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Education

Master of Fine Arts, graduated Spring 2023

Washington University Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts, St. Louis, MO

Bachelor of Fine Arts (emphasis in Sculpture), Minor in Art History, graduated Spring 2021

Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL

Exhibitions

- 2023 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Art Village, Fairview Heights, IL.
- 2023 Art Mimosas & Pancakes, St. Louis, MO.
- 2023 the air that inhabits, thesis exhibition,
Mildred Lane Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.
- 2023 The Little Things, Gephardt Institute, St. Louis, MO.
- 2023 Timeless, The Luminary, Invited, St. Louis, MO.
- 2023 Visions of Form and Space, St. Louis Artists Guild, Juried, St. Louis, MO.
- 2022 Documents: contemporary lens-based art, invited group show
University of Missouri, St. Louis MO.
- 2022 Gone Fishin, Des Lee Gallery, presenting fabric stories, St. Louis, MO.
- 2022 Purgatory MFA 1st year show Candidate Exhibition, St. Louis, MO.
- 2022 Counter/Narratives (Re-Presenting) Race and Ethnicity, Washington University Olin
Library-Thomas Gallery, St. Louis, MO.
curated by Jessi Cerutti and Professor Ward
- 2021 Jumpstart Exhibition, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
- 2021 Pop Up Art Exhibition, UrbArts Gallery Regional Exhibition,
Curator Billy Williams, St. Louis, MO.
- 2021 Untold Black Stories Exhibition, Jacoby Arts Center,
Invited Exhibition, Alton, IL.
- 2021 Breaking Ground, Bachelor of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL.
- 2021 Non-Traditional Show, The In Art Gallery, Online Juried
Exhibition, Juror Jessica Hunt, theinartgallery.com
- 2021 RISE III: Greater St. Louis Artist of Color Exhibition, Jacoby Arts Center,
Regional Exhibition, Juror Yvonne Osei, Alton, IL.
- 2020 Small Works Art Exhibition, Wood River City Museum, Juried Exhibition
Wood River, IL.
- 2020 Human Form Exhibition, Soulard Art Gallery, Regional Exhibition
St. Louis, MO.
- 2020 Human Conversations, The In Art Gallery, Online Invitational
Exhibition, theinartgallery.com
- 2020 The Human Experience, The In Art Gallery, Online Juried
Exhibition, Juror Thad Duhigg, theinartgallery.com
- 2020 Adjusting My Crown Black Hair Event Artist sponsored by Southern Illinois
University Edwardsville Black Heritage Committee, Edwardsville, IL.
- 2020 Annual Student Juried Art Show, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Juror Nancy Newman Rice, Edwardsville, IL.
- 2019 I Wanted Things I Couldn't At Times Articulate, FloodPlain Gallery

2014-15 Invitational Group Exhibition, Curator RoseRaft, St. Louis, MO.
Academic Excellence Day, McKendree University Lebanon, IL.

Solo Exhibitions

2024 The Bridge House Gallery, Invited, St Louis, MO.
More Than One

Public Art

2021-2023 *Fabric Stories*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL
Des Lee Gallery, St. Louis, MO.
2019-2022 *Katherine Dunham: Perpetual Motion*. Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, IL. (current-Traveling Public Sculpture)

Public Art Competition

2019 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 2019 Sculpture on
Campus Juror Cal Lane, Edwardsville, IL. Selected as 1st Place.

Conferences-Panels

2024 St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, IL. Invited speaker.
If It Wasn't for the Women: Navigating Memory
2019 Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design-SOFA Connect, Chicago,
IL. Installation: *Contemporizing Gothic Cathedrals*

Honors Scholarships Awards

2023 Nominated by peers and Chair Lisa Bulawsky to be the Graduate Commencement Speaker
2023 Community Arts Engagement Award, Washington University, St. Louis, MO.
2023 Invited Judge for the NAACP
2021 International Sculpture Center's 2021 Outstanding Student Achievement in
Contemporary Sculpture Award, Hamilton, NJ.
2021 Award of Excellence, Non-Traditional Show, The In Art Gallery, Online Juried
Exhibition, Juror Jessica Hunt, theinartgallery.com
2021 Best in Show Award, RISE III: Greater St. Louis Artist of Color Exhibition,
Jacoby Arts Center, Juror Yvonne Osei, Alton, IL.
2021 Selected for the William Justin Brown Memorial Award, Scholarship,
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.
2020 Merit Award Small Works Art Exhibition, Wood River City Museum,
Juried Exhibition, Wood River, IL.
2019 Changing Agents SIU-E Charter High School Speaker Honoree
2019 Sculpture on Campus 1st Pace Luis Jimenez Award, Juror Cal Lane, Edwardsville, IL.
2019 Awarded Elevate East St. Louis Scholarship- first recipient.
2019 Wood Shop Certification Training, Ryan Horvath, Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, IL.
2018 Dean's List, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.
2018 Katherine Dunham Fellowship, Arts and Education Council, St. Louis, MO.
2018 Letter of Recognition, from SIU-E Chancellor Pembroke, for Katherine Dunham
Fellowship, Edwardsville, IL.
2014-17 Dean's List, McKendree University, Lebanon IL.

Professional Experience

2024 Guest Curator Maryville University, St. Louis, MO.

2024 Artist Assistant, Missouri based photographer.

2023-24 Art and Event Consultant, Middle Waters Field School Crossings, Metro East MO-IL.
2023 Curatorial Assistance, Metro East Region-Missouri and Illinois

I collaborate with individual creatives organizations to provide expertise in logistics on event planning, art installation, data collection, and design strategies and artistic insight into public projects.

- 2023 Photographer for St. Louis Division film production tour at Pulitzer Museum, St. Louis, MO
- 2021-23 Curator in Residence Washington University, Lewis Collaborative, and TechArtista. To create opportunities through the arts for engagement and overlap between the Sam Fox School, Washington University, University City, and the larger creative ecosystem in the St. Louis area. This is an extraordinary opportunity for an MFA-VA student to be the catalyst for exchange, to build bridges between our creative communities, and to develop a curatorial vision. Curate and create an end of the year exhibition at TechArtista University City Space in Lewis Collaborative. Helped develop and assist in the development of the curator in residence position.
- 2022-2023 Research Assistant, Field School Crossings, St. Louis, Missouri
I am a research assistant and co-collaborator for The Field School which is the St. Louis representation of “Mississippi River Watershed: An Immersive Humanities Curriculum,” a three-year project connected to four other regional Hubs along the Mississippi River, funded by the Mellon Foundation Humanities for All Initiative. The Field School is an opportunity for learning, exchange and critique of our region that examines the confluence of race, extraction, and environment. Through a process of social engagement, it will help to develop collective narratives that challenge previous histories and examine our present moment. I assist the lead project managers on field projects, research, archiving, team meetings, and provide additional ideas that aim towards our collaborative goals. While also being a co-collaborator on creating a book and two- day community park clean up.
- 2021 Visitor Services & Research Assistant Intern, Barrett Barrera Projects, St. Louis, MO. Provide front-line guest services to visitors at projects+exhibitions and additional locations as needed. Setting up and taking down for special events. Collect and catalogue research along with fun and engaging anecdotes to be made available to staff, partners, and curators to both inform and support creative content engagement.
- 2021 Lead Creative of Visual Arts Project, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL.
Partnered with Jacoby Arts Center to create and facilitate grant supported Community Collaboration Arts Project that is an extension of the NPR "Untold Black Stories" project. Created "Fabric Stories" fabric installation where each fabric represents an emotion or idea that the community made their individual stories with. "Fabric Stories" is an ongoing Community Collaboration Arts Project that allows Jacoby Arts Center to connect with their community on a deeper level.

- 2020-2021 Intern, Monaco Gallery, St. Louis, MO.
As intern collaborate and contribute to the larger collective of artists. Provide creative services including packing/unpacking artist work, installing/deinstalling, coordinating shows, ensuring gallery space is prepared for exhibition and operation.
- 2019 Volunteer, Katherine Dunham Dynamic Museum, East St. Louis, IL.
I assisted with cataloging the African and Caribbean artifacts.
- 2018 Gallery Assistant, Art&Design West Gallery, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.
Responsibilities included welcoming and assisting visitors, assisted artists with labeling their artwork for shows, and assisted the gallery director with setting up the art shows and taking down exhibits.
- 2018 Fellow, Katherine Dunham Fellowship. Arts and Education Council, St. Louis, MO.
Mentored by arts administration professionals in areas including donor database management, fundraising, corporate relations, fiscal and board management, and learned critical skills to run a not-for-profit arts organization. Developed a not-for-profit business plan for a community arts center.
- 2016-17 Volunteer, Groundkeeper Willoughby Farms and Conservation Reserve, Collinsville, IL.
Restored and maintained the conservation reserve and trails for wildlife.
- 2016-17 Volunteer, Cedar Ridge Health & Rehab Center, Lebanon, IL.
Served the Cedar Community by creating and participating in events for residence. Helped residence participate in leisure activities.
- 2016 Usher. Union Avenue Opera, St. Louis, MO.
Assisted patrons in finding proper assigned seats, distributing programs, help direct patrons through the facility on performance night, overseeing and reporting any disruptive behavior.
- 2014-16 Member, Campus Activity Board McKendree University, Lebanon, IL.
Organized and created diverse social, recreational, multicultural, and educational events for the University and community.

Presentations and Demonstrations

- 2024 St. Louis Art Museum, St. Louis, IL. Invited speaker/presenter.
If It Wasn't for the Women: Navigating Memory
- 2023 Nominated as the Washington University Commencement Speaker
- 2021 Invited Co-Host/ Co-Chair, Arts and Education Council
2021 St. Louis Arts Awards, St. Louis, MO.
- 2020 Speaker, Katherine Dunham Black Heritage Month Campus Activity Board
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.
- 2019 Speaker, Sculpture On Campus, Sculpture Walk
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.
- 2019 Invited Speaker, "Katherine Dunham: Perpetual Motion"
Early Childhood, Edwardsville, IL.
- 2019 Invited Speaker, "Changing Agents", SIU-E Charter High School, East St. Louis, IL.

Skills

Sculpture:

Casting: plaster, wax, mortar, bronze

Modeling: form, figure, measuring/siting, drapery

Mold Making: rubber, plaster, ceramic shell, standard investment

Welding-MIG, TIG

Chop Saw

Plasma Torch

Pipe Rollers

Rotary Tools

Band Saw, Jig Saw, Table Saw

Printmaking:

Woodcut, Monotype, Intaglio

Digital:

Adobe Illustrator, InDesign, Acrobat, Lightroom Classic

Program and Event planning

Budgeting, Coordinating, Marketing, Facility Operations, Installment

Donor Communication and Research

Researching Donor Prospects, Soliciting, Tracking Donor Payments and Database Updates

Organizations

2021 President, Sculptors at Wagner, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.

2020 President, Sculptors at Wagner, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.

2019 Vice President, Sculptors at Wagner, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.

2017 Member, Sculptors at Wagner, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, IL.

2014-2016 Member, Campus Activity Board, McKendree University, Lebanon IL.

Media Coverage (selected)

2023 June St. Louis, IL. 2023 [The St. Louis American](#) (print/online) Editor by Danielle Brown

2022 July-February Hamilton, NJ. 2021 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards (print/online)

2020 August 27, St. Louis, MO. Arts and Education Council Co-Host Announced for 2021 St. Louis Arts Awards, Andie Murphy. [Keeparthappening.org](#).

2019 October 8, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville News, *Siue Holds its 18th Annual Arts Sculpture Walk*, [siue.edu/news/2019/10/18thAnnualSculptureWalk.shtml](#)

2019 October 3, St. Louis MO. Arts and Education Council, *Katherine Dunham Represented in New Sculpture at SIUE*, Andie Murphy. [Keeparthappening.org](#)

2019 September 17, The Edwardsville Intelligencer, *SIUE Sculpture Walk Announced*, [Theintelligencer.com / The Edwardsville Intelligencer Newspaper](#)

2019 July, Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design, *SOFA Expo Southern Illinois University Edwardsville*, [sofaexpo/southern-illinois-university-edwardsville.com](#)

2018 October 30, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville News, *SIUE Allena Brazier is on a Journey to Bring Hope and Creativity to East St. Louis through the Katherine Dunham Fellowship*, [siue.edu/news/2018/10/AllenaBrazier-KatherineDunhamFellowship.shtml](#)

2018 October Issue, East St. Louis Monitor Newspaper. *Katherine Dunham Fellow Announced*

2018 October 8, SIU Edwardsville College of Arts & Sciences, *Allena Brazier Named Fall 2018 Katherine Dunham Fellow*, Emily Dustman,

[thismonthincas.com/2018/10/08/allena-brazier-named-fall-2018-katherinedunham-fellow/](#)
2018 September 27, St. Louis Mo. Arts and Education Council, *Three Questions with Allena Brazier*,

Andie Murphy, Keeparthappening.org/blog/impact-individuals/three-questions-allena-brazier

2018 September-October Publications, St. Louis Arts and Education Council, *Happenings Magazine*, Programs: pg.4 *Fall 2018 Katherine Dunham Fellow Announced*