

# Helina Metaferia

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## EDUCATION

2016, Participating Artist, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
2015, MFA, Interdisciplinary Art, Tufts University's School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
2005, BA, Fine Art in Painting, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
2001-2002, Courses toward BFA, Temple University's Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS

2027, *Title TBD*, Brooklyn Public Library – Central Branch, Brooklyn, NY (forthcoming)  
2027, *Title TBD*, Jane Lombard Gallery, New York, NY (forthcoming)  
2026, *Chicago EXPO*, solo presentation with Superposition Gallery, Chicago, IL (forthcoming)  
2025, *Syntropy*, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Boston, MA  
2025, *When Civilizations Heal*, Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ  
2024-2025, *What We Carry to Set Ourselves Free*, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
2024, *Been Magic \* Been Real*, Center for Book Arts, New York, NY  
2024, *The Meeting Place*, Recess Art, Brooklyn, NY  
2023, *Frieze London*, solo presentation with Addis Fine Art Gallery, London, UK  
2022-2023, *We've Been Here Before*, RISD Art Museum, Providence, RI  
2022, *All Put Together*, Bolinas Art Museum, Bolinas, CA (traveling show)  
2022, *All Put Together*, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Boston, MA (traveling show)  
2022, *The Armory Show*, solo presentation with Addis Fine Art Gallery, New York, NY  
2021-2022, *Helina Metaferia: Generations*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
2021, *(Middle) Passage for Dreams*, New York University The Gallatin Galleries, New York, NY  
2020, *Against A Sharp White Background*, Northeastern University's Gallery 360, Boston, MA (traveling show)  
2020, *Against A Sharp White Background*, Auburn University's Biggin Gallery, Auburn, AL (traveling)  
2019, *By Way of Revolution*, Michigan State University SCENE Metrospace Gallery, East Lansing, MI  
2018, *Refiguring the Canon*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC  
2017, *Home/Free*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES & VIDEO SCREENINGS

2027, *Tell Me the Stories: Allegory, Metrology, and Memory*, The Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY (forthcoming)  
2026, *Independent Art Fair*, two person presentation by Praise Shadows Art Gallery, New York, NY (forthcoming)  
2026, *Ascending: The Self in Contemporary Art*, Mattatuck Museum, Waterbury, CT  
2026, *Summonings*, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Boston, MA  
2025, *Collective Joy: Learning How To Blaze*, Palais de Tokyo, Paris, France  
2025, *PUSH THE LIMITS 2*, Fondazione Merz, Turin, Italy  
2025, *Imagining Black Diasporas: 21st Century Art and Poetics*, Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, LA  
2025, *Counter History: Contemporary Art from the Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
2025, *Giving You the Best That I Got*, Art + Practice, in collaboration with California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
2025, *The Rose*, Center for Photography at Woodstock, Kingston, NY (traveling show)  
2025, *States of Becoming*, Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN (traveling show)  
2025, *Facial Recognition*, Jane Lombard Gallery, New York, NY  
2025, *Beautiful Scars*, Jonathan Carver Moore Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2025, *LAYERS: The Art of Contemporary Collage*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
2025, *Ritual and Resistance*, TNT Art Lab, San Francisco, CA  
2025, *Cape Town Art Fair*, presented by Galleria Anna Mara, Cape Town, South Africa  
2024, *Makeshift Memorials, Small Revolutions*, Blaffer Museum, Houston, Texas  
2024, *Multiplicities: Blackness in American Contemporary Collage*, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC

(traveling show)

2024, *Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, Toledo Art Museum, Toledo, OH (traveling show)

2024, *States of Becoming*, McMullen Museum of Art, Boston College, Boston, MA (traveling show)

2024, *Collage Culture*, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL

2024, *A Woman You Thought You Knew*, KADIST, San Francisco, CA

2024, *It Will Go On*, Museum of Contemporary Art Westport, Westport, CT

2024, *Face to Face: Portraits of Self and Others*, Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA

2024, *Saturn Gives Structure to the Dream*, 52 Walker, New York, NY

2024, *Connected Threads*, Addis Fine Art Gallery @ NADA Space, New York, NY

2024, *Conversations*, Goucher College's Silber Gallery, Baltimore, MD

2024, *Multiplicities: Blackness in American Contemporary Collage*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX

2024, *Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, MA (traveling)

2024, *States of Becoming*, Des Moines Art Center, Des Moines, Iowa (traveling show)

2023, *Sharjah Biennial*, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

2023, *Ethiopia at the Crossroads*, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD (traveling show)

2023, *Multiplicities: Black Collage in Contemporary Art*, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (traveling)

2023, *Resting Our Eyes*, Institute of Contemporary Art San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

2023, *Portraits as Place / Place as Portraits*, Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA

2023, *A Convening of Civic Poets*, KADIST, Paris, France

2023, *Perpetual Portrait*, Vielmetter Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2023, *Mirroring*, Galleria Anna Mara, Rome, Italy

2023, *Future. Forward. Freedom.*, Ed. Varie, New York, NY

2023, *Various Flowers*, Hirschl & Adler Modern, New York, NY

2023, *The Rose*, The Lumber Room, Portland, OR

2023, *The Upshot of Trans-Affective Solidarity*, Institut Francais of Casablanca, Casablanca, Morocco (traveling show)

2023, *Let Love Quiet Fear*, curated by For Freedoms, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Brookline, MA

2023, *EXPO Chicago*, presented by Art At A Time Like This, Chicago, IL

2022, *States of Becoming*, The Africa Center, New York, NY (traveling show)

2022, *Perplexity*, Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC

2022, *Sound, Stories*, Locust Projects, Miami, FL

2022, *Resilience*, Eastville Museum, Sag Harbor, NY

2022, *All Together*, Martin Luther King Library Art Gallery, Washington, DC

2022, *The Upshot of Trans-Affective Solidarity*, Torrance Art Museum, Torrance, CA (traveling)

2022, *Untitled Art Fair*, Miami, FL

2021, *Designing Motherhood*, Center for Architecture & Design, Philadelphia, PA

2021, *NI DE AQUÍ, NI DE ALLÁ*, Charlie James Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2021, *From Modern to Contemporary*, CFHILL Art Space, Stockholm, Sweden

2021, *Artists & Identity: Portraiture, Doppelgangers, Disguise*, Art & Culture Center, Hollywood, FL

2021, *A.I.R Biennial: An A-Historical Daydream*, A.I.R. Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2021, *Bring it Home*, Suzanne Lemberg Usdan Gallery, Bennington College, Bennington, VT

2021, *Storying*, Andrew Freedman Home Gallery, Bronx, NY

2021, *House of Crowns*, pop up show at Phillips first floor galleries, New York, NY

2021, *Untitled Art Fair*, presented by Praise Shadows Gallery, Miami, FL

2021, *Art Basel*, Addis Fine Art Gallery, Basel, Switzerland

2021, *Making Marks*, Pentimenti Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2021, *Home Is: Contemporary Video Art from Ethiopia*, The Israeli Center for Digital Art, Holon, Israel

2021, *1:54 Contemporary African Art Fair*, presented by Addis Fine Art Gallery, London, UK

2020, *A Different Kind of Weapon*, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile, AL

2020, *A Beautiful Struggle*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI

2020, *Still Here*, HUB-Robeson Gallery - Penn State University, University Park, PA

2020, *In/Flux: On Influence*, Inspiration, Transformation, Ortega y Gasset Projects, Brooklyn, NY

2020, *Cold Hands, Warm Heart*, Brentwood Arts Exchange, Brentwood, MD

2020, *Time Change, Change Time*, Auburn University - Biggin Gallery, Auburn, AL

2020, *Craft School*, Shelter in Place Gallery, Boston, MA

2020, *Addis Video Art Festival: Grounded in Movement*, WNDX Moving Image Fest, Winnipeg, Canada

2020, *Wide Awakes 24-Hour Broadcast*, Fridman Gallery, New York, NY  
 2020, *Meet Me In The Clouds*, Sindikit Project, Baltimore, MD  
 2019, *Idol Worship*, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY  
 2019, *Unboxing: Double Speak*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI  
 2019, *Addis Video Art Festival: Mutual Periphery*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
 2019, *Love In the Time of Hysteria*, Prizm Art, Miami, FL  
 2019, *Behind the Seen*, NARS Foundation, Brooklyn, NY  
 2019, *Still Here*, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
 2019, *Overlooked*, Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston, VA  
 2019, *Distance*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY  
 2019, *The Now, Artscape Performance Series*, Baltimore Office of Promotion & Arts, Baltimore  
 2018, *Time Is Love*, Ex-New Centre for Contemporary Art, Sulbiate, Italy (traveling video exhibition in 11 additional countries including France, Germany, Japan, Morocco, United Kingdom)  
 2018, *Brown Paper Zine Fair*, Studio Museum of Harlem @ Langston Hughes House, New York, NY  
 2018, *Art Speaks: An Evening of Performance Art*, Art Share LA, Los Angeles, CA  
 2018, *Multiplicities Volume 1: Continuous Unknowing*, Assembly Room, New York, NY  
 2018, *HyphenAmerica*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC  
 2018, *What We Don't Realize When We See Things*, The Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY  
 2018, *The Dark Horse*, Prizm Art, Miami FL  
 2018, *Skowhegan Book Meet*, Skowhegan Space, New York, NY  
 2018, *Film Festival on Theatre & Performance*, Martin Segal Theatre Center - City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY  
 2017, *Addis Video Art Festival: Love Triangle*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
 2017, *New. Now.*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC  
 2017, *Home*, Logan Fringe Arts Space, Washington, DC  
 2017, *Prismacolor*, Parteojo VideoArt Festival, Barranquilla, Colombia  
 2017, *Say Her Name: An Evening of Arts and Action*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
 2017, *Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA  
 2017, *Art & Academia: 1957 - 2017*, James E. Lewis Museum, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
 2017, *Black Girl Lit*, Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts, Brooklyn, NY  
 2017, *Fifth Story*, performance at Bemis Center of Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE  
 2017, *Inalienable Truths*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC  
 2017, *Freedom*, Space Camp Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
 2017, *Universal Belonging*, performance at Prizm Art, Miami, FL  
 2017, *Performance is Alive*, Satellite Art Show, Miami, FL  
 2016, *Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, New Museum, New York, NY (traveling show)  
 2016, *New Home*, A.P.T. Gallery, London, UK  
 2016, *Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, The Kitchen, New York, NY (traveling show)  
 2016, *International Video Art House Madrid Festival*, La Neomudejar Arts Center, Madrid, Spain  
 2016, *Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Five Myles Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
 2016, *Spilt Milk*, Thomas Young Gallery, Boston, MA  
 2015, *Ancestral Honoring*, performance at Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
 2015, *The Great American Performance Art Festival*, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn, NY  
 2015, *What It Is & What It Ain't*, co-curator and artist, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY  
 2015, *Dispositions*, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago,  
 2015, *Transient Vessels*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Pozen Center, Boston, MA  
 2015, *Addis Video Art Festival: Grounded in Movement*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
 2015, *End Recordings*, Museum of Fine Arts - Alford Auditorium, Boston, MA  
 2015, *Mapping the Dorchesterway*, Medicine Wheel Gallery, Boston, MA  
 2015, *SMFA MFA Thesis Show*, The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA

### **SELECTED PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

2025, *By Way of Revolution*, commissioned with the City of Newark, Newark, NJ  
 2024, *Body Freedom For Every Body*, curated by Project for Empty Space, traveling nationally  
 2023, *Tennessee Triennial*, commissioned by Frist Art Museum and Fisk University, Nashville, TN  
 2022, *Social Justice Billboards*, commissioned by National Academy of Design, Minneapolis, MN

2021, *Hear Her Hear*, commission by For Freedoms, Los Angeles, CA  
2021, *Not A Monolith*, commissioned by ArtBridge at MoCADA, Brooklyn, NY  
2020, *Art Off Screen*, Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn, NY  
2020, *Ministry of Truth: 1984/2020*, commissioned by Art at a Time Like This, Bronx, NY

### **PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA  
Bolinias Art Museum, Bolinas, CA  
Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
Bronx Museum of the Arts, Bronx, NY  
Deutsche Bank, New York, NY  
Fidelity Bank, Boston, MA  
Fisk University Art Gallery, Nashville, TN  
KADIST, San Francisco, CA and Paris, France  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
MIT Museum, Cambridge, MA  
Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
RISD Art Museum, Providence, RI  
Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA  
Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York, NY  
Sharjah Art Foundation, United Arab Emirates  
Stanford University's Institute for Diversity in the Arts, Palo Alto, CA  
Toledo Museum of Art, Toledo, OH  
Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA  
Worcester Museum of Art, Worcester, MA

### **ARTIST RESIDENCIES & STUDIO PROGRAMS**

2025, Visiting Mentoring Artist, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
2024, Recess Art, Brooklyn, NY  
2023-2025, Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ  
2023, Visiting Mentoring Artist, Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL  
2021-2023, Silver Art Projects @ World Trade Center, New York, NY  
2021, The Drawing Center Viewing Program, New York, NY  
2021, Residency Unlimited, Brooklyn, NY  
2020, Triangle Arts Residency, Brooklyn, NY  
2019, New York Artist Residency & Studios (NARS) Foundation, Brooklyn, NY  
2019, Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL  
2018-2019, Michigan State University - Creative Practice in Critical Race Theory Residency, Lansing, MI  
2018, The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH  
2018, Virginia Center for Creative Arts - Alonzo Davis Fellowship, Amherst, VA  
2018, Lighthouse Works Fellowship, Fisher Island, NY  
2018, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art - Grant Supported Residency, North Adams, MA  
2017, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
2017, Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI  
2016, Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY  
2016, Vermont Studio Center - Full Fellowship, Johnson, VT

### **SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

2025, Creative Catalyst Fund Artist Fellowship, City of Newark, Newark, NJ  
2025, Newark Artist Accelerator Grant, Newark, NJ  
2025, Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University, Providence, RI  
2024, Brown Arts Initiative Faculty Grant, Brown University, Providence, RI  
2023, Museum of Modern Art Adobe Creative Residency Finalist, New York, NY  
2023, Creative Capital Award Finalist, New York, NY  
2022, Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University, Providence, RI  
2022, Center for Study of Race and Ethnicity Practitioner Fellowship, Brown University, Providence, RI

2021, FST Studio Projects Fund, New York, NY  
2021, Lighthouse Works Legacy Grant, Fishers Island, NY  
2020, Money for Women Visual Arts Grant, Barbara Deming Memorial Fund, Bearsville, NY  
2018, SMFA Alumni Traveling Fellow, School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University, Boston, MA  
2017-2018, Hamiltonian Artists Fellowship, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC  
2016, Emergency Grant, Foundation for Contemporary Art, New York, NY  
2016, Full Fellowship, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
2014, Public Art Grant, Boston Arts Commission, Boston, MA  
2014, Montague Travel Grant, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
2014, Graduate Student Research Grant, Tufts University, Boston, MA  
2014, President's Research Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
2014, Boit Award, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

### **PUBLICATIONS AS AUTHOR**

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2024, Metaferia, Helina. *Been Magic \* Been Real*. 250 limited edition risograph artist book. Published by Center for Book Arts.  
2023, Metaferia, Helina (co-written with Clare Butcher and Amy Halliday). "Taking a seat: Curating spaces of (un)learning." *Journal of Arts & Communities*, Volume 14, Issue Spaces of Reconnection. June 2023, p. 9-30.

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES (FILM, VIDEO, TELEVISION, RADIO, PODCAST)**

2026, "By Way of Revolution." Featured artist and executive producer for film based on my work, directed by Breaktide Productions.  
2024, Hollis, Phyllis. "Helina Metaferia Episode 193." *Cerebral Women*. Podcast.  
2024, Khimasia, Anna. "By Way of Revolution: Helina Metaferia." *International Arrivals*. Podcast.  
2023, "In The Studio." The Museum of Modern Art. Video.  
2019, N'Namdi, Jumaane. "Art in Unique Spaces." *Art Loft*, Season 7, PBS. March 6. Television.

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2024, McCraven, Victoria. "It Will Go On: Revolutionary Aesthetics, Poetics, and Practices." *It Will Go On*. Exhibition Catalog. Museum of Contemporary Art Westport.  
2024, Thomas, Hank Willis (co-written with Eric Gottesman, Michelle Woo, Wyatt Gallery, and Taylor Brock). *For Freedoms: Where Do We Go From Here*. Exhibition Catalog. Monaceli / Phaidon Publications.  
2024, Wainwright, Lisa. "The Affordance on Collage." *Collage Culture*. Group Exhibition Catalog Essay. Monique Meloche Gallery. p. 16-21.  
2023, Ortiz, Maria Elena. "Pon tu mano con la mia: Ritzomatic Pathways and Collage." *Multiplicity: Blackness in American Contemporary Collage*. Group Exhibition Catalog Essay. First Art Museum. Yale University Press. p. 74-80.  
2022, D'Souza, Aruna. "Helina Metaferia's New Histories of Revolution." Essay in *Generations: Helina Metaferia*. Monograph Book. p. 28-31.  
2022, Baker, Chenoa & Fisher, Michelle. "Helina Metaferia in Conversation." Essay in *Generations: Helina Metaferia*. Monograph Book. p. 6-14.  
2021, Henderson, Teri. *Black Collagists: The Book*. Kanyer Publishing.  
2020, Smith, Sarah. "Choreographing Dissent: Embodiment and Archives of Collectivity in Helina Metaferia's Against a Sharp White Background," Solo Exhibition Catalogue Essay. Northeastern University. p.1-7.  
2020, Halliday, Amy. "Participatory Politics in Helina Metaferia's Practice." Solo Exhibition Catalogue Essay. Northeastern University. p. 8-13.

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- 2025, Browning, Maddie. "Artist Helina Metaferia infuses solo exhibit 'Syntropy' with research and activism," *WBUR*. November 24.
- 2025, Editor's Pick. "Four New York Area Shows to See Right Now." *Hyperallergic*. August 13.
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- 2025, Lawson, Tamme. "Celebrating 100 Years of Art at the Schomburg." *Studio Museum in Harlem Magazine*. Spring / Summer, 2025. P. 39-44.
- 2025, Benzine, Vittoria. "Art At A Time Like This." *Office Magazine*. April 28.
- 2025, Editor's Pick: "This momentous LACMA exhibition called for a group portrait – to the tune of Roberta Flack." *Los Angeles Times*. April 11.
- 2025, Kirschner, Noelani. "Helina Metaferia: An Army of Activists." *The American Scholar*. April 7.
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- 2024, Larson, Vanessa H. "Finally, a sweeping look at Ethiopian Art." *The Washington Post*. January 10.
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- 2018, Soboleva, Ksenia M. "A Collective Gives Female Curators a Room of Their Own," *Hyperallergic*. November 8.
- 2018, Jenkins, Mark. "In the Galleries: The American Character, as Modeled by 11 Female Artists." *The Washington Post*. September 7.
- 2018, Carroll, Angela N. "Ethiopian American Artist Helina Metaferia Refigures the Canon at Hamiltonia Gallery." *Bmore Art*. September 5.
- 2018, Abbot, Kate. "Artists in residence are given freedom to work at MASS MoCA." *Berkshire Eagle*. January 26.
- 2017, Brawner, Lydia. "Helina Metaferia in conversation." *Performa Magazine*.
- 2017, Aboulela, Leila. "Summer Maze," *Jalada 05/Transition*, 123, no. 1, Indiana University Press. Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University. June 11.
- 2017, Hamilton, Dell M. "Inside/Out: Reflecting 'Black Performance Art' — On Chapters of Genealogy." *Big Red & Shiny*. June 1.
- 2017, Kost, Ryan. "Artist explores what it means to have a home," *San Francisco Chronicle*. Feb. 1.
- 2015, McQuaid, Cate. "Head of the class: Six promising talents from local art schools," *Boston Globe*. April 23.

### **SELECTED VISITING ARTIST TALKS, LECTURES, PANELS**

- 2026, Panelist, Chicago EXPO Focus Section, Chicago, IL
- 2026, Artist Talk, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2025, Artist Talk, Praise Shadows Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2025, Artist Talk, Museum of Modern Art, Teens In the Making program, New York, NY
- 2025, Panelist, Center for Photography Woodstock, Kingston, NY
- 2025, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, The New School - Parsons Fine Art, New York, NY
- 2025, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Nancy G. Unobskey Visiting Artist in Modern and Contemporary Art Program, Goucher College, Baltimore, MD
- 2025, Panelist, Jane Lombard Gallery, New York, NY
- 2025, Panelist, The Africa Center, New York, NY
- 2025, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT
- 2025, Artist Talk, Tufts University's, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2024, Panelist, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC
- 2024, Panelist, Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia, PA
- 2024, Artist Talk, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
- 2024, Artist Talk, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA
- 2024, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2024, Artist Talk, Rose Art Museum, Waltham, MA
- 2024, Artist Talk, Art On Paper Fair, New York, NY
- 2024, Artist Talk, Phillips Collection, Washington, DC
- 2024, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2024, Panelist, Center for Art, Research and Alliances, New York, NY
- 2024, Artist Talk, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, MD
- 2024, Artist Talk, Center for Book Arts, New York, NY
- 2024, Panelist, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2023, Keynote Speaker, Ohio Art Education Association Conference, Toledo, OH
- 2023, Panelist, Printed Matter, New York, NY
- 2023, Panelist, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN
- 2023, Panelist, Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn, NY
- 2023, Panelist, University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD
- 2023, Artist Talk, Addis Fine Art Gallery, London, UK
- 2023, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL
- 2023, Panelist, Center for Complexity @ RISD, Providence, RI
- 2023, Artist Talk, Museum of Contemporary Art, Jacksonville, FL
- 2023, Artist Talk, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC
- 2023, Panelist, Art at a Time Like This / Natural Defense Council @ EXPO Chicago, Chicago, IL

2023, Panelist, Engine for Democracy, Art, Justice at Fisk University, Nashville, TN  
 2022, Panelist, New York City Department of Cultural Affairs, New York, NY  
 2022, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
 2022, Panelist, The Africa Center, New York, NY  
 2022, Artist Talk, California State University Monterey Bay, Seaside, CA  
 2022, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS  
 2022, Artist Talk, New England Historical Genealogical Society, Boston, MA  
 2022, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Tufts University's School of Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
 2021, Artist Talk, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
 2021, Artist Talk, Frieze NYC Vision and Justice Program, New York, NY  
 2021, Panelist, College Art Association Conference, New York, NY  
 2021, Panelist, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
 2021, Artist Talk, New York University's The Gallatin Galleries, New York, NY  
 2021, Artist Talk, University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY  
 2021, Panelist, Foundations in Art, Theory & Education (FATE) Conference, Charlotte, NC  
 2020, Artist Talk, MASS Art, Boston, MA  
 2020, Artist Talk, San Francisco Art Institute  
 2020, Panelist, Art World Conference, New York, NY  
 2020, Artist Talk, Northeastern University, Boston, MA  
 2020 Artist Talk, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA  
 2020, Panelist, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
 2020, Panelist, Area Code Art Fair, Boston, MA  
 2020, Panelist, Creative Activism Summit, Public Theater, New York, NY  
 2020, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, Smith College, Northampton, MA  
 2019, Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] V Conference, New York University, New York, NY  
 2019, Panelist, Africa Braintrust @ Congressional Black Caucus Conference, Washington, DC  
 2019, Panelist, Foundations in Art, Theory & Education (FATE) Conference, Columbus, OH  
 2019, Keynote Speaker, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI  
 2019, Artist Talk, Brown University, Providence, RI  
 2019, Artist Talk, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
 2019, Artist Talk, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY  
 2019 Artist Talk, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
 2019, Artist Talk, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
 2018, Artist Talk & Guest Critic, The New School/Parsons Fine Art, New York, NY  
 2018, Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
 2018, Panelist, George Washington University's Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC  
 2018, Panel Discussant, College Art Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA  
 2017, Artist Talk, Pratt MWP College of Art and Design, Utica, NY  
 2017, Artist Talk, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
 2017, Artist Talk, The New School, New York, NY  
 2017, Artist Talk, California College of Art, San Francisco, CA  
 2017, Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
 2017, Artist Talk, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
 2016, Panel Chair & Presenter, Black Portraiture[s] III Conference, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa  
 2016, Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
 2015, Graduate Student Commencement Speaker, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

## **COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2021-Present, Assistant Professor, Brown University, Providence, RI  
 2019-2021, Andrew W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow, Brown University, Providence, RI  
 2019-2021, Visiting Part-Time Faculty, The New School - Parson's Fine Art, New York, NY  
 2018-2019, Visiting Professor / Artist in Residence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
 2015-2017, Full-Time AICAD Post-MFA Teaching Fellow, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
 2013-2015, Teaching Assistant, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2026, Juror, DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities I (Eye) St. Gallery Juried Show  
2025-Present, Advisory Board, Art At A Time Like This, New York, NY  
2025, Juror, Pillsbury House + Theatre, McKnight Fellowships for Community-Engaged Artists,  
Minneapolis, MN  
2025, Juror, Vermont Studio Center Artist Residency Fellowship, Johnson, VT  
2023, Juror, Hamiltonian Fellowship, Washington, DC  
2023, Juror, Tufts University's School of Museum of Fine Art's Alumni Traveling Fellowship, Boston, MA  
2022-Present, Acquisitions Committee, Tufts University Art Gallery, Medford, MA  
2021-2023, Advisory Committee, The Africa Center, New York, NY  
2021, Program Curator, Wide Awakes (sponsored by For Freedoms), New York, NY  
2017, Juror, Vermont Studio Center Artist Residency Fellowship, Johnson, VT

## **SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2025, *A Mother's Rivers of Tears*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, The Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
2024, *A Mother's Rivers of Tears*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN  
2023, *A Mother's Rivers of Tears*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Brooklyn Museum, New York, NY  
2022, *When We Gather*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC  
2016, *IDENTIFY: Performance Art as Portraiture*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC  
2015, *Conversando*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, Havana Biennial, Havana, Cuba  
2014, *Habla Lamadre*, performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons for the event *Carrie Mae Weems LIVE: Past Tense/Future Present*, Solomon J. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY