

# Helina Metaferia

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## EDUCATION

- 2016 Participant, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 MFA - Interdisciplinary Art, Tufts University - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2005 BA - Fine Art - Painting, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
- 2001 Course study, Temple University - Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA

## ARTIST RESIDENCIES & STUDIO PROGRAMS

- 2020 Women Studio Workshop - National Endowment for the Arts Grant, Kingston, NY (forthcoming)
- 2019 Triangle Arts Residency - Brooklyn, NY  
New York Artist Residency & Studios (NARS) Foundation, Brooklyn, NY  
Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2018-19 Michigan State University - Creative Practice in Critical Race Theory Residency, Lansing, MI
- 2018 The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH  
Virginia Center for Creative Arts - Alonzo Davis Fellowship, Amherst, VA  
Lighthouse Works Fellowship, Fisher Island, NY  
Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art - Grant Supported Residency, North Adams, MA
- 2017 Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
Ox-Bow, Saugatuck, MI
- 2016 Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY  
Vermont Studio Center - Full Fellowship, Johnson, VT

## SELECTED AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-21 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship — Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2018 SMFA Alumni Traveling Fellow - School of the Museum of Fine Arts/Tufts University, Boston, MA
- 2017-18 Hamiltonian Artists Fellowship - Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2015-17 AICAD Teaching Fellowship - San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 Emergency Grant - Foundation for Contemporary Art, New York, NY  
Full Fellowship - Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant - Tufts University, Boston, MA
- 2014 Public Art Grant - Boston Arts Commission, Boston, MA  
Montague Travel Grant - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
Graduate Student Research Grant - Tufts University, Boston, MA  
President's Research Award - School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA  
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## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Against A Sharp White Background*, Gallery 360 - Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- 2019 *By Way of Revolution*, SCENE Metrospace Gallery (with performance at MSU Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum) - Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2018 *Refiguring the Canon*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC
- 2017 *Home/Free*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
- 2015 *Ancestral Honoring*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (solo performance)
- 2014 *Re-Collections*, Mission Hill Gallery - School of Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2013 *Great Migration*, International African Studies Association Conference, Baltimore, MD
- 2012 *Helina Metaferia: Divine Feminine*, River Views Artspace, Lynchburg, VA
- 2010 *Journey*, Jenness Building Gallery - Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 2007 *Finding Womban*, Theater Project, Baltimore, MD

## TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *Generations*, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (forthcoming Fall 2020)  
2019 *Counting On You, Counting On Me*, NOMAD Gallery, Brussels, Belgium

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES & VIDEO SCREENINGS

- 2020 *The Art of Choosing Sides*, Alabama Contemporary Art Center, Mobile, AL (forthcoming)  
*A Beautiful Struggle*, Urban Institute for Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Still Here*, HUB-Robeson Gallery - Penn State University, University Park, PA  
*In/Flux: On Influence, Inspiration, Transformation*, Ortega y Gasset Projects, Brooklyn, NY  
*Cold Hands, Warm Heart*, Brentwood Arts Exchange, Brentwood, MD
- 2019 *Idol Worship*, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY  
*Unboxing: Double Speak*, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit, Detroit, MI  
*Addis Video Art Festival: Mutual Periphery*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
*Love In the Time of Hysteria*, Prizm Art, Miami, FL  
*Behind the Seen*, NARS Foundation, Brooklyn, NY  
*Still Here*, Museum of African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA  
*Look Us Over*, Bernice Steinbaum Gallery, Miami, FL  
*Artscape Performance Series*, Baltimore Office of Promotion & Arts, Baltimore, MD  
*Overlooked*, Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston, VA  
*Distance*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY
- 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)  
*Brown Paper Zine Fair*, Studio Museum of Harlem @ Langston Hughes House, New York, NY  
*Multiplicities Volume 1: Continuous Unknowing*, Assembly Room, New York, NY  
*The Dark Horse*, Prizm Art, Miami FL  
*Skowhegan Book Meet*, Skowhegan Space, New York, NY  
*Film Festival on Theatre & Performance*, Martin Segal Theatre Center - City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY  
*Art Speaks: An Evening of Performance Art*, Feminist Art Project - Art Share LA, Los Angeles, CA  
*HyphenAmerica*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC  
*What We Don't Realize When We See Things*, The Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY
- 2017 *Addis Video Art Festival: Love Triangle*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
*Universal Belonging*, Prizm Art, Miami, FL  
*Performance is Alive*, Satellite Art Show, Miami, FL  
*Inalienable Truths*, Gallery 102 - George Washington University, Washington, DC  
*Freedom*, Space Camp Gallery, Baltimore, MD  
*New. Now.*, Hamiltonian Gallery, Washington, DC  
*Home*, Logan Fringe Arts Space, Washington, DC  
*Prismacolor*, Parteojo VideoArt Festival, Barranquilla, Colombia  
*Say Her Name: An Evening of Arts and Action*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA  
*Art & Academia: 1957 - 2017*, James E. Lewis Museum, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
*Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Museum of Contemporary African Diaspora Arts Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 *Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, New Museum, New York, NY  
*New Home*, A.P.T. Gallery, London, UK  
*Black Women Artists for Black Lives Matter*, The Kitchen, New York, NY  
*International Video Art House Madrid Festival*, La Neomudejar Arts Center, Madrid, Spain  
*Black Girl Lit - Between Performance & Memory*, Five Myles Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Spilt Milk*, Thomas Young Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2015 *Addis Video Art Festival: Grounded Through Movement*, Modern Art Museum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
*What It Is & What It Ain't*, co-curator and artist, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY  
*Dispositions*, Defibrillator Gallery, Chicago, IL

- Transient Vessels*, Massachusetts College of Art and Design - Pozen Center, Boston, MA  
*SMFA MFA Thesis Show*, The Cyclorama at the Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA  
*End Recordings*, Museum of Fine Arts - Alford Auditorium, Boston, MA  
*The Great American Performance Art Festival*, Grace Exhibition Space, Brooklyn, NY  
*Mapping the Dorchesterway*, Medicine Wheel Gallery, Boston, MA  
2014 *Performance Platform Lublin*, Galeria Labirynt, Lublin, Poland  
*Performance as Life*, co-curator and artist, Panoply Performance Laboratory, Brooklyn, NY  
*Not Obtuse if You Look Harder*, Piano Factory Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Oppositional Realities*, Emerson College Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Convergence*, Khaki Gallery, Boston, MA  
2012 *Morgan Touch: Reflecting on Influence, Identity, and Purpose*, James E. Lewis Museum, Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD  
*Dialogues*, International Visions Gallery, Washington, DC  
2011 *Sacred Reflections: Creative Visions of Faith*, David C. Driskell Center - University of Maryland, College Park, MD  
2008 *Celebrating Abyssinia to Harlem and Back*, co-curator and artist, Canvas Paper Stone Gallery, New York, NY  
*Black Women's Art Festival*, Vivant Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA  
2007 *Harlem Artists*, Casa Frela Gallery, New York, NY  
*Home Base*, Canvas Paper and Stone Gallery, New York, NY  
*African Artists Celebrating Ethiopian Millennium*, Howard University, Washington, DC  
*Girls Gotta Run*, Phoenix Gallery, New York, NY

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- 2017 Brawner, Lydia. "Helina Metaferia in conversation," *Performa Magazine*, July 19, 2017.  
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- 2015 McQuaid, Cate. "Head of the class: Six promising talents from local art schools," *The Boston Globe*, April 24, 2015.  
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Doerfler, Andrew. "Defining contemporary art, or not: Student curators bring disparate artists to campus gallery," *The Berkeley Beacon*, January 23, 2014.

### SELECTED VISITING ARTIST TALKS, LECTURES & PANELS

- 2020 Guest Artist Juror, Tufts University/School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA (forthcoming)  
Artist Talk, Northeastern University, Boston, MA (forthcoming)  
Guest Artist/Visiting Critic, Smith College, Northampton, MA (forthcoming)
- 2019 Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] V Conference, New York University, New York, NY  
Panelist, Africa Braintrust @ Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference, Washington, DC  
Panelist, Foundations in Art, Theory & Education (FATE) Conference, Columbus, OH  
Keynote Speaker, Muskegon Community College, Muskegon, MI  
Artist Talk, Brown University, Providence, RI  
Artist Talk, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
Artist Talk, Pratt Institute, New York, NY  
Artist Talk, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA  
Artist Talk, Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2018 Guest Artist/Visiting Critic, The New School/Parsons Fine Art, New York, NY  
Panelist, Black Portraiture[s] IV Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
Panelist, George Washington University's Corcoran School of Art, Washington, DC  
Panel Discussant, College Art Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2017 Artist Talk, Pratt MWP College of Art and Design, Utica, NY  
Artist Talk, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Guest Artist Lecture, The New School, New York, NY  
Artist Talk, California College of Art, San Francisco, CA  
Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
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  
Artist Talk, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI
- 2015 Graduate Student Commencement Speaker, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
- 2010 Artist Talk, Williams College, Williamstown, MA
- 2009 Artist Talk, Corcoran College of Art & Design, Washington, DC

### COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-Present

Mellon Foundation Post-MFA Fellowship / Assistant Professor, Brown University, Providence, RI  
Research fellowship and teaching BFA courses in Social Practice, Performance, and Sculpture

2019-2020

Part-Time Visiting Faculty, Parsons Fine Arts - The New School, New York, NY  
Course in MFA department: *Graduate Core: Studio Visits*

2018-2019

Visiting Assistant Professor / Artist in Residence, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
Upper level courses in BFA and MFA departments: *Social Practice; Performing Identities*

2015-2017

Full-time AICAD Teaching Fellowship, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA  
Foundation through upper level courses in the BFA and MFA departments: *New Genres I; Graduate Critique Seminar; Contemporary Practice; Beginning Performance & Video; Issues in*

*Contemporary Art: Performance Art; Graduate Seminar/Studio: The Artist's Body; Professional Development Workshops to Graduate and Senior BFA Students*

2014-2015

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Pre-College courses: *City Studio Program* with emphasis in Drawing and Video Art

2013-2015

Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA

Courses in the Graduate, Performance, and Painting Departments: *Performance Persona, Graduate Painting Studio, Intermediate Painting Studio, Graduate Seminar: Death of Painting*

**SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2016 *IDENTIFY: Performance Art as Portraiture* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, National Portrait Gallery - Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC

2015 *Conversando* - performance with Maria Magdalena Campos-Pons, 12th 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