

## 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

- 2018 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

- 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 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

## Lectures

- 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](http://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

- 2016-18 **Teaching Artist**, Marwen, Chicago, IL  
2016-17 **Studio Facilitator**, Marwen, Chicago, IL  
2016-17 **Co-Teaching Artist**, *Marwen Lab*, 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