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## EDUCATION

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**The Ohio State University**

**Columbus, OH | May 2026**

*M.A. in Art Policy and Administration*

**The Ohio State University**

**Columbus, OH | May 2019**

*B.A. in Public Affairs specializing in Public Leadership, Management and Policy*

**Stivers School for the Arts**

**Dayton, OH | May 2015**

*Visual Arts Magnet*

***Research Interests:** qualitative research, constructivism, narrative inquiry, observational study, intersectionality theory, intersectional care ethics and policy change and implementation.*

## CREATIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Live Painting Artist**, The City of Columbus Office of Violence Prevention 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gun Violence Awareness Vigil at City Hall | Columbus, OH | June 2026

**Artist**, 3rd Annual Mindful Expressions: A Festival of Art & Wellness| Columbus, OH| April 2026

**Artist**, 3rd Annual Mindful Expressions: A Festival of Art & Wellness| Columbus, OH| April 2026

**Workshop Facilitator**, Columbus Recreation and Parks' Youth Development VOICE Program| Columbus, OH| October 2025

**Artist**, 2nd Annual Mindful Expressions: A Festival of Art & Wellness| Columbus, OH| September 2025

**Artist**, Life All Voices Festival| We Amplify Voices| Columbus, OH| September 2025

**Arts Educator**, Endangered Species Coalition 24- 25 Collaborating for Diversity Youth Opportunity| Virtual| March 2025

**Workshop Facilitator**, Columbus Recreation and Parks' Youth Development VOICE Program| Columbus, OH| February 2025

**Bronzeville Art on the Park Artist**| Maroon Art Group| Columbus, OH| October 2024

**Artist**, YWCA Activist and Agitators | Columbus, OH| August 2024

**Artist**, Columbus Public Service Chapter of the National Management Association | Columbus, OH | May 2024

**Artist**, Community Studios at the Wexner Center for the Arts | Columbus, OH| Fall 2023

**Artist**, Wild Goose Creative Family Sunday Workshop | Columbus, OH| August 2023-24

**Artist**, YWCA Activist and Agitators- Ibram X. Kendi | Columbus, OH| August 2023

**Artist**, Care Coalition Wellness Palooza, Community art project | Columbus, OH| May 2024

**Artist**, Lifeline of Ohio Art for the Heart, Workshop with donor families | Columbus, OH January 2024  
**Rusty Patched Bumblebee Muralist**, Sunny Glen Garden and Endangered Species Coalition | Columbus, OH | December 2023  
**Community Artist**, The Coloring Linden Project | Columbus, OH | September 2022- June 2023  
**Muralist**, National Association of Letter Carriers | Columbus, OH | May 2022  
**Artist**, Live painting Showcase, Soul Z | Columbus, OH | June 2022  
**Artist**, TedxDayton, group live painting during band assembly | Dayton, OH | April 2015

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Mentee**, Association of Arts Administration Educators (AAAAE) Mentorship Program | AAA  
**Board Member**, Wexner Center for the Arts Student Advisory Board | The Ohio State University | Columbus, OH | August 2025- Present  
**Board Member**, Sankofa Circle Advisory Board for The William H. Thomas Gallery | Columbus, OH | January 2025- Present  
**President**, Central Ohio Student Advocates for the Arts | The Ohio State University | Columbus, OH | September 2024- Present  
**Fellow**, YWCA Leadership for Social Change Fellowship | Columbus, OH | February 2023- December 2023  
**Lead Academic Instructional Assistant**, Kari S. Watts, Ph.D., BCBA-D, LLC | Columbus, OH | May 2021- August 2024  
**Program Coordinator**, All THAT- Teens Hopeful About Tomorrow | Columbus, OH | March 2022- September 2022  
**Crisis Intervention Specialist**, Huckleberry House, Inc. | Columbus, OH | November 2021- February 2022  
February 2019- August 2019  
February 2020- December 2022  
**Development Disabilities Aid**, A-1 Nursing, Inc | Columbus, OH | June 2021- August 2022  
March 2018- August 2019  
**Campaign Intern**, Franklin County Democratic Party | Columbus, OH | February 2018- May 2018  
**Congressional Intern**, U.S House Of Representatives Congresswoman Beatty | Columbus, OH | September 2017- May 2018

## **RESIDENCIES**

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2023 Artist Residency, Grange Insurance Audubon Center | Columbus, OH  
2024 Artist Residency, Sanctuary Night and the Wexner Center for the Arts | Columbus, OH

## **EXHIBITIONS**

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2026 Opening Exhibition, Ohio Feminist Museum | Columbus OH  
2025 UnCensored Exhibit, Raw Gallery | Columbus, OH  
2025 It Was All A Dream Exhibit, All People Arts | Columbus, OH  
2024 Art of Soul, National Afro- American Museum and Cultural Center | Wilberforce, OH  
2024 Vessels in Blue Exhibit Curated by Miriam King, Blockfort Gallery | Columbus, OH  
2023 Spring Juried Exhibition, Ohio Art League | Columbus, OH  
2022 Pop- Up Exhibition, Grange Insurance Audubon Center | Columbus, OH  
2022 Fall Juried Exhibition, Ohio Art League | Columbus, OH  
2020 Midwest Movement Art Show | Dayton, OH  
2015 Award Exhibition, Ohio Governor's Youth Art Exhibition | Columbus, OH

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Contributing Writer**, *Desire Lines: OSU MFA 2025 Exhibition Catalog*, Ohio State University, 2025

**Artist/ Contributing Author**, [\*The Artist Labor Force: A Statistical Look at Ohio Issue Brief & Zine\*](#), Barnett Field School at Ohio State University, 2025

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**Co- Presenter**, “*Navigating Columbus’ Arts Ecosystem: A Case Study on Equity-Centered Access and the Creative Sector Resource Fair.*” With Kenia LaMarr and Asia Bender. Society of Art Leadership Educators, New York City, New York, USA, March 26- 28, 2026.

**Co- Presenter**, “*Navigating Columbus’ Arts Ecosystem: A Case Study on Equity-Centered Access and the Creative Sector Resource Fair.*” With Kenia LaMarr and Asia Bender. Association of Art Administration Educators, Boston, Massachusetts, May 28-31, 2026.

**Graduate student Co- Presenter**, “*Three Perspectives on Columbus Ohio’s Arts Ecosystem: Artists’ Communities, Creative Placemaking and University- Community Arts Learning.*” With Dr. Rachel Skaggs, Gillian Kim, Julia Harth, and Logan Thomas. Social Theory, Politics and the Arts, Osuna, Spain, December 12-14, 2024.

## AWARDS/ ACHIEVEMENTS

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Greater Columbus Arts Council 2022 Neighborhood Arts Connection Fellowship

Greater Columbus Arts Council 2023 Mural artist grant

Greater Columbus Arts Council 2022 Individual artist grant

## CERTIFICATIONS

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2024 Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning “I Don’t Know What That Means: Helping Students Understand the Language of Research” Workshop

- Exploring strategies and activities to help clarify key research- related terms and concepts.

2024 REACH Suicide Prevention Certification

- Training experience aims to increase knowledge and awareness of suicide risk and to inform attendees of our campus community resources.

2024 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

- Ohio State requires all faculty, staff and students who are eligible to conduct research to be trained in the Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) through the online Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) RCR course.

2022 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 10-hour certification

- a 10-hour safety training program for entry-level workers in construction and general industry