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Education

- 2010 BA with Honors, Hampton University, Hampton, VA, USA
- 2018 MFA in Visual Studies, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA 23504

Representation

- 2019 Gallerie Ukwensi at Ghent, Norfolk, VA, USA

Grants/Awards

- 2019 ROOSTERGNN Artist in Residency, Havana, Cuba
- 2018 CAA Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant Recipient, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- 2015 Best in Show, 80th Founder's Day Exhibit, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2008 1st Place Futures Award, Stockley Gardens Arts Festival, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2006 Regional Scholastics Art Awards Gold Key Winner, Richmond, VA, USA

Exhibitions

- 2019 Suffolk Art League Annual Juried Exhibition, Suffolk Art League, Suffolk, VA, USA
- 2019 VA Artists Annual Juried Exhibition, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA, USA
- 2019 **Duo Exhibition**, Form/Contrast, Norfolk Offsite Gallery, MacArthur Center, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2019 **Duo Exhibition**, Life In The Abstract, The Well Art Gallery, Richmond, VA, USA
- 2019 Brand 47 Annual Naional Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, Brand Library an Art Center, Glendale, CA, USA
- 2019 **Juried Exhibition**, Soulful: A National Exhibition of African American Artists, D'Art Center, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2019 Suffolk Art League's Open Members Show, Suffolk Art Gallery, Suffolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Uprising: Art of Sub-Culture, Volition Gallery, Orangeburg, NY, USA
- 2018 VA Artists Annual Juried Exhibition, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA, USA
- 2018 Featured Artists with Hermitage Museum and Gardens & Amplified IT, NEON Festival, Norfolk, VA, USA.
- 2018 Utopia's Got Talent Juried Showcase, Utopia Feni, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2018 NEON Festival, Hugh Copeland Center, NEON District, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Graphic Design in Coastal Virginia, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA, USA
- 2018 **Solo Exhibition**, Confronting Bias Thesis Exhibition, James Wise Gallery, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 **Solo Exhibition**, *AJENCY*, Zeke's Beans and Bowls, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 **Juried Exhibition**, *Art Speaks on the Bay 2018*, Art Speaks Gallery, Matthews, VA, USA
- 2018 EVMS Black History Month Display, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Lewis Hall, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Artist Showcase Group Exhibition, Bearded Bird Brewing Co., Norfolk, VA, USA

- 2017 Utopia's Got Talent Juried Showcase, Utopia Feni, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2017 *Five Points Gallery*, Outdoor Drive Thru Gallery, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Featured Artists with WHRO Emerging Leaders Board & Amplified IT, NEON Festival, Norfolk, VA, USA.
- 2017 Shadow Freeze, NSU MFA Students, Live Art Performance, NEON Festival, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 *NOW: African American Artists in Tidewater*, Charles H. Taylor Arts Center, Hampton, VA, USA
- 2017 Featured Artist, GAS Member Juried Exhibition, Glass Wheel Studio, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 *African-American Black Artists: Art Exhibition*, Slover Library, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 **Solo Exhibition** *The Daily Avatar*, FMC Garden Cafe, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 *Drawing For Success*. Art Institute of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2017 *Collaborate: Student/Faculty Art Exhibit*, James Wise Gallery, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA
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- 2016 *The Contemporaries Exhibition*, 670 Gallery, Hampton, VA, USA

Professional Experience

- 2019 Adjunct Professor, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2019 Art Preparator, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Design/Install of Murals for 3D Printing the Smithsonian Exhibition, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Interactive Art Coordinator, Nightcap At The Museum,, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 **Adjunct Professor**, Art Institute of Virginia Beach, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2017 **Gallery Host**, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Health & Science Summer Academy, Collaborated in teaching teens to design and program obstacle avoiding rovers. Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA
(in collaboration with Dr. Demetrius Geddis, Prof. Solomon Isekeije, Deion Anthony)
- 2017 Artist Talk with Charles City High School After School Program, Glass Wheel Studio, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Installation Volunteer/Docent, The Art of the Burning Man Exhibit, Hermitage Museum & Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2016 A Conversation on the Role of Art in African Societies, Harrison B. Wilson Archives and African Art Gallery, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA (in collaboration with Dr. Patrick Mbajekwe), Nov. 29
- 2015 Cultural Aesthetics Art Exhibit, James Wise Gallery, Norfolk State University, Norfolk, VA, USA, Coordinated construction of stretcher bars and framed paintings
(in collaboration with Professor Sam Hughes)

Public Art/Installations

- 2019 Motherland Sent a Beyblade, Something In The Water Festival, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2019 REMnants, Miss Kitty's House of Cosmic Love, Virginia Stage Company, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA

- 2019 #AiyanaJones, Chrysler Museum of Art, Perry Glass Studio, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Attucks Archival Agents, ArtPop Street Gallery Featured Artist, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Lead Artist, Vibe Creative District Creative Crosswalk Event, Virginia Beach, VA, USA
- 2018 Mrs. Sloane Sticky Note, Interactive Installation, Night at the Museum, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Public Art Commission, *Agent of NEON*, large scale (8ft. x 40ft.), Acrylic Latex on board, Bob's Gun Shop, Norfolk Arts Council, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2017 Geoscapes: A directed interactive community live painting in association with The Hermitage Museum and Gardens in collaboration with "Burning Man Nights" Series. Norfolk, VA, USA.
- 2017 Coordinator/Lead Artist on collaborative service learning mural project with Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority at Young Terrace Community Center. Norfolk, VA, USA.
- 2016 Town Point Parking Garage Murals, Lead design team in creating way-finding imagery Installed 2017, Norfolk, VA, USA

Committees/Organizations

- 2019 Juror, Mermaid Juried Art Exhibition, VA Arts Festival, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Volunteer Coordinator, Sunsets by the River Interactive Art Series, Hermitage Museum & Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Munson Park Public Art Committee, Norfolk Public Arts, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Hermitage Education and Public Programs Committee, Hermitage Museum and Gardens Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Sunsets on the River Concert Series, Hermitage Museum and Gardens, Norfolk, VA, USA

Community Service

- 2018 FUSE Festival, NEON Arts District, Teens With A Purpose, Norfolk, VA, USA
- 2018 Art Instructor for Hops, Hearts, and Valentines hosted by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Hampton Roads, Bearded Bird Brewing Co., Norfolk, VA
- 2017 Volunteer Artists for My Block Is Beautiful at Young Terrace Community Center. Collaborated with local artists and Teens With A Purpose to provide artistic activities during a community clean up initiative. Norfolk, VA, USA