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Michelle Vitale Loughlin aka woolpunk

Born in Summit, New Jersey, 1971.
Lives and works in Jersey City, NJ.

EDUCATION

2001 Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, Masters in Fine Arts

2001 Douglas College, Rutgers University, Women's Studies Certificate

1993 Catholic University, Washington, DC. Bachelors of Art in Studio Art

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2005 to present, College Internship Supervisor

Ten years plus experience with college intern partnerships with NJCUniversity, Saint Peter's University and Hudson County Community College. Supervised interns with marketing, web design, art and museum education and studio assistantships.

1995 to present, Museum Educator

Facilitated a variety of art making classes for museum visitors of all ages at museums throughout the state, including, but not limited to, Morris, Newark and Jersey City Museum.

2009- 2011 Director Of Education & Public Programs, Jersey City Museum, NJ

Managed department staff, budget, new programs initiatives and docents.

Facilitated yearly educational grant programs including Turrell Foundation and CDBG funding. Supervised development of museum educational materials for use with school groups and general visitors. Supported creation and implementation of Jersey City teacher development workshops. Co-curated and assisted with the installation of museum exhibitions.

1999- 2001 Adjunct, Co-Adjunct & Teaching Assistant, Rutgers University, NJ

Figure Drawing 1& 2, Fundamentals of Drawing Courses.

Provided educational support including office hours for students and tutorials.

Taught students through demonstrations and discussion sessions.

Assessed students work through weekly class critiques and final exams.

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ART RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 Founder, Gimme Shelter Project

Created programming to coincide with Gimme Shelter Project to bring awareness to 16% increase in homelessness in state of New Jersey. Organized several Gimme Shelter Stitch In locations throughout the state to create weatherized blankets with community members. Project featured on Verizon Push Pause, Parsons School of Design and Channel 12 News.

2012-2014 Grants Manager, Museum Outreach

"Sandy, One Year Later", Hoboken Historical Museum
Wrote, received and administered grant funding from Robinhood Foundation to provide a disaster relief counselor to work alongside the exhibition and to facilitate art therapy programming for survivors visiting the museum and additional counseling individually. NYTimes Metro Section review.

2009 Founder, Heights Artist Initiative

Developed PSE&G Mural program with Central Avenue Special Improvement District and Hudson County Cultural Affairs Office. Program replicated throughout Jersey City. Received Woman of Action Award in 2010 from Mayor Healy of Jersey City.

2007 Guest Curator "This is That", Pace University, Art F City review

2005 Guest Curator "Knots", NJCUniversity, NJ, NYTimes review

2004 Guest Curator "Merge" L.I.T.M, Jersey City, NJ

2004 Guest Curator "AV Club", Victory Hall, Jersey City, NJ

HONORS

2013 Robinhood Foundation Grant, "Sandy, One Year Later", Hoboken Historical Museum

2011 Woman of Action Award, City of Jersey City, PSE&G Mural Program

2011 "Grant Street Cleaners", Collection of Hudson County Community College

2010 "Pacific Court", Collection of Jersey City Museum

2009 _gaia Residency Program, NJ

2008 New Jersey Arts Annual

2007 "Hunt and Gather" Panelist with Paddy Johnson of Art F City, Jersey City Museum, NJ

2007 Guest Lecturer and Curator, Pace University, NYC

2007 Guest Panelist, Lateral Attitudes, Raritan Valley College, NJ

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2005 New Jersey Public Radio State of the Arts: Artist of the Month

2005 Guest Panelist, Circa Craft, Jersey City Museum

2005 New Jersey Crafts Annual

2004 Geraldine Dodge and Fine Arts Work Center Grant Award, MA

2004 Casaterra Residency Program, Italy

2004 Goldman and Sachs Arts Grant Award, NJ

2004 Puffin Foundation Artist Award, NJ

1999-01 Teaching Assistantship, Rutgers University, NJ

1994-95 Artist in Residence, Red Cloud Volunteers, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2015 Gimme Shelter Project, Windows at Columbus, Jersey City, NJ. Eileen Ferrara, Curator

2014 Gimme Shelter Project, Owen Grundy Pier, Jersey City, NJ. Luca Cusolito, Curator

2013-14 Tornado II, South Mountain Conservancy Wildflower Sculpture Park, South Orange, NJ

2011 Love Your River Project, Pierro Gallery, South Orange, NJ. Sandy Martiny, Curator

2010 Interference, Lion Brand Yarn Studio, NY

2009 Water falls., Hunterdon Museum, Clinton, NJ. Mary Birmingham, Curator

2008 Threads, Object and Thought Gallery, Denver, Colorado

2007 Knot Constructs, The Garage, Jersey City, NJ. Margaret Murphy, Curator

2006 Communal Ties, City Hall, Jersey City, NJ

2005 Bound, Jersey City Museum, NJ. Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, PHD., Curator

2003 Shroud Series, Salve Regina Gallery, Washington DC

2002 Re-Form, Brunswick Window, Jersey City, NJ, Roger Sayre, Curator

2001 Knitting Lessons, Mason Gross Galleries, New Brunswick, NJ

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SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2014-2015** The Big Show, Art Factory, Paterson, NJ. Matt Gosser, Curator
- 2014** Jerseyscapes, NJCU University, Jersey City, NJ. Midori Yoshimoto, Curator
- 2014** Threads, Art Factory, Paterson, NJ. Lillian Ribiero, Curator
- 2012** Perception Shifts, Stockton College, NJ. Heather Gibson, Curator
- 2012** Digital Weavings: Pat Lay and Michelle Vitale Loughlin, Woolpunkstudios, NJ
- 2011-12** Value of Water, St John The Divine Cathedral, NY. Fredericka Foster, Curator
- 2011** Home, _gaia, NJCU University, NJ. Doris Cacoilo, Curator.
- 2011** Aljira Auction, Aljira: A Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
- 2010** Emerging Patterns, Arts Council of the Morris Area, NJ. Midori Yoshimoto, Curator
- 2010** Natural Selections, Greylocke Arts, North Adams, MA
- 2010** (Re)Fashioning Fiber, Green Spaces, NY. Abigail Doan, Curator
- 2009** New Look, Same Great Taste, Jersey City Museum, NJ. Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, PHD., Curator
- 2009** Uncommon Threads, Seton Hall University, NJ. Jeanne Brasile, Curator
- 2009** Money, Money, Money!, ABC NO RIO, NY, Vandana Jain and Doris Cacoilo, Curators
- 2008-09** Your Documents Please, Arts and Crafts Museum, Japan, Galerie Kurt I'm Hirsch, Berlin, among others. Catalogue. Daniel Georges and Rumi Tsuda, Curators
- 2008** Of The Cloth, The Shore Institute of Contemporary Art, Long Branch, NJ
- 2008** Sprawl, NJ Arts Annual, Jersey City Museum, NJ. Catalogue.
- 2008** Sculptoure, The Shore Institute of Contemporary Art, Long Branch, NJ
- 2007** This Is That, Pace University, Westchester and Manhattan Campuses, NY
- 2007** Lateral Attitudes, Raritan Valley Comm. College, NJ. Catalogue. Tom Mc Glynn, Curator
- 2007** Noah's Ark, Shore Institute of Contemporary Art, NJ. Brendan Carroll, Curator
- 2006** Faculty Exhibition, Newark Museum, NJ
- 2006** The Sum of All Parts, The Hogar Collection, Brooklyn, NY

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- 2005** "(K)nots", New Jersey City University, NJ. Michelle Vitale, Curator, Catalogue
- 2005** Contemporary Drawing, Brookdale Community College, NJ. Arron Williams, Curator
- 2004** Nomadic Poets, Casaterra, Italy
- 2004** AV Club, Victory Hall, Jersey City, NJ. Michelle Vitale, Curator
- 2003** Open Studios, Fine Art Work Center, MA.
- 2002** Drift 2, Bedminister, NJ. Eileen Torpey, Curator
- 2001** Trapeeze, Mason Gross Galleries, New Brunswick, NJ

SELECTED PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2015** "As Artists We Protest Everyday. We inspire change.." Becky Nickolls, artistscribes.com
- 2015** "Michelle Vitale, American Artist..", Branding a Better You Podcast with Susan Newman
- 2015** "Choosing a Community", Jen Mazza, Parsons School of Design
- 2015** "Gimme Shelter Project", Push Pause, Verizon Fios Channel 1
- 2015** "Gimme Shelter Stitch In" featured on Channel 12 News
- 2015** "A Stitch In Time Can Save a Homeless Person", Matthew Speiser, Jersey Journal
- 2015** "Jersey City Artist-Shelters for the Homeless", Summer Dawn Hortillosa, Jersey Journal
- 2013** "Colorful Life Returns to Jersey City", Brendan Carroll, Hyperalleric
- 2013** "Oral Histories of Sandy", Tammy La Gorce, New York Times
- 2012** "Value of Water", St John Divine Cathedral, World Policy Blog
- 2012** "Value of Water", St John Divine Cathedral, Vimeo
- 2012** "Newly Opened Woolpunkstudios Showcases.." Summer Dawn Hortillosa, Jersey Journal
- 2011** "Former Jersey City Museum...." Brendan Carroll, Jersey City Independent
- 2010** Woolpunk Extraordinaire, Abigail Doan, Eccoeco
- 2009** "New Meanings in Knitting", Sabrina Gschwandter, Interweave Magazine
- 2009** "Family Skills for the 21st Century", Hildy York, Surface Design Journal

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- 2009** "Home Sweet Home", Jessica Hemmings, Embroidery Magazine
- 2009** *Sprawl* Exhibition Catalog, Rocio Aranda-Alvarado PHD
- 2007** "This Is That", Patty Johnson, Art F City
- 2007** *Lateral Attitudes* Exhibition Catalog, Tom McGlynn
- 2006** *(K)nots* Exhibition Catalog, Michelle Vitale
- 2006** "Knots, In Practice and Theory", Benjamin Genocchio, New York Times
- 2005** *Bound* Exhibition Catalog, Rocio Aranda-Alvarado, PHD
- 2005** *Circa Craft* Exhibition Catalog, Rocio Aranda;-Alvarado, PHD
- 2005** "State of the Arts", NJN Radio, Peter Shea
- 2005** "Taking Art To The Streets", Jersey City Magazine, Peter Zinsil
- 2005** "Shrouds Series No 2", Featured in Puffin Foundation Catalog