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Education:	page 1 of 3		
2007 MFA	University of Tennessee, Knoxville Concentration: Printmaking		
2001 BFA	Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Concentration: Painting and Printmaking		
2000	Polytechnic School of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, summer study abroad		
1999	The National Gallery, London, summer study abroad		
Awards: 2017	Honorable Mention at the <i>National Arts Program Exhibition</i> of Richmond, Pine Camp Art and Cultural Center,		
2013	Richmond VA Style Weekly Honoree, Women in the Arts, Richmond, VA Exceptional Ability & Outstanding Recognition, Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition, Museum of Science		
2007-2004	and Industry, Chicago, IL Geier Fellowship, University of Tennessee, School of Art, Knoxville, TN		
2006	Juror's Award, Migrations of the African Diaspora, Women of Visions Inc., Pittsburgh Center of Arts, PA		
2004-05	Herman E. Spivey Graduate Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN		
2005	Arts and Cultural Alliance Legacy Award Program for Interdisciplinary arts, University of Tennessee, School of Arts, Knoxville, TN		
Solo Exhibitions:	Call Warring & Floid Comparing in Warrandan Warranda Ducing Contag DVA Disharand VA		
2023-2022 2021	Still Warriors & Fluid Connections in Watercolor, Women's Business Center RVA, Richmond, VA Young Warriors, Pine Camp Cultural Arts Center, Spotlight Gallery, Richmond, VA		
2021	Arts in Healthcare, VCU Health System, Stony Point Massey Cancer Center, Richmond, VA		
2019	Young Warriors, Women's Business Center RVA, Richmond VA		
2017	Fluid Connections, Slant Wall Gallery, Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen, VA Dancing Ink, Conference Center Gallery at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA		
2017	Flag Series: Fingers Tracing Places of Aspiration, Elegba Folkore Society, Richmond, VA		
2014	Dancing Ink, Artspace Gallery, Richmond, VA		
2010	Setting on a Rise, Gellman Room, Richmond Public Library: Main Library, Richmond, VA		
2007	Bare Sole 2, 312 Gallery, Richmond, VA		
2005	Bare Sole, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Fluorescent Gallery, Knoxville, TN We went Over and Around, 1010 Gallery, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN		
Juried Exhibitions:			
2022	Coined in the South: 2022, Young Affiliates of the Mint and the Mint Museum Uptown, Charlotte, NC		
2013	Artfields: 9-day Art Competition, Lake City Artfields Collective, Bold & Sassy Children's Boutique, Lake City, SC Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition, Museum of Science & Industry Chicago, IL		
2009	All Media Show, Art Works Inc., Juror Anne Hart Chay, Richmond, VA		
2009	Decadence, Cultural Art Center at Glen Allen, Juror Christaphora Robeers, Glen Allen, VA		
2008	Hand Heads Hearts, Pen & Brush Gallery, Awarded Honorable Mention, Juror Howardena Pindell, New York, NY		
2006	Migration of the African Diaspora, The Women of Vision Inc, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Juror Lydia Thompson, Pittsburgh, PA		
Collaborative Projects:			
2020	Paint & Sip instructor with Hype Art VA and Your Day Entertainment at Capitol One Café, Richmond, VA		
2018	Project <i>Take the Bus</i> , Art180 collaborates with GRTC to celebrate their 20 th year anniversary and put artists' artwork inside 160 buses, Richmond, VA Dance After Work: Claves Unidos, dancer with Claves Unidos at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA		
	Mardi Gras RVA, dancer with Claves Unidos Dance Group at Dogtown Dance Theatre, Richmond, VA		
2017	Mardi Gras RVA, community dancer with Latin Vintage Dance Company at Dogtown Dance Theatre, Richmond, VA		
2015	Southern Graphic Council International Conference, performance, <i>Dancing Ink</i> , Knoxville TN		
2011	Painting, Sarah's Blood Playwright Rebekah Pierce, The Strawberry One Act Festival, Hudson Guild Theater, NY		
2006	Sincerely KATRINA JONES, performance collaboration between Millicent Johnnie World Grotto, and Carpetbag Theater, Knoxville, TN		
2004	Collective Rhythmic Interpretations, group performance, University of Tennessee, Music Hall, Knoxville, TN Mural, Helen Ross McNabb Facilities, Knoxville, TN		
2004 2001	Whitfield Lovell, The Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Apprentice to Artist, Richmond, VA		
Selected Group Exhibitions:			
2023	The Art Experience Exhibit, Virginia Executive Mansion, Richmond, VA		
	Celebrating Black Artists, Gloucester Arts on Main gallery, Gloucester, VA		
2021	Inside Out: Staff Show 2021, VMFA Studio School, Richmond, VA		
2020 2019	Art Under the Pines, curator Emily Dandridge, Pine Camp Cultural Arts Center, Richmond, VA		
2019	The Art of Freedom, curator Alvin Lester, Black History Museum and Cultural Center of Virginia, Richmond, VA Abstraction Through Insight, curator LaShaunn Casselle, Capital One's West Creek Town Center Gallery, Henrico, VA		
	Let The Lite Shine Brite, curator Walton Gallery Inc., Gallery at Main Street train station, Richmond, VA		

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2015	Redefining Print: Contemporary Prints from Women of the African Diaspora, Community Artists' Collective Houston, TX
	Suntrust Bank Center, Black History Exhibit, Art Gallery, Richmond VA
	Isn't She Lovely, Spotlight Gallery, Pine Camp Art & Community Center, Richmond, VA
2014	Artroulette collaborating and fundraising event, Artspace, Richmond, VA
2013	Ladies First, Walton Gallery, Petersburg, VA
	Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
2011	The World Should Know Her Name, Knoxville Museum of Art, Knoxville, TN
2010	Minority Art Exhibition, Metro Space Gallery, Richmond, VA
2008	Annual Juneteenth Exhibition, Art 6 Gallery, Richmond, VA
2006	Award Winners Exhibition, Pen & Brush Gallery, New York, NY Amreekan Curry, traveling show in India's Palm Court Area, India
2000	Habitat Center, New Delhi, ABS Lanxess Gallery, Vadodara Gujarat, India
	Stories of Women in Print, Landmark Arts, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
Collections:	
2022	Cook Foundation, Gloucester, VA
2006	India Habitat Center, New Delhi, India
2005	Clemson University, Clemson, SC Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
	Southern Graphics Council Archives, University of Mississippi, MS
	Southern Graphics Council receives, Oniversity of Phississippi, Phis
Exchange Portfolio:	
2015	We Print For Barbara! curated by Jacquie Boileau, Studio Two Three, Richmond, VA
2014	Printmaking an Agent of Social Change, curated by Mildred Beltre, Southern Graphics Council International
	Conference, "Bridges: Spanning Tradition, Conference, Innovation, and Activism," San Francisco, CA
2007	Communication and the Art of Deception, Southern Graphics Print Conference, "Points, Ploys, Points," Kansas City, MI
2006	Body Parts, co-curated by Lisa Renz, Heather Corley, & Sukenya Best; Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MI
2005	Imprint, Southern Graphics Print Conference, "Genetic Imprint," University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI Up and Coming, Southern Graphic Print Conference, "Power in Print," Corcoran School of Arts, Washington, DC
2003	op una coming, soudient Grapine Frint Conference, Frower in Frint, Corcoran School of Arts, Washington, De
Bibliography:	
2021	Grey, Lucy. "Inside Out: VMFA Staff Art Exhibition 2021." VMFA Blog, July 22,
2017	Talk of the Town, Interviewer LaTika Lee, Comcast channel 95, Richmond, VA
2016	"So to Speak," feminist + language + art literary, Visual Art, Fall 2016 Issue, online publication,
2014	George Mason University, http://sotospeakjournal.org/the-flag-series-fingers-tracing-places-of-aspiration/
2014	"Black History in Richmond," Richmond Times Dispatch, February 6, pp. A8-9 Adams, Amanda Dalla Villa. "Respite," Style Weekly, January 22, pp. 22
2013	Langford, Hilary. "Women in the Arts," Style Weekly, August 21, pp. 38
2010	Waterfield, Cesca Janece. "Minority Exhibition Sparks Community and Conversation," The Urban Views Weekly,
2010	September 29 th , pp. 1 Front Cover.
	"Indy Media Live," Richmond Independent Radio Station 97.3 FM, Art180 Mural Dumpster Project
2008	Studio Visit Magazine, The Open Studio Press, Juror Carl Belz, Volume 3, pp. 26
2006	"Bare Sole 2," Richmond Times Dispatch, August 16, pp. F21, Weekend section
2006	"Amreekan Curry," work published in catalogue for exhibition, Vadodara, Gujarat India
2005	"Footprints mark show of support," Knoxville News
2004	"Festival highlights campus diversity," Richmond Commonwealth Times, April 15, pp.15 (illus.)
2003	Lippard, Lucy, The Art of Whitfield Lovell: Whispers from the Walls. 2 nd Edition, pp.7
	"Acknowledgements," California: Pomegranate Communications
Work Experience:	
2018-Present	Virginia Museum of Fine Arts On the Road Coordinator, Art and Education Division, Richmond, VA
	Travel and schedule residencies with Partner Sites around Virginia
	Install and deinstall the artwork on the artmobile
	Create educational programs for school visits of SOL-related lesson plans
	Facilitate school tours and general tours for all visitors

2017-2012

Instructor in Fine Arts, Fine Arts Department, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA

- Teach drawing, painting, printmaking, basic design, museum studies, art appreciation, junior seminar, and senior comprehensive examination
- Schedule visual art courses
- Advise fine arts majors and art club members
- Curate/hang the annual student art exhibition
- Organizing student internships off campus
- Serve on the committee for the Center of International Studies and the committee for the Art & Literary Magazine
- Recruit/orientate adjuncts
- Serve as faculty representative for the VMFA College Art Council

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2011-2010	Foodby Fine Arts Deportment Viscinis Union University Dishmond VA
2011-2010	 Faculty, Fine Arts Department, Virginia Union University, Richmond, VA Teach drawing, painting, and design courses
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2013-2008	Assistant Professor, Art Area, J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College, Richmond, VA
	Work on both campuses, downtown Richmond and in Glen Allen
	 Teach art studio courses: painting (acrylic/watercolor), basic design, drawing, and figure drawing
	 Certified to teach online (distant learning), teaching both face to face and hybrid courses
	 Co-organized student trips to museums in Washington D.C.
	 Served as faculty representative for the VMFA College Art Council
	 Assisted in the hanging and gathering student work for the annual student art exhibition
2008	Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University, VA
2000	During the VCUarts Summer Intensive Program I taught a two-week painting course. This program gave high school
	students a chance to create paintings for their college admissions' portfolio.
2007-2005	Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
	Solely responsible for teaching one section each semester of basic drawing or intermediate color and design. In addition
	to assisting six hours per week in printmaking courses.
Lectures/Work	shops/Volunteer:
2020	Afrikana Independent Film Festival, virtual panel talk of video "Brian Palmer: VMFA on the Road,"
	with Anna Edwards & Brian Palmer, Richmond, Virginia
	VMFA Artmobile exhibition's virtual tour, A view from Home: Landscapes of Virginia, Richmond, VA
	Glen Allen Public Library, gave talk about African American Art, Glen Allen, VA
2018	Panel discussion of film <i>Gurumbe:Afro-Andalusian Memories</i> , presented by Afrikana Independent Film Festival and Claves Unidos at Dogtown Dance Theatre, Richmond, VA
2017	African & African American Art: Adornment, Community Gesture Drawing for Family Day, Virginia Museum of Fine
2017	Arts, Richmond, VA
	ChinaFest: Year of the Rooster, face paint volunteer for Family Day, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
2016	Film & Talk, Kehinde Wiley an Economy of Grace, panel discussion, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
	Family Day, Watercolor Demonstration, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, VA
	Children's Collage Workshop, Black History Museum of Virginia Junior, Richmond, VA
2015 2014	Architect Exchange East Conference, AIA Virginia Chapter, Talk on Creativity & Inspiration, Convention Center,
	Richmond, VA
	Artist Talk, Delver Woman's Club Annual Luncheon Meeting, Virginia Union University, VA Chocolate Bella book signing and presentation, Virginia Union University, VA
2012	Visiting Artist Talk, Diggs Gallery, Winston Salem State University, NC
2010	Art 180, Paint Outside the Box Day, Program Leader for Southwood Boys & Girls Club, Mobil mural, Richmond, VA
2009	Art180, Print Project, Program Leader/ Lead Artist, Richmond, VA
2006	Artist talk, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MI
	Lithography workshop, Thinking at the Press, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MI
Curatorial Pro	jects:
2018	Curated Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students: Leading with Our Art, Richmond Main Public
	Library, Gellman Room, Richmond, VA
2017 14	Created Student Art Exhibition Vincinia Union University Fine Arts Students, Dishmond, VA

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2018	Curated Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students: <i>Leading with Our Art,</i> Richmond Main Public Library, Gellman Room, Richmond, VA
2017-14	Curated Student Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students, Richmond, VA
2017	Curated Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students: <i>Our Arts Desire</i> , collaboration with Shaunn Casseslle at Pine Camp Arts & Community Center, Richmond, VA
	Curated Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students: <i>Our Arts Desire</i> , Richmond Main Public Library Gellman Room, Richmond, VA
2016	Curated Art Exhibition, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Students: A Limitless Future in the Creation of Art, Richmond Main Public Library, Gellman Room, Richmond, VA
2015	Fine Arts Festival: A Bridge to the Community, Virginia Union University's 150th Anniversary, Richmond, VA Curated Art Exhibit, Virginia Union University Fine Arts Graduates: A Limitless Future: Painting Our World Richmond Main Public Library, Gellman Room, Richmond, VA