

Brief Bio:

Clifford Tresner attended Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN, and earned a BFA in Sculpture/Woodworking in 1990. He received his MFA from The University of Mississippi in Oxford in 1994.

Mr. Tresner began his teaching career in earnest in 1997 as an assistant professor of art, tenure track at the University of Louisiana, Monroe, LA, where he taught all levels of sculpture and drawing. Mr. Tresner moved to teaching painting and drawing in 2013. He has held many positions over his career, most recently as the William D. Hammond Endowed Professor of Liberal Arts, 2017 – 2020 and the Art Program Coordinator at the University of Louisiana Monroe.

With a firm belief in doing as well as teaching, Mr. Tresner has continued his practice as a professional artist exhibiting creative work in the areas of drawing, painting, and sculpture. His many awards include Best in Show in the Louisiana Contemporary at the Ogden Museum of Southern Art; a Purchase Award from the Mathews-Sanders Sculpture Garden, Cleveland, MS; a Purchase Award at the 31st Annual McNeese National Works on Paper at McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA; and a Louisiana Division of Arts Fellowship. Mr. Tresner has an extensive exhibition record in drawing, painting, and sculpture at venues including the Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Museum, Lafayette LA; Newcomb Gallery, Tulane University; Memphis College of Art; University of Arkansas at Little Rock; Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA; Huntsville Museum of Art, AL; and the Arthur R. Pierce Gallery, West Virginia Institute of Technology.