## Biography

In the past few years, Dionne Haroutunian has traveled extensively to partake in art exhibitions, and cultural activities. She was invited to China in 2008 to inaugurate the GuanLan Print Base; and to Nigeria in 2009, as a U.S. State Department Cultural Envoy, to teach printmaking and give lectures in Lagos, Enugu and Nsukka Universities.

Dionne is the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including the Neddy Award. Her work has been exhibited nationally, as well as in Europe, Korea, Mexico and China. She is represented by Art Expressions Gallery, in San Diego, California.

Dionne was born in Switzerland, and moved to Seattle in 1985. In 1991, she founded the Sev Shoon Arts Center, in response to a need for access to printing presses. With its gallery space, international residency program, and 24/7 access to the printmaking studio, Sev Shoon has become a vibrant artists' community. Additionally, Dionne is a partner in BallardWorks artists' studio building, a large facility that hosts twenty individual artists' studios, and two art-focused businesses. She is the president and founding member of Seattle Print Arts.