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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Master of Fine Arts, Fall 2021 – Spring 2023 (GPA 4.0) currently enrolled
Washington University Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts, St. Louis, MO.

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Minor in Art History, graduated Spring 2021
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL.

Exhibitions

- 2022 DOORWAYS Annual RED Gala, Shyatt Regency, St. Louis, MO.
Invited by St. Lou Fringe President & Artistic Director Matthew Kerns
- 2022 Counter/Narratives (Re-Presenting) Race and Ethnicity, Washington University Olin
Library-Thomas Gallery, St. Louis, MO.
curated by Exhibition Manager Jessi Cerutti and Dr. Professor Geoff Ward
- 2021 International Sculpture Center Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture
Exhibition, The Valade Family Galley, Detroit, MI.
- 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
Invitational Group Exhibition, Curator RoseRaft, St. Louis, MO.
- 2014-2015 Annual Academic Excellence Day, McKendree University Art Gallery,
McKendree University, Lebanon, IL.

Public Art

2021-2022 *Fabric Stories*, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL.

2019-Present *Katherine Dunham: Perpetual Motion*. Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL.

Public Art Competition

2019 Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design-SOFA Connect, Chicago, IL.
Installation: *Contemporizing Gothic Cathedrals*

2019 Southern Illinois University Edwardsville 2019 Sculpture on Campus
Juror Cal Lane, Edwardsville, IL.

Conferences

2019 Sculpture Objects Functional Art and Design-SOFA Connect, Chicago, IL.
Installation: *Contemporizing Gothic Cathedrals*

Honors/Scholarships/Awards

2021 International Sculpture Center's 2021 Outstanding Student Achievement in
Contemporary Sculpture Award, Hamilton, NJ.

2021-2022 Grant Approval for the development of *Fabric Stories*, St. Louis, MO.

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.

2014-2017 Dean's List, McKendree University, Lebanon IL.

Professional Experience

2022 Curatorial and Install Assistance for the Fourth Biennial Graduate Student Art History
Symposium at Washington University St. Louis MO.
Provided knowledge in artwork framing and layout, prepared the space for illustration,
print, and sculpture artworks to occupy space.

2021-2022 Curator in Residency Washington University, Lewis Collaborative, and TechArtista St. Louis,
MO.

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 curator in residence position.

- 2021 Visitor Services & Research Assistant Intern, Barrett Barrera Projects, St. Louis, MO. Provided front-line guest services to visitors at projects+exhibitions and additional locations as needed. Prepare for installation and de-installation of 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 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. Under the supervision of a curator from St. Louis Art Museum Curator in Charge of the Department of Arts of Africa, Oceania, and the Americas, I assisted with cataloging the African and Caribbean artifacts.
- 2018-2019 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 in East St. Louis, IL.
- 2016-2017 Volunteer, Groundkeeper Willoughby Farms and Conservation Reserve, Collinsville, IL. Restored and maintained the conservation reserve and trails for wildlife.
- 2016-2017 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.
- 2014-2016 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

- 2021 Invited Co-Host/ Co-Chair, Arts and Education Council
2021 St. Louis Arts Awards, St. Louis, MO.
- 2021 Presenter for the Education and screening of *Hair Love*, Edwardsville, IL.
- 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

Program and Event planning:

Budgeting, Coordinating, Marketing, Facility Operations

Donor Communication and Research:

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

Managing clients and appointments

Collect and catalogue artist and data research

Exhibitions/Gallery Space:

Installing and Deinstalling artwork, preparing for special events, wall repair, creating guidebooks, opening and closing galleries, artists outreach.

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, Google, and Microsoft Suite

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.

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RED Gala provides support for DOORWAYS organization to continue to provide vital housing and direct client services to more than 23,000 men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS, Cancer, Type 2 Diabetes.

Selected Media Coverage

- 2022 July-February Hamilton, NJ. 2021 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards. (print/online) [ISC Announces 2021 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Award Recipients - International Sculpture Center](#)
- 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 Holds its 18th Annual Arts Sculpture Walk](#)
- 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*
- 2018 August 18, St. Louis, MO. *Arts and Education Council Arts and Education Council Announces Fall 2018 Katherine Dunham Fellow*. Andie Murphy. [Arts and Education Council announces Fall 2018 Katherine Dunham Fellow | Arts and Education Council of St. Louis \(keeparthappening.org\)](#)