

EDUCATION

- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2012 Masters of Fine Arts, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bowling Green State University
- 2008 Studio Art Centers International (SACI), Florence, Italy

SOLO & TWO PERSON EXHIBITIONS (forthcoming*)

- 2019 Vital Sign, MKE, Milwaukee, WI
- 2019 Some Kind of Other*, Yeah Maybe, Minneapolis, MN
- 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 Stroeck, 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
- 2013 Mel Cook: Recent Monotypes, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 Sincerely, With Love, MFA Graduate Exhibition, Illinois State University Galleries, Normal, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (forthcoming*)

- 2019 Painting The Figure Now*, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI
- 2018 Lumpen Drawing Rally, Co-Prosperity Sphere, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Local Comfort, LVL3, Chicago, IL
- 2018 LtdWear3, LVL3 and Tusk, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Women Painting Men, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
- 2018 The Chicago Show, 56 Downing St., Brooklyn, New York
- 2018 Continental Breakfast, Condo Association, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Winter Romance, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2018 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
- 2017 El Sol Sale Para Todxs, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Milestones, The Fine Arts Center Galleries, BGSU, Bowling Green, OH
- 2017 Unfurnished, Demo Projects, Springfield, IL
- 2017 Close To Me, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 New American Paintings, curated by Steven Zevitas, stARTup Art Fair, Chicago, IL
- 2016 New Business, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 For Sale By Owner, Hilltop Antiques, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 US, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Time Share, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2014 2014 Faculty Biennial, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2013 Prime, Heavy Brow Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2013 Faculty Biennial, ICC Art Gallery, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 2012 In Your Neighborhood, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 Spookeh, Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 2012 Student Annual, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2012 The Eye That Sees The Possible, Transpace Gallery, Normal, IL

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2018 Artist in Residence, Illinois Sate University, Normal, IL
- 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 & VISITING ARTIST TALKS

- 2018 Guest Lecturer, Contemporary Practices, School of The Art Institute Chicago, IL
- 2018 Guest Lecturer, Art, Theory, Practice, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Contemporary Practices, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Harper College, Palatine, IL
- 2016 Guest Lecturer, Arts Administration, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

PUBLICATIONS

- 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, 5-17-2018
- 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

Spoke Apartments, Chicago, IL
The Polsinelli Art Collection, New York, NY
Fidelity Investments, Boston, MA
David Beitzel Fine Arts, New York, NY

Teaching Experience

- 2016-19 **Teaching Artist**, Marwen, Chicago, IL
- 2016-17 **Lab Teaching Artist**, *Marwen Lab*, Marwen, Chicago, IL
- 2016-17 **Studio Facilitator**, Marwen, Chicago, IL
- 2015 **Intern in Education: School & Teacher Programs**, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2013-14 **Instructional Assistant Professor**, *2D Design & Art Appreciation*, Illinois Central College, Peoria, IL
- 2013 **Instructional Assistant Professor**, *Philosophy of Aesthetics*, Lincoln Community College, Normal, IL
- 2012-13 **Instructional Assistant Professor**, *Drawing Foundations, Life Drawing, Painting I*, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2008-09 **Civic Action Leader**, Bowling Green State University Service Corps, AmeriCorps, Bowling Green, OH
- 2007-08 **Teaching Artist**, Sofia Quintero Cultural Center, Toledo, OH