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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Digital Media/Design, Conceptual Art & Design, Mixed Media Assemblage, Soft Sculpture, Installation Art, Freelance Journalism, Photography, Professional Practices & Career Development for Studio Art Majors

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018 -present Professor | Head, Department of Art, Grambling State University, Grambling, LA

2011-2014 Adjunct Instructor, Bossier Parish Community College, Bossier City, LA

EDUCATION

2006 MFA, Studio Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

1998 BFA, Studio Art, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

CONFERENCE PAPERS, TALKS, LECTURES

2021 *For the Moment: The Call and Response*, The Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute IN, November 5

2021 *Above the Clouds*, Beautillion 2021 - Arts Facet Clinic, Online Event, March 21 (Hosted by the Monroe-Grambling Chapter of the Links, Inc.)

2021 *Miles to Go: Artists Contemplating Revolution & Social Justice*, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, Online Event, February 27 (Host Joni Youkins-Herzog)

2021 *Flavors: Artist Round Table*, The NCLAC Gallery, Online Event, February 19 (Host Madeline Marak)

2021 *Bold Black & Beautiful Conversation About Black Film*, Online Event, February 9 (Host Ayeisha Gipson)

2020 *6th Annual Maafa Exhibition*, MAAFA: EXPERIENCE Artist Talk, Online Event, October 25

(Hosted by juror Gason Ayisyin and Karel Sloane-Boekbinder)

2018 *Picturing the Black Fantastic* Curator's Talk, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA, October 14

2017 *7 Steps | Escapism (Places & Spaces)*, The Gallery by Origin Bank, Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe LA, November 9

2017 *This About That*, FKJ Gallery, Monroe LA, September 21

2017 *Charmed: This Artwork Contains a Sample*, The University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe LA, February 9

2017 *Clementine Hunter's World Panel Discussion*, The Robinson Film Center, Shreveport LA, February 2

2016 *Hip Hop Junkies: Intrigued by the Drums*, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, February 15

2015 *Hip Hop Junkies: Intrigued by the Drums* Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Education Conference (HUIC), Honolulu HI, January 3-6

2013 *Idle Warship 3.5: Compressed Narrative: Pop Culture, Politics, Religion & The Cut and Paste Aesthetic*, Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College, Shreveport LA, February 23

2013 *Idle Workshop: We Keep Cool*, 2013 YACA Conference, Woodworth LA, February 15

2012 *Southern*, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art (via Skype), Athens GA, April 1

2012 *Idle Warship 3.0: Compressed Narrative/ Idle Workshop: We Cut Heads*, Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia AR, February 17

2011 *Why Are All of the Afro-American Artist-types Sitting Together?* Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC) Savannah, GA

2011 *The Journey*, Union Parish Library, Farmerville, LA February 16

2009 *Idle Warship; EnterSections*, E.J. Bellocq Gallery, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA October 8

2009 *Idle Warship; Pop Culture, Idol Worship and the Cut & Paste Aesthetic*, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA September 30

2008 *Post Modern Discourse; Image and Identity within Pop Culture, and the Cut & Paste Aesthetic*, Southeastern College Art Conference (SECAC) New Orleans, LA

2008 Flash Forward 2008, San Francisco, CA

SOLO OR 2 PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2019 *kwn: a theme*, University Center Art Gallery, Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Shreveport LA, May 31 – July 1

2018 *Superreality: The Liberty Collection*, East Bank Gallery, Bossier LA, August 1 – September 30

2017 *Escapism: Places & Spaces*, The Gallery by Origin Bank, Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe LA, September 1– February 29, 2018

2017 *Charmed*, Bry Gallery, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe LA, January 30 – February 23

2016 *Constant Elevation*, Dunbar Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, October 3 – November 3

2016 *Post Modern Discourse*, The Palace Gallery, Monroe LA, February 4- March 29

2014 *Meditations: A Contemplation on Culture*, Luna Blue Yoga Studio & Gallery, Monroe LA, May 25 – June 5

- 2014 *On the Surface*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, February 7 – February 27
- 2013 *Idle Warship: Selections*, East Bank Gallery, Bossier LA, April 2 – May 1
- 2013 *Idle Warship: Works by Drék Davis*, Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College, Shreveport LA, February 24 – March 31
- 2012 *Idle Warship 3.0: Compressed Narrative*, Brinson Fine Arts Gallery, South Arkansas University, Magnolia AR, February 1 - 29
- 2010 *Idle Warship 2.0*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, August 29 - September 30
- 2009 *Idle Warship*, E.J. Bellocq Gallery, Louisiana Tech University, September 22 – October 14
- 2007 “*and a few words...*” Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, September 17 – October 4

GROUP & JURIED EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Many Rooms: The South Got Something to Say*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA, August 26 – November 6
- 2021 *#NotAStereotype*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA, May 1 -July 24, 2021 (juror La Ruchala Murphy)
- 2021 *Flavors*, The NCLAC Gallery, <https://www.nclacgallery.org/exhibition>, Ruston LA, January 21 – March 21
- 2021 *Thought at Work*, Bry Gallery, University of Louisiana at Monroe, Monroe LA, January 19 – February 17
- 2020 *6th Annual Maafa Exhibition, MAAFA: EXPERIENCE*, Ashé Cultural Arts Center, New Orleans LA, August 1 – November 1 (juror Gason Ayisyin)
- 2020 *The Blackout Exhibition*, Artspace, Shreveport LA, August 7 – September 19
- 2020 *57th Annual Juried Competition*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA, Feb 27 – May 9 (juror Allison Glenn, Associate Curator for Contemporary Art Crystal Bridges)
- 2020 *Black Creatives Today*, The Palace Gallery, Monroe LA, February 7
- 2020 *20/20: Annual Faculty Show*, Dunbar Gallery, Grambling State University, *Grambling LA*, January 14 – February 27
- 2019 *Go Local! Annual Art Show*, Rialto Arts Center, West Monroe LA, October 3 -13
- 2019 *Jazz & Jambalaya*, Olla Centennial Cultural Center, Olla LA, October 1 – October 31
- 2019 *The Little Things, Ruston Artisan's, Ruston LA, May 29 – July 19*
- 2019 *Art on 45, Rumo's Barbershop, Ruston LA, March 5 - 16*
- 2019 *Collectible Artists" Exhibition*, Central ArtStation, Shreveport LA, March 6 – April 5
- 2018 *Present & Accounted For*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA, August 25 – October 13
- 2018 *Off the Wall*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA, April 13
- 2018 *Collegiate Faculty Exhibit*, GALLERY ONE EIIIEVEN, Leesville LA, April 5-21
- 2018 *Art on 45, Rumo's Barbershop, Ruston LA, January 2- March 3*
- 2018 *The MLK/New Orleans African American Tricentennial: The African Presence in New Orleans: Standing Through Times of Challenge and Controversy*, Ashe Cultural Arts Center, New Orleans LA, January 1 – March 31
- 2017 *Mapping out a Future for the Arts*, Bank of Ruston, Ruston LA, December 1 – December 31
- 2017 *Local Artists Exhibition*, Olla Centennial Cultural Center, Olla LA, September 1 – September 30
- 2017 *Bayou Classic Kickoff Mix and Mingle*, Monroe Regional Airport, Monroe LA, July 27
- 2017 *54th Annual Juried Competition*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA, March 29 - July 5 (juror Gia Hamilton, Joan Mitchell Center Director)
- 2016 *Annual Faculty Show 2016*, Dunbar Gallery, Grambling State University, *Grambling LA*, September 30 – October 30
- 2016 *Local Artists Exhibition*, Olla Centennial Cultural Center, Olla LA, September 1 – September 30
- 2016 *Personal Politics: Artist as Witness, Memory Keeper & Social Conscience*, The Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth GA, January 12 – March 26
- 2016 *Acts of Faith*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 11-February 25
- 2015 *Dirty South*, The Mammal Gallery, Atlanta GA, August 14 – August 31
- 2014 *Faculty Show 2014*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 7 – January 30
- 2013 *2013 Annual Faculty Exhibition*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 7 – January 31
- 2012 *Artists-At-Work*, Meadows Museum of Art at Centenary College, Shreveport LA, May 8 – July 29
- 2012 *Southern, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art*, Athens GA, January 21 - April 1
- 2012 *14th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Art Exhibit*, The New Orleans African American Museum of Art, Culture and History, New Orleans LA, January 17 - May 5
- 2011 *The Mixed Bag Show*, UPSTAIRS Gallery, Monroe LA, April 7 – April 28
- 2010 *ANACHROS, The Annual GSU Faculty Show*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, October 1 – October 28
- 2010 *3rd Annual President's Scholarship Dinner-Theatre Art Auction*, Grambling LA, April 23 – April 24
- 2010 *GSU Faculty Art Show 2010*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 12 – February 6

- 2009 *2nd Annual President's Scholarship Dinner-Theatre Art Auction*, LA, April 24 – April 2
- 2009 *Secretary of State Jay Dardenne's Exhibition by Eye Twenty Artists*, Louisiana State Archives Gallery, Baton Rouge LA, May 16 – June 7
- 2009 *GSU Faculty Art Show 2009*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 12 – February 6
- 2008 *Louisiana Seven*, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe LA, June 8-July 3
- 2008 *Masterful Mix Art Auction*, Renaissance Walk Gallery, Atlanta GA, April 26 - April 27
- 2008 *Eye Twenty Group Show*, The Schepis Museum, Columbia LA, March 9 – May 1
- 2008 *Scenes of the South Exhibition*, ThousandWords Photography, Ruston LA, March 1– March 28
- 2008 *GSU Faculty Art Show 2008*, Dunbar Hall Gallery, Grambling State University, Grambling LA, January 7 – January 31
- 2007 *NCLAC (North Central Louisiana Arts Council) Holiday Arts Tour*, Lincoln Parish Library, Ruston LA, November 17 – November 30
- 2007 *Masterful Mix Art Auction*, Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta GA, April 21 - April 22

GRANTS / AWARDS

- 2021 National Performance Network, Take Notice Fund Grant (Ford Foundation), New Orleans
- 2020 National Endowment for the Arts (Project title: *Grambling-SUSLA HOMECOMING*), Shreveport Regional Arts Council
- 2020 MONROE ARTS! Mini-Grant (Project title: *African-American Visual Relics of the Spirit*), Northeast Louisiana Arts Council

PUBLIC ARTWORKS

- 2018 "Above All Else" "Above All Else". A permanent, commissioned, work was installed on a Monroe (LA) city bus.
- 2018 "Songs from the Silver Waters". A collaborative mural, executed with Vitus Shell (Monroe, LA) and installed at the Monroe Civic Center.

SELECT CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 *77th Annual Wabash Valley Exhibition*, The Swope Art Museum, Terre Haute IN, November 5 – January 9
- 2021 *Black Is. A Reintroduction of Culture*, The Hardy & Nance Studios, Houston TX, May 29 - June 25
- 2018 *Picturing the Black Fantastic*, Lyndon House Arts Center, Athens GA, August 25 - October 13
- 2006 *LANDSCAPES: The Colorful Work of John Moon*, VSA arts of Georgia (Arts for All Gallery), Atlanta GA, July 6 - August 25 (Co-Curated by Sunny Taylor, David Wallace, and Drék Davis)
- 2005 *RACE (Enter Personal Politics)*, Athens Institute for Contemporary Art, Athens GA, August 28 - October 23

COMMISSIONS

- 2018 Masur Museum / City of Monroe (Bus Wrap Design)
- 2017 Masur Museum / City of Monroe (Civic Center Mural)
- 2017 ACT-SO Logo Design
- 2007 Grambling State University
- 2002 FLAGPOLE Magazine 2001
- 2001 ColorLines Magazine
- 2001 FEI VELO/Twilight 2001
- 2001 The Read-Aloud Program

PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES, CATALOGUES and EXHIBITION REVIEWS

- 2021 Gatson, Starla "The Black Creative Circle." BayouLife Magazine, November
- 2020 Athens Rising 2: Transmittance, James Preston
- 2018 Davis, Rodrecas "Art Appreciation", Kendall Hunt
- 2018 Cummings, Sharon "'Silver Waters' mural unveiled at Monroe Civic Center Arena." The Monroe News-Star, 10 August
- 2016 Honaker, April "Drék Davis Believes in Creating Art that Will Stimulate Conversations." BayouLife Magazine, February
- 2016 Hawley, Heather "Professor Helps Students Growth." The Ruston Daily Leader, 14 February
- 2016 Love, Regina "Art on tap throughout February." The Gramblinite, 4 February
- 2016 Bell, Keiera "The Sutton Collection opens 'Acts of Faith.'" The Tech Talk, 28 January
- 2016 Staff Reporter "Exhibit now in Dunbar Gallery." The Gramblinite, 21 January
- 2016 Hawley, Heather "Sutton art show begins Monday at GSU." The Ruston Daily Leader, 10 January
- 2015 Brantley, Rebecca "Art Review: A Down and "Dirty South" at Mammal Gallery." Burnaway.org, August 28, 2015. Web. August 28, 2015. <<http://burnaway.org/review/a-down-and-dirty-south-at-mammal-gallery/>>.

- 2011 Davis, Rodrecas "It is What it Is: *One Artist's Ruminations on Hip-Hop, Masculinity, and Contemporary Art.*" *Art ArtZine*, Issue #2, 11 February
- 2010 Crowe, Monica "History is unveiled in exhibit." *The Ruston Daily Leader*, 28 September
- 2010 Crowe, Monica "Breaking Barriers: Educators say art transcends race." *The Ruston Daily Leader*, 8 February
- 2009 Davis, Rodrecas "Don't talk inside the movie theater." *The Ruston Daily Leader*, 16 August
- 2009 Crowe, Monica "Students tour the arts in Ruston." *The Ruston Daily Leader*, 1 October
- 2009 1000 Ideas for Creative Reuse, Garth Johnson (Rockport Publishers/Quarry Books)
- 2008 Callaloo Journal, Fall /Politics Issue, Volume 31, No. 4 (As contributing artist)
- 2008 Mandala Literary Journal, Vol. 6 2007-2008 (University of Georgia)
- 2008 Phillips, Fred "Masur focuses on handful of local artists in 'Louisiana Seven' exhibit." *The News-Star*, 8 June
- 2008 Laster, Pam "Enjoying Spring, Art, Community." *The Ruston Daily Leader*, 29 February
- 2007 Mitchell, Juliuna "...and a few words' Faculty art exhibit shows different side of professor." *The Gramblinite*, 4 October
- 2006 Fox, Catherine "At Arts for All, a lunar landscape of wonder." *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 6 August
- 2006 Feaster, Felicia "Full moon rising." *Creative Loafing*, 5 July
- 2006 Cullum, Jerry "Students at UGA, Miami take bold tack with traditional forms." *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, 9 July

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2021-present Masur Museum/Twin City Arts Foundation
- 2018-present The Black Creatives Circle of Northeast Louisiana
- 2009-present SRAC (roster artist), Shreveport Regional Arts Council
- 2007-present EYE 20 Arts Group
- 2007-present SECAC, Southeastern College Art Conference
- 2007-2013 NCLAC, North Central Louisiana Arts Council