

**KEL MUR**  
**Curriculum Vitae**  
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## **EDUCATION**

**2019-2020**

**Master of Fine Arts, 4-D Area, Art Department**

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

**2017-2019**

**Master of Arts, 4-D, Art Department**

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

**2005-2011**

**Bachelor of Arts in Fine Art, Cum Laude**

Honors School, Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**2021-2022**

**Lecturer**, Foundations of Contemporary Art, Current Directions in Contemporary Art, Faculty Colloquium, Introduction to Art, Summer Online Instruction of Foundations of Contemporary Art & Current Directions in Contemporary Art; University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

**2018-2020**

**Teaching Assistant**, Foundations of Contemporary Art & Current Directions in Contemporary Art, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Madison, WI

**2017-2018**

**Teaching Assistant – Instructional Support**, Sculpture Department, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

**2016**

**Summer Art Instructor**, Waldorf School of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

## **EXHIBITIONS**

**2023 Solo Show** (details TBA) Pyle Center, Madison WI

**2022 Collateral Damage** Pyle Center, Madison WI

**30 x 30 x 30** Var Gallery, Milwaukee WI

**Empowerment vs. Exploitation** Cultural Center of Cape Cod, South Yarmouth MA

**Emotions**, an online exhibition through Galleria, Toronto, Canada

**Defining the Undefined**, online exhibition hosted by Mid-America College Association, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock PA

- 2021** **Flux** Calder Fine Arts Center, Grand Rapids MI  
**Everything COVID** Overture Center Playhouse Gallery, Madison WI  
**46 Artists for America's First Ladies** Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison WI  
**Bridge Work 06 Multi-Regional Exhibition** Allen Priebe Gallery, Oshkosh, WI  
**Reap** Solo Exhibition, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison WI  
**Storied References** Northern Illinois University Art Museum, Dekalb IL
- 2020** **Master Pieces** MANIFEST GALLERY, Cincinnati OH  
**Women's Work** Art629 Gallery, Asbury Park NJ  
**Heirloom** Solo Exhibition, Art Lofts Gallery, Madison WI  
**Ossuary** Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee WI  
**9<sup>th</sup> Annual All Women Art Exhibition** Light Space & Time Online Gallery  
<https://www.lightspacetime.art/all-women-art-exhibition-2020-3-dimensional-category/>
- 2019** **WHY MOM** Commonwealth Gallery, Madison WI  
**Internal/External** Arts Council of Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau MO  
**The Only Way is Through** Solo Exhibition, Gallery 7, Madison WI
- 2018** **Flushed** Gallery 7, Madison WI  
**Bodily Functions** Art Lofts Gallery, Madison WI  
**Women's Work** Cyrus M. Running Gallery, Moorhead MN  
**First Year Review Show** Art Lofts Gallery, Madison WI
- 2017** **The Space Between** Art Lofts Gallery, Madison WI  
**Oversight** Gallery 7, Madison WI  
**We Are Not Rising** The Tigermen's Den, New Orleans LA  
**DownStream**, The Sanctuary Cultural Arts Center, New Orleans, LA
- 2016** **Politico Pop-Up 2** The New Orleans Art Center, New Orleans LA  
**Water Literacy Installation** In collaboration with Mama Maji, The Healing Center, New Orleans LA  
**Fairer Sex: Part II** Where Y'Art Gallery, New Orleans LA  
**La Femme** Curated by Don Marshall, The New Orleans Art Center, New Orleans LA  
**Unveiled** Where Y'Art Gallery, New Orleans LA
- 2015** **Politico Pop-Up** The New Orleans Art Center, New Orleans LA  
**Fertile Ground** The Exchange Gallery, New Orleans LA
- 2014** **Second Saturday (October)** The Birds' Nest Studio, New Orleans LA  
**LA Yclept Art Show** Howlin' Wolf, New Orleans LA  
**RAWart: Allure** Republic, New Orleans LA  
**Second Saturday (June)** The Birds' Nest Studio, New Orleans LA  
**Pancakes and Booze** Howlin' Wolf, New Orleans LA
- 2011** **Audubon Artists, Inc. 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition** The Salmagundi Club, New York NY  
**Ocean County Artists' Guild Juried Photography Show** Ocean County Artists' Guild, Island Heights NJ  
**MU PH '11** Gallery 13, Asbury Park NJ

**Senior Exhibition** Monmouth University, West Long Branch NJ

### **PUBLIC PERFORMANCES**

- 2019** **Feast: A Performative Art Dinner**, Morris Ramen, Madison WI  
**It's Me** (in collaboration with Emily Popp), Fermentation Fest Art D'tour, Reedsburg WI  
**Closer** Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Men Against Sexual Assault, UW-Madison School of Education Gallery, Madison WI
- 2018** **Feast: A Performative Art Dinner** Osteria Papavero, Madison WI  
**Egg Wash** Precipice, Art Lofts Gallery, Madison WI  
**Closer** Politico Pop-Up 3, Space 3116, New Orleans LA  
**Feast: A Performative Art Dinner** 4604 Bienville, New Orleans LA

### **CURATION PROJECTS/COLLABORATIONS**

- 2021** **Co-Curator and Co-Founder**, *The Collateral Damage Project*, Madison WI  
[www.collateraldamageproject.com](http://www.collateraldamageproject.com)
- 2019** **Founder, producer, and facilitator**, *Feast: A Performative Art Dinner*, October, Morris Ramen, Madison WI  
**Co-Curator**, *WHY MOM*, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison WI  
**Co-Curator and Panel Moderator**, Shimon Attie's *The Crossing*, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI
- 2018** **Founder, producer, and facilitator**, *Feast: A Performative Art Dinner*, January, New Orleans, LA  
**Founder, producer, and facilitator**, *Feast: A Performative Art Dinner*, October, Osteria Papavero, Madison WI
- 2016** **Politico Pop-Up 2**, as a member of Catalyst Collective New Orleans, New Orleans Art Center, New Orleans, LA

### **ARTIST LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS**

- 2022** **Artist Talk/Panel Moderator**, Details TBD, *The Collateral Damage Project*, Pyle Center, Madison WI
- 2021** **Artist Talk**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Bridgework Emerging Artist Program, Madison WI  
<https://youtu.be/2sq0p-rKws0>
- 2020** **Guest Lecturer** ART 318, Introduction to Video, Performance, and Installation Art; Prof. Laurie Beth Clark; UW- Madison, Madison WI  
**Guest Lecturer** ART 700, Introduction to Graduate Studies, Prof. Douglas Rosenberg, UW-Madison, Madison WI
- 2019** ***Emerge: 12 Artists in 90 Minutes***, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, Madison WI  
**Artist Colloquium**, University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison WI

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- 2022** **Cover art**, *Sweetbitter* by Stacey Balkun, Sundress Publications, 2022, ISBN Forthcoming
- 2017** **Danielle II** Silkscreen print, *BARED: Contemporary Poetry and Art on Bras and Breasts* (Les Femmes Folles, 2016) p 229, ISBN 978-0-692-82022-3, Link: [Bared: Contemporary Poetry and Art on Bras and Breasts](#)
- 2013** **Fresno Giant** Assemblage, *HOOT Online* (November 2013 Issue 25) Link: [HOOT Online, Issue 25, November 2013 – Micro Fiction, Poetry, Memoir, Book Reviews](#)

## **AWARDS & RESIDENCIES**

- 2021** Luxembourg Art Prize Certificate of Artistic Merit 2021  
Dane County Arts, DANG! Grant Recipient  
Madison Arts Council, Grant Recipient  
Dane County Project, Grant Recipient  
Dane County Bridge Work Emerging Artist, Art + Literature Laboratory, Madison WI (2020-21)
- 2020** Luxembourg Art Prize Certificate of Artistic Merit 2020  
Special Recognition Award, Light Space & Time Online Gallery, Link: ["All Women" Art Exhibition 2020 - 3 Dimensional Category](#)
- 2019** Juror's Award, *Internal/External*, Arts Council of Southeast Missouri, Cape Girardeau MO
- 2018** Professional Development Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison WI
- 2011** Academic Excellence Scholarship, Dean's List, Honors School Award, Creativity in Studio Art Award

## **GALLERY EXPERIENCE**

- 2022** **Lead Curator**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison WI
- 2017-18** **Gallery Assistant**, Overture Center for the Arts, Madison, WI
- 2016** **Installation Volunteer**, Center of Contemporary Art, New Orleans LA  
**Installation Volunteer**, The New Orleans Art Center Gallery, New Orleans LA  
**Creative Catalyst Fellow**, Mama Maji is a New Orleans-based non-profit that funds water projects and entrepreneurial training for women in Kenya, Africa.
- 2014** **Events Coordinator**, The Birds' Nest Studio, New Orleans LA
- 2011** **Intern**, Shore Institute of Contemporary Art, Asbury Park, NJ

## **PRESS**

- 2022** Driscoll, K. S. (2022, February 8). 'Stop, think ... take action': Women-centric art exhibit aims for change about empowerment vs. exploitation. Cape Cod Times. Retrieved February 9, 2022. <https://www.capecodtimes.com/story/entertainment/2022/02/08/women-centric-art-aims-reaction-empowerment-exploitation-cape-cod-cultural-center-south-yarmouth/6639264001/>

- 2021** Falkenstein, L. (2021, October 1). *Out in the open*. Isthmus. Retrieved October 3, 2021.  
[https://isthmus.com/arts/out-in-the-open/?fbclid=IwAR08vziAq6W4PvYRyOowdzS1N-DcVe17qSSdTa6RaujIX7Q\\_enAZRE7f700](https://isthmus.com/arts/out-in-the-open/?fbclid=IwAR08vziAq6W4PvYRyOowdzS1N-DcVe17qSSdTa6RaujIX7Q_enAZRE7f700)
- Group, M. K. U. N. (2021, July 9). *Stoughton artist creates exhibit seeking to destigmatize mental illness*. Unified Newspaper Group.  
[https://www.unifiednewsgroup.com/stoughton\\_courier\\_hub/community/stoughton-artist-creates-exhibit-seeking-to-destigmatize-mental-illness/article\\_046408d1-0c70-5406-9796-dc00462d7a8b.html](https://www.unifiednewsgroup.com/stoughton_courier_hub/community/stoughton-artist-creates-exhibit-seeking-to-destigmatize-mental-illness/article_046408d1-0c70-5406-9796-dc00462d7a8b.html)
- Group, N. P. U. N. (2021, May 4). *Oregon farm inspires artist Kel Mur's latest exhibit*. Unified Newspaper Group.  
[https://www.unifiednewsgroup.com/oregon\\_observer/community/oregon-farm-inspires-artist-kelly-murray-s-latest-exhibit/article\\_07283286-1353-55fb-bc07-b4c4a2f21a79.html](https://www.unifiednewsgroup.com/oregon_observer/community/oregon-farm-inspires-artist-kelly-murray-s-latest-exhibit/article_07283286-1353-55fb-bc07-b4c4a2f21a79.html)
- Lindsay Christians | The Capital Times, Kreul, J., & Williams, T. (2021, May 9). *Beyond the painted portrait: Fractured views of 46 first ladies*. madison.com.  
[https://madison.com/ct/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/beyond-the-painted-portrait-fractured-views-of-46-first-ladies/article\\_86fbc0d0-3f22-51f6-ad43-8c94923c2d50.html](https://madison.com/ct/entertainment/arts-and-theatre/beyond-the-painted-portrait-fractured-views-of-46-first-ladies/article_86fbc0d0-3f22-51f6-ad43-8c94923c2d50.html)
- 2019** Gordon, Scott. "Podcast: Performance Art, Menstruation, and Dinner." *Tone Madison*, Tone Madison, 31 Oct. 2019,  
<https://www.tonemadison.com/articles/podcast-performance-art-menstruation-and-dinner>
- Christians, Lindsay. "Performance Artist Kel Mur Hosts a Fertile 'Feast' at Morris Ramen." *Madison.com*, Cap Times, 22 Oct. 2019,  
[https://madison.com/ct/entertainment/arts\\_and\\_theatre/visual/performance-artist-kel-mur-hosts-a-fertile-feast-at-morris/article\\_06eabff4-00f9-5892-84e3-099ca7acab19.html](https://madison.com/ct/entertainment/arts_and_theatre/visual/performance-artist-kel-mur-hosts-a-fertile-feast-at-morris/article_06eabff4-00f9-5892-84e3-099ca7acab19.html)
- 2018** Lamb, John. "Art Work: Concordia Exhibit Shows a Woman's Place in the Gallery." *INFORUM*, 16 Sept. 2018,  
<https://www.inforum.com/entertainment/4499405-art-work-concordia-exhibit-shows-womans-place-gallery>
- McLaughlin, John. "Meet the MFAs." *Isthmus*, 8 Feb. 2018,  
<https://isthmus.com/arts/visual-arts/uw-madison-master-fine-arts-show/>

## **OTHER EXPERIENCE**

**2021- Present**

**Education Team**, Arts + Literature Laboratory, Madison WI: develop art curriculum and program planning for community youth

**2019-Present**

**Studio Assistant**, Douglas Rosenberg: design Instagram layouts, artwork documentation, general assistance in all aspects of the production of performance and filming, assist in studio work such as building outside structures, raku firings

<https://artsdivision.wisc.edu/staff/douglas-rosenberg-douglas-rosenberg/>

<https://www.douglas-rosenberg.com>

**2019-Present**

**Administrative/Production Assistant**, The Conney Project on Jewish Arts & The Conney Conference on Jewish Arts <https://conneyproject.wisc.edu/>

**2021-22**

**Office & Special Projects Manager**, Li Chiao-Ping Dance Inc.: Dance studio maintenance, Quickbooks data entry, grant applications

**2015-2021**

**Restaurant/Bar Management**, Bacchanal Wine & Spirits, New Orleans LA; Spotted Cat Food and Spirits, New Orleans LA; Osteria Papavero, Madison WI

**2016-2018**

**Active Member**, Catalyst Collective of New Orleans, invitation-only art and social initiative

**2015**

**Student**, Artists as Entrepreneurs, a selective class given by the New Orleans Art Council that teaches local artists business skills.

**2008-2010**

**Certified Tattoo Artist**, Jersey Tattoo Company, Toms River, NJ