

# EDUCATORS ARTLAB 2025



Sunday, July 6 - Friday, July 11

Kansas City Art Institute  
Educators ArtLab 2025  
4415 Warwick Blvd  
Kansas City, MO 64111

## PHOTOGRAPHY

### *Alternative Photography: Drawing with Light and Nature*

**INSTRUCTOR:** Yuxiao Mu, Visiting Assistant Professor

In this course, students will explore alternative photography techniques, including photograms, lumen prints, chemigrams, and cyanotypes. Through hands-on experimentation, students will create unique, abstract images by combining light-sensitive materials with plants and unconventional elements like honey, turmeric, and tape, “drawing” through the power of sunlight. Throughout the course, students will learn a range of hands-on methods and darkroom techniques, challenging them to approach photography beyond the traditional camera lens and perspectival space. Students will also expand their understanding of art fundamentals such as composition, texture, and value. Collaboration and peer feedback will be essential components, fostering a creative environment for growth and experimentation. All students will have darkroom access.

### *Studio Materials to Bring*

- Dry and fresh plants (can be easily collected outdoors)
- Resists for chemigrams (e.g., honey, salt/sugar, butter, wax, oil, Vaseline, shampoo, face wash) - some items can be purchased in the Underground
- [Brushes](#)/sponges, painting materials for color photograms ([Posca Paint](#) [Marker](#)/[watercolor](#)/[color pencils](#))

Supplies with links may be ordered online from the [KCAI Underground](#). Students may contact the Underground at [artstore@kcai.edu](mailto:artstore@kcai.edu) or (816)802-3349 to have supplies available for pick up prior to the start of class, or when the store opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7th.