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EDUCATION

- May 2020 **Duke University**, Durham, North Carolina
Master of Fine Art in Documentary and Experimental Arts
- May 2018 **South Carolina State University**, Orangeburg, South Carolina
Bachelor of Arts, Digital Media

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2022** *For Colored Girls* — BLACK BRIGHT, Durham, NC
A Fall From Grace — Hampton Friends of the Arts, Hampton, SC
A Fall From Grace — Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC
- 2021** *A Fall From Grace* — Rubenstein Arts Center, Durham, NC
Hood Disciples — Broadhead Center Gallery, Durham, NC
- 2019** *Mary did you know?* — Brown Gallery, Durham NC

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** **Homeland** — The N.C Zeitgeist Foundation, Transatlantic Exhibition of the South, McColl Center, Charlotte, NC
Goodyear Arts Spring Residency Showcase — Goodyear Arts, Charlotte, NC
P.S. 610:With Highest Honors — York County Arts, Rock Hill, SC
- 2023** **Encounters** — The N.C Zeitgeist Foundation Transatlantic Exhibition of the South, Schloss Plüschow, Plüschow, Germany
Encounters — The N.C Zeitgeist Foundation, Novilla, Int. Center for Arts, Creativity and Exchange, Berlin, Germany
A Specific Sheen — Charlotte Art League, Charlotte, NC February 2023
- 2022** **Faculty Show** — Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC
Homeland — The N.C Zeitgeist Foundation, Transatlantic Exhibition of the South, Charlotte NC
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Alumni Exhibition — FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC
Prototype — Popbox Art Gallery, Raleigh, NC
Honey Coated — Melanin Bloom, VAE Self Portraiture, Raleigh, NC

Portrait Mode, Hood Disciples — Popbox Art Gallery, Raleigh, NC

2021 *Pass Me Not* — Click! Photography Festival, Durham, NC
Hood Disciples — Broadhead Center Gallery, Durham, NC

2020 **Big Backyard** — Supergraphic Warehouse, Durham NC
Here & Now Work from the MFA|EDA Class of 2020 — Powerplant Gallery, Durham, NC

2019 *Telling Realism* — Power Plant Gallery, Durham, NC

2018 *Fieldwork* — Duke University, Durham, NC
B.A Senior Thesis Exhibition : *An Identity Enslaved: Past and Present* — FAB Gallery, Orangeburg, SC

2017 **Let Freedom Ring** — Solar Eclipse, I.P Stanback Museum and Planetarium, Orangeburg, SC

CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

2021- 2022 **Curator** — Organized solo and group exhibitions of regional artists
SouthEnd ARTS, Charlotte, NC
Exhibitions curated include: *Unveil, No Boundaries, Botched, Outer Limits*

2022 **Defined Identity**, Duke University Durham NC
Limitations — Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University, Durham NC

2021 **Student End of Semester Exhibition** — Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University Durham NC

2020 **Student End of Semester Exhibition**, Rubenstein Arts Center, Duke University Durham NC

COMMISSIONS

2025 **Association of Partners in Christian Education, Peabody Hotel**— Jacob Quilt series- Wrestling with God
Memphis, TN

PERFORMANCES

2023 Visual Support for Caritas' Acapella's Performance of the Last Seven Words of the Unarmed

AWARDS/RESIDENCIES

2024 ArtPop Street Gallery Artist

2023 The N.C Zeitgeist Foundation, Transatlantic Exhibition of the South Traveling Exhibition-
Places traveled to in Germany: Schloss Plüschow and Berlin

2024 Goodyear Arts Residency

2024 Wake Forest University Research Travel- Colombia, South America
Places traveled to in Colombia: Salento, Buenaventura, and Cali

2021 Immersive Van Goh Residency

2020 Working Towards Racial Justice

2020 Abele Honors— Graduate Student of the Year, The Mary Lou Williams Center, Duke University

2018-2019 Studio Duke, Duke University

2014–2018 Honors College General Scholarship, South Carolina State University

2015–2018 Visual Arts Merit Scholarship, South Carolina State University

2015–2017 Awards Convocation, South Carolina State University

ARTIST TALKS & LECTURES

2024 *Goodyear Arts Residency Showcases*, Goodyear Arts, Charlotte, NC
P.S 610 With Highest Honors, Center for the Arts, Rock Hill, SC

2022 *Sacraments of Baptism*, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC
A Fall From Grace, Hampton Friends of the Arts, Hampton, SC
Contemporary Portraiture, Popbox Gallery and Durham Arts Guild, Durham, NC

A Fall From Grace, Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC
A Fall From Grace, Liberal Studies Program, Duke University

- 2021** *A Fall From Grace*, Liberal Studies Program, Duke University
Guest Respondent— MFA|EDA Critique, Duke University
Lecture— National Women’s Museums: Summer Educators Institute: Exploring History Past, Present, and Future through Art
Invited Talk—duARTS Arts Fest: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Panel Discussion
Guest Respondent—The I.P. Stanback Museum and Planetarium: On Being a Citizen Museum and Public Education
Just Space Week—Black Art as Resistance: Downtown Durham’s Public Art Following the Murder of George Floyd in the Summer of 2020, hosted by Duke’s Division of Student Affairs
- 2020** Guest Respondent—Advanced Visual Practice Critique, Duke University
Featured Article—The Hundred- Seven: Featured in 20 Top HBCU Art Programs
A Fall From Grace, Duke Arts
Guest Respondent—MFA|EDA Critique, Duke University
Cultural Metamorphosis, DOCST 101
- 2019** *Cultural Metamorphosis Reimagined*, Studio Duke

REVIEWS AND NOTICES

- 2021** Featured Article—Queen City Nerve: “On the Gogh Local Artist Build off each other in Van Gogh residency program”, August 2021
Featured Article—New Art Examiner: Telling Their Stories “Artfields”. June 2021
Interview—Working@Duke; Working Towards Racial Justice. January 2021
- 2020** Interview—“Stunning work of Racial Justice Art Submitted for Duke University Contest”. December 2020
Featured Article—“Desire for Change Drive Professor Zaire McPhearson’s Work in Racial Justice Art Contest”. November 2020
Interview—“Desire for Change Drives Racial Justice Art Contest Winner”. November 2020
Featured Article—“The Hundred- Seven: Featured in 20 Top HBCU Art Programs” October 2020
Interview— *A Fall From Grace* MFA|EDA ’20 *A Fall From Grace*. April 2020
Guest Respondent—MFA|EDA Critique, Duke University. September 2020

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

Kappa Pi International Art Honor Society

Sigma Alpha Pi - National Society of Leadership and Success