

Benjamin Cook

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 Master of Fine Arts, Studio/Painting, College of Fine + Applied Arts, School of Art + Design, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2012 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Painting, Hite Art Institute, Department of Fine Arts, University of Louisville

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017-Present Adjunct Professor, Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
- 2015-2017 Instructor of Record, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

AWARDS/GRANTS

- 2020 Young Space Grant
- 2019 Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile/ U.S. Bank Foundation in support of *Covington Flag Project*
- 2016 Urbana Arts Grants, in support of *Say Uncle* project space
- 2016 Conrad Fenwick Grant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2016 School of Art and Design MFA Creative Research Award

EXHIBITIONS

Solo Exhibitions/Projects

- 2020 *Post Documentation*, Wikipedia-based project
Social Distance Gallery, @socialdistancegallery, Instagram-based project
- 2019 *Some Walls Are Made Of Bricks*, Instagram-based project
From My Friends (with a little help), Houseguest Gallery, Louisville, KY
Paper Pulp Painting, Pique Gallery, Covington, KY
- 2018 *History Abridged*, Swanson Contemporary, Louisville, KY
Optics, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Image Construction*, Project 1612, Peoria, IL
From My Friends (with a little help), IRL Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2016 *How Do I Know You*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Paintings for the Internet*, Rochester Museum of Fine Arts, Rochester, NH
- 2014 *Amusing Myself*, Swanson Contemporary, Louisville, KY
- 2013 *I Give Up: my art is in your hands*, Mail Art, published via website

Collaborative Projects

- 2022 *4-D Flags* (with Lindsey Whittle) Wavepool Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
 2019 *Covington Flag Project* (with neighborhood associations of Covington, KY)
 2016 *Object Flexibility*, DEMO Projects, Springfield, IL (with Cory Imig)
 2015-2017 Founding member and Co-Director of *Say Uncle* Artist Residency/Mobile Art Space (with Dulcee Boehm and Cory Imig)

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022 *Artist-Run Spaces*, Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH
Vessels, Hashimoto Contemporary, Los Angeles, CA
20x20, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
75 Year Alumni Exhibition, Cressman Art Center, Louisville, KY
- 2020 *Art Academy of Cincinnati Faculty Show*, AAC Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- 2019 *Work @ Play*, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2018 #, Cidney Rucker Gallery, New York, NY
Is it a Soft Grid or a Net, James May Gallery, Algoma, WI
Friends with Benefits, George Caleb Bingham Gallery, Columbia, MO
Art Academy of Cincinnati Faculty Show, AAC Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Art Fair, Porch Gallery, Minneapolis MN
I.O.U.A.E., Spanish City, Whitely Bay, UK
Semi Skimmed, BSMT Gallery, London, UK
- 2017 *Terrain Biennial*, curated by Richard Medina, Oak Park, IL
Spring Group Show, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
Thesis Exhibition, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
Para-Natural World, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Re-Run*, Mist Gallery, www.mistgallery.com
Pattern Recognition, Fort Gondo, St Louis, MO
Masterpieces 10, Manifest Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
Emerging Illinois Artists, Juried by Kelly Shindler, MCAC, Bloomington, IL
Temporary Proportions, C.V. Lloyde, Champaign, IL
Space and Weight, BLDG 5, Champaign, IL
Winter Group Show, Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *MUTE*, Gallery COA, Montreal QC
Wet Hot Illinois Summer, Link Gallery, Champaign, IL
Curators Bible, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto ON
Boneyard Arts Festival, Champaign Contemporary, Champaign, IL
NEW TERRAINS: The Landscape Reviewed, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
- 2014 *Metaphorical Preservation*, Morrison Gallery, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College, Elizabethtown, KY
Contemporaneous Commentary, Clayton Staples Gallery, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS
Drowning in a Sea of Information, Work Gallery, STAMPS School of Art and Design, Ann Arbor, MI

Analog/Analogy, Zephyr Gallery, Louisville, KY
Everyone a Mirror, I.D.E.A.S. 40203, Louisville, KY
The Kings Garden, Nucleus Building, Louisville, KY

2013 *I Give Up: my art is in your hands*, Mail Art, Published via Installation Magazine

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Publications as Author

2018 New American Paintings (136): p42-45.
New American Paintings (135): p36-29.
Art Maze Magazine (8): p142-143.
Lab Zine (21): Digital Publication.

2016 Expose Art Magazine (special edition April): p5-8.
New American Paintings (125): p44-47.

2015 Maake Magazine (1): p9.
Paint Pulse Magazine (4): p8-9
Fresh Paint Magazine (6): p16-17

Media Coverage

Forbes, *As Art Fairs And Galleries Take Refuge Online To Elude COVID-19, Internet Art Is Emerging To Temper The Lockdown*, 3/26/20, Jonathon Keats
Whitehot Magazine, *Interview with Benjamin Cook, creator of The Social Distance Gallery Project*, April 2020, Amelia Anthony
The Art Newspaper, *'Social Distance Gallery' gives MFA and BFA candidates a chance to exhibit their work*, 3/19/20, Jacoba Urist
Art News, *As Art Schools Cancel Student Shows, One Instagram Account Pledges to Give Them Life*, 3/18/20, Claire Voon
How Do I Know You, Show review, 9/6/16, Columbia Chronicle

Interviews/Digital Publications

react/review: a responsive journal for art & architecture, UC Santa Barbara, *EXHIBITION REVIEW: Toward Our Digital Futures, a review of @socialdistancegallery*. Volume 1, 2021, Matthew K. Limb
Commandzine.com 11/15/16
Lab-Zine (21)
60 WRD/MIN Art Critic at University Galleries, Lori Waxman review
Studio Visit, Freshpaintmagazine.com Featured Artist Interview published 07/10/2015
Booooooom.com featured Artist posted 10/24/2014
Installation Magazine, (16) Digital Publication.

SHORT TERM ENGAGEMENTS

Invited Artist Talks

2020 *Talk on Professional Practices*, Grand Valley State University
Senior Painting Critiques, University of Arkansas

2018 *Conversation about Social Distance Gallery*, Montserrat College of Art
History Abridged, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Invited Residencies

2017 Project 1612, Peoria, IL
2015 8 to CREATE, Urbana, IL

COLLECTIONS

Public

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Private

Blackstone Hotel, Chicago, IL
21c Museum Hotel, Louisville, KY
McDermott, Will & Emory, Miami, FL
Semper/Exeter Paper Company, Edgewood, KY
Nick Cave, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

North American Vexillological Association, 2019-Present

GALLERY AFFILIATION

2015-Present Zg Gallery, Chicago, IL