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EDUCATION

2006 MFA | Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ
2005 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan ME
2003 BFA | Indiana University, Bloomington IN
2002 Advanced Drawing + Renaissance Seminar | Indiana University, Florence, Italy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 - pr Associate Professor of Art, Head of Painting | School of Art, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2024 - 2025 Co-Director, Studio Art Program | School of Art, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2017 - 2022 Assistant Professor of Art, Painting & Drawing | School of Art, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2012 - 2017 Assistant Professor of Art & Foundation Coordinator | Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2011 - 2012 Lecturer | Hite Art Institute, University of Louisville, Louisville KY
2010 - 2011 Assistant Professor in Painting & Drawing (Term) | Hite Art Institute, University of Louisville, Louisville KY
2007 - 2010 Lecturer | Hite Art Institute, University of Louisville, Louisville KY
2007 - 2012 Lecturer | Indiana University Southeast, New Albany IN
2005 - 2006 Teaching Assistant | Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2027 KAPOW Gallery, New York City NY (upcoming)
2024 *Happy to Wait* | Studio Break Gallery, West Chicago IL
2021 *Companion Painting* | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2021 *Companion Painting* | Gallery 406, Elon University, Elon NC
2019 *New Paintings* | Goose Barnacle Gallery, Brooklyn NY
2015 *Amass* | Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR
2014 *Less is More or Less* | Goose Barnacle Gallery, Brooklyn NY
2014 *Less is More or Less* | Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH
2011 *Basement Paintings* | Kentucky School of Art, Louisville KY
2011 *Basement Living* | Goose Barnacle Gallery, Brooklyn NY

SMALL GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Gen-X: Neil Callander, Erin Raedeke & Nicole M. Santiago* | Exeter Gallery, Baltimore MD
2022 *Working Together: Rebecca Drolen & Neil Callander* | Niles-Maine District Library, Niles IL
2017 *FULL HOUSE: Neil, Adrienne, and Finn Callander & Dale Heath* Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gautier MS
2016 *Real Situations/Made Realities: Recent Paintings by Neil Callander, Russell Horton and Marc Roder* (Juried by William Bailey) | Washington Art Association, Washington Depot CT
2013 *New Associations* | McComas Gallery, Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2006 *First Look: New Jersey Emerging Artists Series* | New Jersey Center for Visual Arts Summit NJ

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2027 *Parental Guidance* | Third Story Art (Curated by Matthew Apol), Lancaster PA (upcoming)
2026 *Material Moves* | Water Street Studios (Curated by David Linneweh), Batavia IL
2026 *Conscious Collective: A Painter's View* | Maybe It's Fate, Louisville KY
2026 *Oranges of Seville* | Bowery Gallery, New York City NY
2025 *SECAC Annual Juried Exhibition* | SITE1212, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati OH
2025 *Evocations* | THERE Space, New York City NY
2025 *The Anxious or Serene Still Life* | Ceres Gallery, New York City NY
2024 *Future in the Making* | Historic Arkansas Museum, Little Rock AR
2024 *Lush* | Midnight Gallery, Bentonville AR
2023 *Flora* | First Street Gallery, New York City NY
2023 *In Depth* (Curated by Aaron Thompson) | Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster PA
2022 *For the Love of Chardin* | First Street Gallery, New York City NY
2022 *For the Love of Chardin* | Miller Art Museum, Sturgeon Bay WI

2022 *Rise* | Create! Magazine (Juried by Erika B. Hess) (online exhibition)
2021 *Shaping Time Into Something Other Than Itself* | Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville AR
2021 *SECAC 2021 Juried Exhibition* | Bolivar Art Gallery, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY
2021 *Media & Materials* | Dodomu Gallery (online exhibition)
2021 *Our Art, Our Region, Our Time* | Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville AR
2021 *Thinking Through Things: A Still Life Painting Invitational* | Southside Gallery, Oxford MS
2021 *Composing in the Key of S* | First Street Gallery, New York City NY
2020 *Gems* | THERE Space, New York City NY
2020 *Face & Figure* | Art Ventures, Fayetteville AR (online exhibition)
2020 *Thinking Through Things: A Still Life Painting Invitational* | Nicholls State University, Thibodaux LA
2020 *My Studio* | Wright State University, Dayton OH
2019 *Inhabit* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2019 *My Studio* | Alabama Center for the Arts, Decatur AL
2019 *Figure Drawing and Portrait Painting* | Art Ventures, Fayetteville AR
2019 *My Studio* | First Street Gallery, New York City NY
2019 *Distance* | Dorsky Gallery (Curated by Steve Locke & Betsy Alwin), New York City NY
2018 *UArk School of Art Faculty Exhibition* | University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler TX
2018 *Artists and Children* | Edwardsville Art Center, Edwardsville IL
2018 *UArk School of Art Faculty Exhibition* | Walker Stone House, Fayetteville AR
2018 *Drawing The Curtain* | First Street Gallery, New York City NY
2018 *Veils* | THERE Space, New York City NY
2018 *The Unstilllife* | University of Mississippi Museum of Historic Houses, Oxford MS
2017 *2017 USM National Juried Painting Exhibition* | University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
2017 *Sketch* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2017 *Red Clay Survey* (Juried by Gerry Bergstein) | Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville AL
2017 *This Now, More Than Ever* | SFU Galleries Burnaby, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver BC
2016 *Tapped* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2016 *Schema* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2016 *Night Sun* (Curated by Philip Jackson) | Southside Gallery, Oxford MS
2016 *Summer Landscape Show* | Southside Gallery, Oxford MS
2015 *Patterns of Regeneration* (Curated by Carla Hanzal) | New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte NC
2015 *CAAD Faculty Exhibition* | Visual Art Center, Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2015 *Expatriates* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2015 *Art of Painting* (Juried by William Bailey) | Washington Art Association, Washington Depot CT
2015 *Magnitude Seven* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2015 *Art of the South* (Juried by Wayne White) | Memphis College of Art, Hyde Galleries, Memphis TN
2015 *Contemporary Portraits* (Juried by Anne Harris) | Water Street Studios, Batavia IL
2015 *The Suburb's Eyes: Picturing the Sprawl* | Indiana University South Bend, South Bend IN
2015 *The Dam Show* | Reservoir Art Space, Brooklyn NY
2015 *Momenta Art Spring Benefit* | Momenta, Brooklyn NY
2014 *Mississippi Invitational* | Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson MS
2014 *Red Clay Survey* (Juried by Susanna Coffey) | Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville AL
2014 *On the Edge: Looking Forward* | Artists' House, Philadelphia PA
2014 *CAAD Faculty Exhibition* | Depot Gallery, Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2013 *Tapped* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2013 *Fresh Paint* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2013 *Residents Exhibition* | Gullkistan Residency for Creative People, Laugarvatn Iceland
2013 *CAAD Faculty Exhibition* | Depot Gallery, Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2013 *28th Annual Positive/Negative* (Juried by Michael Ray Charles) | Slocumb Galleries, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City TN
2012 *OH + 5* (Juried) | The Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens OH
2012 *Bluegrass Biennial* (Juried) | Morehead State University, Morehead KY
2012 *Pygmalion's 40th Anniversary Exhibition* | John Waldron Art Center, Bloomington IN
2011 *Observed* (Juried) | MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2011 *Art Auction* | Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY
2011 *The Original Makers Club* | Bittners Gallery, Louisville KY
2011 *Paint Snob Invitational* | Fine Arts Center Gallery, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR

2011 *Water Tower Regional Juried Exhibition* | Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY
2011 *Skowhegan Alumni Exhibition* (Juried) | 92Y Tribeca, New York N
2010 *Cabaret Life Drawing* | Proof at 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville KY
2010 *Water Tower Regional Juried Exhibition* | Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY
2010 *Faculty Exhibition* | Barr Gallery, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany IN
2009 *Art of the Everyday* | The Greenwich, Cincinnati OH
2008 *Paint Snob Invitational* | McLennan Community College, Waco TX
2008 *Faculty Exhibition* | Barr Gallery, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany IN
2008 *Doppelganger* | Mason Gross Gallery, New Brunswick NJ
2007 *Juried Exhibition* | Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center, Provincetown MA
2006 *Fresh Meat/Young Blood* | The Shore Institute of Contemporary Arts, Long Branch NJ
2006 *MFA Thesis Exhibition* | Mason Gross Gallery, New Brunswick NJ
2005 *Spectrum: Works on Paper* | Hogar Collection, Brooklyn NY
2005 *Faculty and Student Show* | Mason Gross Gallery, New Brunswick NJ
2004 *First Year MFA Exhibition* | Mason Gross Gallery, New Brunswick NJ
2004 *NSAL Award Winners Exhibition* | National Society of Arts and Letters Walden Arts Center, Bloomington IN
2003 *BFA Thesis Exhibition* | SOFA Gallery Indiana University, Bloomington IN
2003 *Exposure* | John Maize Gallery, Indianapolis IN

ARTIST RESIDENCIES

2027 Affiliated Fellow in Visual Arts | American Academy in Rome, Rome Italy (upcoming May-June)
2026 Organizer + Participant | Great Spruce Head Island Painting Retreat III, Great Spruce Head Island ME
2025 Organizer + Participant | Great Spruce Head Island Painting Retreat II, Great Spruce Head Island ME
2024 Founder + Participant | Great Spruce Head Island Painting Retreat I, Great Spruce Head Island ME
2022 ARTWEEK (Fairfield Porter's family estate), Great Spruce Head Island ME
2013 Gullkistan Residency for Creative People, Laugarvatn Iceland
2005 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan ME

ARTS RELATED EXPERIENCE

2026 Juror | Margaret Stonewall Wooldridge Hamblet Award, Vanderbilt University, Department of Art, Nashville TN
2025 Instructor | Visiting Artist Workshop, *Personal Color: Painting the Figure with a Mixing Matrix*, MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2022 Juror | *12th Annual National Juried Exhibition*, Marshall University, Huntington WV
2021 Juror | *Manifest Prize*, MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2021 Juror | 2nd Annual Siloam Springs Plein Air Event, Siloam Springs AR
2021 Juror | *Drawn*, MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2021 Juror | International Painting Annual 10, MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2018 - 2020 Organizer and Facilitator | Figure Drawing and Portrait Painting Sessions, Art Ventures, Fayetteville AR
2017 Juror | International Painting Annual 8, MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2011 - 2012 Instructor | Children Free Art Classes, Louisville Visual Arts Association, Louisville KY
2010 - 2012 Instructor | Cabaret Life Drawing, 21C Museum Hotel, Louisville KY
2010 - 2012 Studio Manager | Undergraduate Studios (Our Mother of Sorrows), University of Louisville KY
2010 - 2012 Faculty Sponsor | Student Art League, University of Louisville
2010 Juror | *8 Hour Shoot-out,* Photographic Alliance, University of Louisville, Louisville KY
2006 - 2007 Studio Assistant | Jeff Koons LLC, New York City NY
2005 - 2006 EPA Liaison | Rutgers University, Mason Gross School of the Arts, New Brunswick NJ
2004 - 2005 Clerk | Pygmalion's Art Supplies, Bloomington IN

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2025 - pr Board Member, Arkansas Representative | SECAC (formerly the Southeastern College Art Conference)
2020 - pr Member | Art Committee, Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville AR
2018 - pr Member | ZEUXIS (an association of still life painters), New York City NY
2013 - pr Member | SECAC (formerly the Southeastern College Art Conference)
2013 - 2017 Member | FATE (Foundations in Art: Theory and Education)
2011 - 2012 Member | Zephyr Gallery, Louisville KY

INVITED LECTURES

2026 Visiting Artist Lecture | Vanderbilt University, Nashville TN
2025 Visiting Artist Lecture (online) | University of North Carolina-Asheville, Asheville NC
2025 Visiting Artist, Critic, & Lecturer | Mount Gretna School of Art, Mount Gretna PA
2024 Artist Lecture | Midnight Gallery, Bentonville AR
2024 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn IL
2022 Visiting Artist Lecture (online) | Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Lancaster PA
2021 Visiting Artist Lecture (online) | Elon University, Elon NC
2021 Visiting Artist Lecture (online) | Walton College of Business, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2020 Visiting Artist Lecture (online) | University of Southern Maine, Portland ME
2018 Visiting Artist Lecture and Graduate Critic | Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville IL
2017 Visiting Artist Lecture | Park University, Kansas City MO
2017 Gallery Talk | Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Gautier MS
2016 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | Nicholls State University, Thibodaux LA
2015 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | Arkansas State University, Jonesboro AR
2014 Visiting Artist Lecture and Demo | Texas Tech University, Lubbock TX
2014 Visiting Artist Lecture, Graduate Critic and Juror | Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH
2014 Visiting Artist Lecture and Graduate Critic | The University of Mississippi, Oxford MS
2014 Keynote Speaker | "Barn Quilt Community Project" State Council Awards Banquet, Mississippi Homemaker Volunteers
2013 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | The University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg MO
2013 Artist Lecture | Gullkistan Residency for Creative People, Laugarvatn Iceland
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | Boston University, Boston MA
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | University of North Carolina Pembroke, Pembroke NC
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture | Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture and Critic | University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, Dartmouth MA
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture and Graduate Critic | University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2012 Visiting Artist Lecture | Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau MO
2011 Gallery Talk and Critic | Kentucky School of Art, Louisville KY

PRESENTATIONS

2026 Session Chair | "Everything Is Painting Now (So How Do We Teach It?)" SECAC, Winston-Salem NC
2026 Presenter | "From Scratch: Thinking While Making While Painting" SECAC, Winston-Salem NC
2025 Presenter | "The Communal Dimensions of Painting on Great Spruce Head Island" SECAC, Cincinnati OH
2024 Presenter | "Facture as Fossil: Paintings that Wait" SECAC, Atlanta GA
2023 Presenter | "The Meaningful Burden of Choosing Color" SECAC, Richmond VA
2022 Presenter | "A Painterly Way to Sneak Up on Teaching Artist Statements" SECAC, Baltimore MD
2022 Panelist | "Creating Art in a Pandemic" | Fayetteville Public Library, Fayetteville AR
2021 Panelist (online) | "Common Ground" MANIFEST Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2020 Presenter (online) | "Edwin Dickinson as a Model for Painterly Ambition" SECAC, Richmond VA
2018 Presenter | "The Barn Quilt Project: A Front Porch Forum for the Arts in the Rural South" SECAC, Birmingham AL
2017 Presenter | FATE National Biennial Conference, Kansas City MO (cancelled due to weather)
2013 Panelist | "Event & Environment" Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2011 Panelist | "Grad School Experience Symposium" Bellarmine University, Louisville KY
2011 Visiting Artist | Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati OH

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

2023 Individual Artist Fellowship | Arkansas Arts Council, Little Rock AR
2023 Finalist | Grand Jury Award Season 17, MANIFEST Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2022 The Porter Brothers Honorarium | ARTWEEK (Fairfield Porter estate), Great Spruce Head Island, ME
2020 Studio Faculty Research Grant | School of Art, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR
2020 Shortlist | Jackson's Painting Prize, London England (2 works)
2020 Third Place Award | INPA 9, MANIFEST Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2017 Finalist | Grand Jury Award Season 13, MANIFEST Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2017 Third Place Award | INPA 7, MANIFEST Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2017 Third Place Award | 2017 USM National Juried Painting Exhibition, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg MS
2015 Visual Artist Fellowship | Mississippi Arts Commission, Jackson MS
2014 Merit Award | Red Clay Survey, Huntsville Museum of Art, Huntsville AL
2014 Winner and Runner-Up | Creative Quarterly 36, New York NY

2014 Finalist | State of the Art: Discovering American Art Now, Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville AR
2013 ORED Research Grant | Mississippi State University, Starkville MS
2012 First Place Award | INPA 2, MANIFEST Creative Research Gallery and Drawing Center, Cincinnati OH
2012 Best in Show | Bluegrass Biennial, Morehead State University, Morehead KY
2007 Nominee | Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation
2007 Finalist | Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center
2006 Paul Robeson Award for Emerging Artists | Rutgers University
2005 Full Fellowship | Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
2004 Grand Prize Winner in Visual Arts | National Society of Arts and Letters
2003 Deans Award for Excellence in Painting | Indiana University
2003 Evelyn Glaser Award for Excellence in Painting | Indiana University
2002 Harry S. Engel Scholarship for Painting and Drawing | Indiana University
2002 Deans Award for Excellence in Painting | Indiana University
2000 Faculty Scholarship | Indiana University
1999 Eagle Scout | Boy Scouts of America, Troop 115

PODCAST INTERVIEWS

2026 Studio Break, *Episode 357: Erika B. Hess, Marc Mitchell, Neil Callander 2*, November 5
2026 Studio Break, *Episode 325,* September 18
2025 I Like Your Work, Season 7, *Color and Searching with Artist Neil Callander*, February 7
2025 Studio Break, *Episode 314: Erika B. Hess, Marc Mitchell, Neil Callander*, January 17
2024 Studio Break, *Episode 310: Neil Callander*, September 27
2019 Eyesore, *Episode 1: Neil Callander*, April 19

BIBLIOGRAPHY

2026 *Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 15*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 311.
2024 *Conversations: 23 Interviews with Still Life Artists*, Zeuxis, New York NY. p. 39-50, 169-182.
2023 *In Depth: An Exploration of Pictorial Space in Painting,* Pennsylvania College of Art & Design, Exhibition Catalogue.
2022 *Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 17*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 215, 234-241.
2021 *Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 13*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 55, 59, 82, 284.
2021 "Let the Art Speak for Itself" Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Fayetteville AR. Oct 17th, 2021.
2021 "Paths Painters Take: An Interview with Kimberly Trowbridge–Neil Plotkin–Emily Zuch by Neil Callander" Zeuxis (zeuxis.us) July 10th, 2021.
2021 *International Painting Annual 9*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH.
2021 *15th International ARC Salon*, Art Renewal Center, Port Reading NJ.
2021 *Composing in the Key of S*, Exhibition Catalogue.
2020 "Neil Callander: Translating Colour", Jackson's Painting Prize (jacksonsart.com) September 1st, 2020.
2020 "Three Painters Unbound: An Interview with Catherine Kehoe–Tim Kennedy–Neil Callander by John Parks" Zeuxis (zeuxis.us) August 16th, 2020.
2020 "Finding Form: Exhibit Examines Model/Artist Connection" Northwest Arkansas Democrat Gazette. Fayetteville AR. July 12th, 2020.
2020 *Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 11*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 251, 310, 312.
2020 *Gems: Small Still Lifes: Midwest Paint Group and Zeuxis*, Exhibition Catalogue.
2019 "Neil Callander's Timeless Variations on Painting", Hyperallergic Weekend (hyperallergic.com) November 2nd, 2019.
2018 *Manifest Exhibition Annual Season 10*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 37, 74.
2018 *International Painting Annual 7,* Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 34-39.
2016 "Tapped, Texas & Minnesota at Manifest Gallery" AEQAI (aeqai.com). December 17th, 2016.
2016 "Things to Do in Connecticut", The New York Times, New York NY. April 9th, 2016.
2016 "Interview with Neil Callander", MW Capacity (mwcapacity.wordpress.com). March 25th, 2016.
2015 "Uptown exhibition puts nature in a new light", The Charlotte Observer, Charlotte NC. October 26th, 2015.
2014 *Mississippi Invitational* (Exhibition Catalogue), Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson MS.
2014 *CQ36,* Creative Quarterly: The Journal for Art & Design, New York NY. p. 3,16.
2013 "New Associations", The Reflector, Starkville MS.
2013 *One 3 - The Manifest Prize* (Exhibition Catalogue), Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH.
2012 *International Painting Annual 2*, Manifest Press, Cincinnati OH. p. 30-35.
2011 "Observed: A Review by Cole Carothers", AEQAI (aeqai.com). December 15th, 2011.
2007 *New American Painting*, Book #70, Open Studio Press, Boston MA. p. 171.

NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

Untitled poem included in *Great Spruce Head Island Art Week Records.*
Archives of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. Catalogued 2023.
John Yau and Eve Aschheim, New York NY
Thomas Nozkowski and Joyce Robins, New York NY
Anina Porter-Fuller, Sonoma CA
Zimmerli Art Museum, Rutgers University, New Brunswick NJ
Rutgers Center for Innovative Print and Paper Collection, New Brunswick NJ
SOFA Gallery, Indiana University, Bloomington IN