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Alternative Learning

Modern Ancient Brown Post-Baccalaureate Residency; Fall 2023 (Forthcoming)

School of the Alternative, Black Mountain, NC; Spring 2023

Detroit Justice Center Artist Residency, Detroit, MI; 2022 - 2023

Project Inkblot's INKubator Cohort no. 1; Fall 2022

Visit to Gee's Bend, AL + Visit with Gee's Bend Quilters; Fall 2022

Wedding Cake House Group Residency, Providence, RI; March 2022

VERGE.FM Radio Residency, SABETYE'S SUNDAY SCHOOL; 2022

BULK Space Visual Artist Residency, Detroit, MI; Summer 2021

"Ancestry and Me", School for Poetic Computation COCOON Summer Series

(Virtual) New York City, NY; Summer 2021

Abolitionist Youth Organizing Institute (AYO, NYC) via Project NIA; July 2021

Academic Education

Rhode Island School of Design; September 2020

Wayne State University - Fine Art; 2018-20

Teaching + Facilitation

Community Quilting Workshop for Black Lives Matter Detroit, Summer 2023

(Forthcoming)

THE MISSING THREAD Quilting Workshop at Room Project; Spring 2023

PIE MEDIA LAB Fellow for PIE MEDIA LAB (under the People In Education umbrella); January 2022 - September 2022

"Pod and Power Mapping" Workshop, Co-Facilitation with Lauren Williams at NOW: Future Artist Summit, Presented by Sidewalk Detroit x Kresge Arts in Detroit; June 2021

Exhibitions

*Solo Exhibition, Cedar North at J2 Farms, Cedar, MI; December 2023
(Forthcoming)*

The Ties That Bind (Two-man show with Emilia Nawrocki), HATCH Art, Hamtramck, MI; July 2023 (Forthcoming)

*SANCTUARY, Our Craft of Care at ROOM Project, Detroit, MI; Fall 2022
Foundation, Huron Arts, San Francisco, CA; October 2021*

ARCCH 54 Cohort no. 1, Harsens Island, MI; August 2021

I Saw Something In The Fields (DIY Show), Detroit, MI; October 2020

*Ode To Our Planet, Grosse Pointe Artist Association, Grosse Pointe, MI;
February 2020*

Detroit Artists Market All Media Exhibition, Detroit, MI; February 2020

Insecurity, Riverside Arts Center, Ypsilanti, MI; Fall 2020

Blick Art Supplies Winter Showcase, Detroit, MI - Winter 2019

Wayne State University Undergraduate Exhibition; May 2019

San Francisco Art Institute Precollege Exhibition; July 2017

SAIC ECPSI Session 2 Exhibition; July 2017

Special Projects

Midnight Care Collective, Founder

Blue Moon Radio, Founder

Quilt Fundraiser for the King Street Community (Detroit, MI); 2023

*Restorative Care Kits for Activist Youth, Guest Artist Project with
482Forward; Spring 2021*

Quilt Fundraiser for Alex (Detroit, MI); 2021

*Participating Artist in "We Exist: The Future Is Fluid" X Save Art Space
Public Art and Gallery Exhibition; Winter 2020*

*Participating Artist in Wayne State University X Lyft Inc. Woodward|Warren
Park Alley Activation Mural; Fall 2019*

Publications

'Patchwork Oracle', via FLOWER PRESS (Detroit); 2022

'Chrysalis', via the 2020 Wayne State Literary Review; Winter 2020

Relevant Employment, Internships, + Volunteer Work

Detroit Safety Team Core Team; Winter 2022 - Present

Shaded Knot Head Assistant, May 2022 - Present

Teaching Fellow at People In Education, January 2022 - September 2022

Detroit Community Fridge Volunteer; 2020-2021

Internship at Wasserman Projects - Detroit; Summer 2019

Awards

Grant Recipient, Gender Reveal Podcast; 2021

Finalist, Art For Black Lives Artist Residency, Art For Black Lives; 2021

Pay-It-Forward Artist Grant Recipient, Modern Ancient Brown Foundation; 2021

Honorable Mention, "Ode To Our Planet" Exhibition; 2020

Wayne State University Scholars Day Scholarship Recipient; 2018

Lee M. Thurston Eagle (Principal) Award Recipient; 2018

San Francisco Art Institute Precollege Rising Senior Award; 2017