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SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2026

Family Ties — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

Cerulean Arts' 20th Anniversary Exhibition — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

Fall Annual Juried Exhibition — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ (juried exhibition)

Mercer County Community College Faculty Exhibition — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

2025

No Vessel Can Hold the River — Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA

Mercer County Community College Faculty Exhibition — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

Shapes of Color — Nancy Devine Gallery, Warren,Rhode Island

2024

Freedom of Expression — Dupree Gallery, Lambertville, NJ

The Figure: Portraiture and Narrative — Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA (juried exhibition; juror: Scott Noel)

EARLIER SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2023 Two by Two — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA (group exhibition)

2023 14th Annual Contemporary Drawing Exhibition — Tucker Cooke Gallery, University of North Carolina Asheville, Asheville, NC

2023 55th Annual National Drawing and Small Sculpture Show — Joseph A. Cain Memorial Art Gallery, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

2022 Drawn Together: School of Art Faculty Exhibition — School of Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2022 Art at Kings Oaks — Newtown, PA

2021 Familiar Faces — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2018 6th Annual Juried Exhibition — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2018 Art Alliance UArts Faculty Show — Art Alliance at the University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2017 Time Line: Looking Forward Through the Rearview Mirror — Painting Gallery, Anderson Hall, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2017 The Perpetual Subject — Hamilton/Arronson Gallery, University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2016 Beyond the Blues: African American Music and Culture — Columbia Art Center, Columbia, MD

2016 140 University of the Arts, Faculty at the Kimmel — Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2016 Faculty Exhibition at MCCC — Fine Arts Gallery, Montgomery County Community College, Blue Bell, PA

2016 Celebration of Color — Dupree Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2016 4th Annual Juried Exhibition — Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2014 Our Journey: 75 Years of African-American Art — The Jack and Jill Exhibition and Auction, New York, NY

2014 Passage: My Journey from Grief to Recovery — Drawings and prints, Willingboro Public Library, Willingboro, NJ

2010 Works on Paper — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ

2009 N.C.A. Invitational: Past and Present — Dupree Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2009 Faculty Exhibition — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2007 About Face — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2004 Inner Space — Arts Council of Princeton, Princeton, NJ

2003 Esther M. Klein Art Gallery — University City Science Center, Philadelphia, PA

2001 Works on Paper — Perkins Center for the Arts, Moorestown, NJ

1992 Contemporary Abstractions — Esther M. Klein Art Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

1992 American Drawing Biennial II — Muscarelle Museum of Art, College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

1989 Africasmericas Festival: Spiritual Rebirth — Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA

1989 The Afro-American Experience — Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

1986 The Perspective Figure: Paintings and Mixed Media — Penn State Berks Campus, Reading, PA

1986 The Rights Movement: Past Dreams, Present Vision — Lawrence Gallery, Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA

AWARDS & GRANTS

2024 **Individual Artist Fellowship in Painting** — New Jersey State Council on the Arts (fellowship award: $27,000)

2018 Third Place Award — 6th Annual Juried Exhibition, Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2016 Third Place Award — 4th Annual Juried Exhibition, Cerulean Arts Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2011 Faculty Enrichment Grant — University of the Arts

2002 Venture Fund Grant — University of the Arts

2001 Two Purchase Awards; Work of Distinction Award — Perkins Center for the Arts

PUBLICATIONS & REVIEWS

2024 New American Paintings, Northeast Edition, No. 170 — February/March 2024; Editor's Pick; juror: Amy Sherald

2020 Toho Journal — Vol. 2, Issue 2; online edition, Fall/Winter

2003 "Charles in Charge," Roberta Fallon — Philadelphia Weekly

2001 "Willingboro Artist Captures Prizes for 'Works on Paper,'" Gail T. Boatman — Burlington County Times, September 30

2014 ***Passage: My Journey from Grief to Recovery*** — Poems and drawings, authored and published by Charles A. Cooper

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Delaware

Newark Museum, Newark, NJ

EDUCATION

1995 MFA, Painting and Printmaking — Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

1988 BFA, Illustration, with Honors — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025–present Adjunct Professor of Fine Arts, Art 105: Two-Dimensional Design — Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, NJ

1997–2024 Professor of Fine Arts and Foundation Studies — University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA. Roles included Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Senior Lecturer, Master Lecturer, and Director/Co-Director of First Year/Core Studies programs.

1995–1996 Adjunct Professor — Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia, PA

1994 Teaching Assistant, Introductory Painting — Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1989–1993 Publication Artist; Mechanical Artist — Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ

1985–1989 Graphic Designer and Assistant Exhibition Coordinator — African American Historical and Cultural Museum, Philadelphia, PA

1980–1984 United States Marine Corps — Sergeant; Honorable Discharge