale Woodturners Guild

Apple Developer

EDUCATION AND LANGUAGES

University of Southern California

B.A., International Relations

Minor studies in Mandarin Chinese

Mandarin Chinese: intermediate study (HSK 3)