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Johnathan Payne

Born 1991, Houston, Texas

Currently lives and works in Iowa City, IA.

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

2021 *A Bridge To Uncertainty*, Beeler Gallery, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH

2020 *Miss Lizzie's Lattice* (with Lex Brown), Deli Gallery, New York, NY

Small Talk at the Salad Bar (with Mark Joshua Epstein), curated by Will Hutnick, SPRING/
BREAK Art Show, New York, NY

2015 *Meet Me Where I'm At*, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN

Selected Group Exhibitions

2021 *Hold the Line: 2019-2021 Grant Wood Fellows Exhibition*, Levitt Gallery, University of Iowa,
Iowa City, IA

On The Road: Chocolate Cities, curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah and Amber Ahmad, TONE,
Memphis, TN

Threads, Foxy Production, New York, NY

2019 *Contextual Proportions*, curated by Kenturah Davis, Jenkins Johnson Projects, New York, NY

Art from the Staff of the Yale University Gallery, curated by Ed Valentine, Farmer Family
Gallery, Ohio State University, Lima, OH

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

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

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

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, Green Gallery, Yale School of Art,
New Haven, CT

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

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

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

Summertime, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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

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

Viewpoints, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

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Residencies and Fellowships

2022 Grant Wood Fellow in Painting and Drawing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2021 Inaugural Resident, Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson Residency, Columbus, OH

Grant Wood Fellow in Painting and Drawing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

2020 Grant Wood Fellow in Painting and Drawing, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Spring Artist-in-Residence, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN

2018 Museum Education Practicum Fellow, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY

DAMLI Graduate Institute Fellow, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH

Awards

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

Teaching Experience

2022 Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Graduate Drawing and Painting Workshop, Spring 2022)

2021 Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Painting 1, Fall 2021)

Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Graduate Drawing and Painting Workshop, Spring 2021)

2020 Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Art and Art History, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA (Concepts in Drawing, Fall 2020)

2019 Adjunct Professor, Shintaro Akatsu School of Design, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT (2D Design, Fall 2019)

2018 Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT (Spring and Summer 2018)

2017 Teaching Assistant, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT (Basic Drawing, Fall 2017)

Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT (Spring, Summer and Fall 2017)

2016 Wurtele Gallery Teacher, Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT (Fall 2016)

Visiting Artist Lectures/Presentations/Critiques

- 2021 Artist Talk, Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH, July 29.
Grant Wood Fellow Lecture (Virtual), Stanley Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA, April 26.
Visiting Critic, Senior Projects Class, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, April 19.
- 2020 Stanley Studio Visit (Virtual), Stanley Museum of Art, Iowa City, IA, December 8.
CCAD Goes Live: Conversation with Julie Abijanac (Virtual, on Instagram), Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH, November 12.
Artist Lecture (Virtual), Thesis Projects I, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH, October 30.
Artist Lecture (Virtual), Graduate Printmaking Workshop, University of Iowa, IA, October 13.
Artist Lecture (Virtual), Graduate Painting Workshop, University of Iowa, IA, September 16.
Visiting Critic, Undergraduate Critiques, Rhodes College, Memphis, TN, March 3 and April 30.
Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, March 5.

Curatorial Projects

- 2021 *Virtual Spring Visiting Artist Lecture Series*, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
Selected Artists: Josh T. Franco, Laurel Sucsy, Abraham Lampert, Sheila Pepe, and Alexandria Smith
- 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 Kenturah Davis, Shikeith and Vaughn Spann
Queering Space, Green Gallery, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT, co-curated with Loren Britton, Shikeith Cathey, Christie DeNizio, Erik Freer, Asad Pervaiz, Res, Buzz Slutsky, and Erica Wessman
The Ancestors Remind Us, Crosstown Arts, Memphis, TN