

# Johnathan Payne

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## Johnathan Payne

Born 1991, Houston, Texas

Lives and works in New Haven, CT

## Education

2018 MFA in Painting and Printmaking, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

2012 BA in Art, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

## Selected Solo and 2-Person Exhibitions

2015 *Room To Let: Collaborative Photographs and Drawings* (with D'Angelo Lovell Williams), First Congregational Church, Memphis, TN

*Meet Me Where I'm At*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN

2014 *New Drawings*, Beige, Memphis, TN

## Selected Group Exhibitions

2019 *A-Museum of Quickroots: Un-Museo de Raices Movedizas*, Governors Island, New York, NY, curated by Mauricio Higuera

*PWI: A Navigation of Eurocentric Education*, The CMPLX, Memphis, TN, curated by Kimberly Jacobs

2018 *The People Resist: Afropunk Brooklyn*, Commodore Barry Park, New York, NY, curated by Kenturah Davis

*Heads/Tails*, Next to Nothing, New York, NY

*Way Out Now*, Diane Rosenstein Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

*Wild Seed: Yale MFA Painting & Printmaking Thesis Show*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

*Kaleidoscope*, Kravets/Wehby Gallery, New York, NY, curated by Vaughn Spann

2017 *Black at Yale*, Afro-American Cultural Center, New Haven, CT, curated by Kenturah Davis

*Feast: YSOA Second Year Show*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

*Summertime*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*Kink and Politics: The Ties That Bind*, David Nolan Gallery, New York, NY, curated by Wardell Milan

2016 *Black Joy*, E.I.K., Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

*MFA 2018*, Green Gallery, Yale School of Art, New Haven CT

*Black at Yale*, Afro-American Cultural Center, Yale University, New Haven, CT, curated by Gerald Sheffield

*Viewpoints*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

*Do It*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN

*18th Annual Postcards from the Edge*, Sikkema Jenkins & Co, New York, NY

2015 *2nd Terrain Biennial*, Clough-Hanson Gallery and Terrain Exhibitions, Memphis, TN

2014 *Voice of the Turtle*, TOPS Gallery, Memphis, TN

2013 *Pyramid Scheme*, 363 Gallery, Memphis, TN, curated by Greely Myatt

*Otherwise*, Beige, Memphis, TN, curated by Joel Parsons

2012 *Or, Do the Opposite: Senior Thesis Show*, Clough-Hanson Gallery, Memphis, TN

*Student Juried Art Show*, Clough-Hanson Gallery, Memphis, TN

## Selected Bibliography

2019 *The Pinch*, Department of English, University of Memphis, 2019, Vol 39, Issue 2

2018 *New American Paintings*, Open Studios Press, 2018, MFA Annual, Issue 135, pages 90-93.

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- 2014 Townsend, Eileen, "'Voice of the Turtle' at Tops," *The Memphis Flyer*, December 25, 2014. <https://www.memphisflyer.com/memphis/voice-of-the-turtle-at-tops/Content?oid=3795705>

### **Awards, Grants and Fellowships**

- 2018 Museum Education Practicum Fellow, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
DAML I Graduate Institute Fellow, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH
- 2017 The Gloucester Prize, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2014 ArtsAccelerator Grant, ArtsMemphis, Memphis, TN
- 2012 Sally Becker Grinspan Award for Artistic Achievement, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN

### **Curatorial Projects**

- 2017 *Kairo's Dirt* by Madsen Minax, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT  
*Publishing Camp: Queering Dissemination*, E.I.K., Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT, co-curated with Nate Pyper
- 2016 *Black Joy*, E.I.K., Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT, co-curated with Shikeith, Kenturah Davis, and Vaughn Spann  
*Queering Space*, Green Gallery, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT, co-curated with Loren Britton, Res, Asad Pervaiz, Erik Freer, Buzz Slutsky, Shikeith Cathey, Erica Wessman, and Christie DeNizio  
*The Ancestors Remind Us*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN

### **Teaching Experience**

- 2019 (*forthcoming*) Adjunct Instructor, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT (2D Design, Fall

2019)

2018 Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

2017 Teaching Assistant, Yale University, New Haven, CT (Basic Drawing, Fall 2017)

Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT

2016 Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT