

EDUCATION

- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2009-12 Masters of Fine Arts, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2005-09 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH
- 2008 Studio Art Centers International (SACI), Florence, Italy

SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *DREAM ON*, Mel Cook + Kailyn Perry, Belong Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2020 *TORRENTIAL HAG*, Mel Cook + Kelly Reaves, Cleaner Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *I NEED A VOICE NOT A BODY*, Vital Signs MKE, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 *Mother of The Clown*, Mel Cook + Molly Colleen O'Connell, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *We Have a Back Room With Other Things*: Mel Cook + Megan Stroech, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Things Will Be Fine*, Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2014 *Between The Void*, Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
- 2013 *Still Life Revisited*, Morton College, Cicero, IL
Mel Cook: Recent Monotypes, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 *Sincerely, With Love*, MFA Graduate Exhibition, Illinois State University Galleries, Normal, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 *The Witching Hour*, Ingress Gallery, Soho House Chicago, Chicago, IL
Loving Forms, Julius Caesar Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Lost Intimacies*, Adds Donna Gallery, Chicago, IL
Dance to Anything, Drama Club, Chicago, IL
- 2019 *Somebody Told Me You People Were Crazy*, Hathaway Gallery, Atlanta, GA
With a Capital P: Selections by Six Painters, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Painting The Figure Now, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI
Some Kind of (M)Other, 31, Yeah Maybe, Minneapolis, MN
Living for Love, Oklahoma, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Lumpen Drawing Rally*, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
Local Comfort, LVL3, Chicago, IL
LtdWear3, LVL3 and Tusk, Chicago, IL
Women Painting Men, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
The Chicago Show, 56 Downing St., Brooklyn, New York
Continental Breakfast, Condo Association, Chicago, IL
Winter Romance, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
Nothing Is Ours But Time, Ukrainian Modern Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Eyes, Nose, Lips, Etc. Etc.*, Left Field Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
El Sol Sale Para Todxs, Chicago, IL
Unfurnished, Demo Projects, Springfield, IL
Close To Me, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *New American Paintings*, curated by Steven Zevitas, stARTup Art Fair, Chicago, IL
New Business, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *US*, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
Time Share, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2014 *Faculty Biennial*, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2013 *Prime*, Heavy Brow Gallery, Bloomington, IL

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- 2021 Chicago Creative Worker Grant, DCASE, Chicago, IL
- 2021 Artist Relief Grant, United States Artists, Chicago, IL
- 2019 Lazuli Residency, Corinth, VT
- 2018 Artist in Residence, Illinois Sate University, Normal, IL

RESIDENCIES, AWARDS, & GRANTS CONTINUED

- 2017 ACRE, Steuben, WI
- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2016 The Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Visiting Artist, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2013 Studio Break MFA Competition winner
- 2012 Irving S. Tick Award in Painting, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Full Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Grant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

GUEST LECTURES

- 2023 Ingress Gallery, Soho House Chicago
- 2022 Art, Theory, & Practice, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Early College Program Summer Institute, Painting, School of The Art Institute of Chicago
- 2020 Wonsook Kim School of Fine Arts, Illinois State University
- 2019 Art, Theory, Practice, Northwestern University
- 2018 Contemporary Practices, School of The Art Institute Chicago
Art, Theory, & Practice, Northwestern University
- 2017 Contemporary Practices, School of The Art Institute of Chicago
Art & Architecture, Harold Washington College
Art & Design, Harper College
- 2016 Arts Administration, School of The Art Institute of Chicago

PRESS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Guest Host, Mel Cook, "Neil Vandenberg," Bad at Sports, Episode 793, 3-11-2022
- 2020 "Torrential Hag" at Cleaner Gallery Projects, Sixty Inches From Center, 11-26-2020
- 2019 "Artist Lends Irreverent Touch to Hathaway Group Show," The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, 7-11-2019
"Cullum's July Notebook: Disparate Parts Make a Whole at Hathaway," ARTS ATL, 7-03-2019
"Cult Classics: A Conversation with Craig Drennen," Burnaway, 6-4-2019
- 2018 "Conversations With The Inspiring Mel Cook," Voyage Chicago, 7-24-18
- 2018 "Artist of The Week: Mel Cook," LVL3, 6-5-2018
- 2018 "Crushing The Patriarchy With One Look; Molly Colleen O'Connell and Mel Cook Clown Around With The Femme Abject," Chicago Tribune, 5-25-2018
- 2018 "1960s Chicago Gave Birth to a Colorful, Frenetic Art Scene That Is Still Gathering Steam," Artsy,
- 2018 "Plunge Into the Madcap Delirium of Chicago Imagists at a Brooklyn Brownstone with These Photos," Artnet News, 5-16-2018
- 2017 "Artist Spotlight: Mel Cook," Chicago Woman, 12-18-2017
- 2016 Nicole Lane Interviews Mel Cook, Vagabond City Lit, Nov 3, 2016, www.vagabondcitylit.com
- 2016 New American Paintings, No. 125, Midwest Issue
- 2015 "Mel Cook/Erin Hayden," Studio Break, podcast Interview, Episode 147, 8-14-2015.
- 2014 "Mel Cook," Studio Break, podcast interview, Episode 103, 3-20-2014.
- 2013 Studio Visit, Volume 24, page 35.
- 2013 Art In Print, Volume 3, Number 1, page 43
- 2011 *Writing With Paint*, Writing With Images Symposium, Illinois State University, Normal, IL

COLLECTIONS

- Good Chaos, The Walton Family, Chicago, IL
- The Joan Flasch Artist Book Collection, School of The Art Institute Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Permanent Collection, Spoke Apartments, Chicago, IL
- The Polsinelli Art Collection, New York, NY
- Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA
- David Beitzel, David Beitzel, Fine Arts