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Upon graduation from Yale, he lived in New York City. Bersamina later returned to California to teach Studio Art at UC Berkeley. He also has taught at Yale, Stanford, Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art, Santa Rosa Junior College, and Diablo Valley College (where he currently is a full-time instructor). Bersamina continues to exhibit nationally and internationally, and currently resides just north of San Francisco.