

# JEFFREY MERIS

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## EDUCATION

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- 2019 MFA Visual Arts, **Columbia University**, NY, NY  
2015 BFA Sculpture, **Tyler School of Art**, Philadelphia, PA  
2012 AA Art, **The College of The Bahamas**, Nassau, Bahamas

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

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- 2020 **Voices**, Studio 525, NY, NY  
**Inner Out**, Moonmist, Houston, Texas  
**overmydeadbody**, Luggage Store Gallery, San Francisco  
**Let My Country Die For Me**, Hunter East Harlem Gallery, NY, NY
- 2019 **AESTHETICALLY FUNCTIONAL ONLY**, 1675 Broadway, NY, NY  
**9999**, Fireplace Projects, East Hampton, NY  
**MFA Thesis Exhibition**, Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, NY, NY  
**A Space to Fill**, Leroy Neiman Gallery, NY, NY
- 2018 **Central Bank of The Bahamas Art Competition and Exhibition**, Nassau, Bahamas  
**feel that other day running underneath this one**, Times Square Space, NY, NY  
**Incarinata Social Club**, Berlin NYC, NY, NY  
**MFA First Year Exhibition**, Wallach Gallery, Columbia University, NY, NY  
**Scenes from the Collection**, Jewish Museum, New York, N.Y
- 2017 **Medium: Practices and Routes of Spirituality and Mysticism**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Diasporagasm**, Southbay Contemporary, San Pedro, CA  
**Ubersee Kuba Und Die Bahamas**, Halle 14, Leipzig, Germany  
**Asue: 20/20**, N.A.G.B: Project Space, Nassau, Bahamas\*  
**This is Mine, That is Yours**, D'Aguilar Art Foundation, Nassau, Bahamas \*\*
- 2016 **NE8: National Biennial Exhibition**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Made Here**, Guttenberg Arts, Guttenberg, NJ  
**They Coming**, Guttenberg Arts, Guttenberg, NJ \*
- 2015 **Nassau Calling: Art in the Bahamas [re-] Visited**, Hilger BrotKunsthalle, Vienna, Austria  
**Temple Project Haiti**, East End Salon, Philadelphia, PA  
**Tyler School of Art Annual Exhibition**, juror: Rochelle Toner, Philadelphia, PA  
**Haitian-ary**, D'Aguilar Art Foundation, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Hi-Tea**, The Great House, Nassau, Bahamas \*
- 2014 **NE7: Antillean Ecology**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Or Too Bleak**, Stella Elkins Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA
- 2013 **Central Bank of The Bahamas Art Competition and Exhibition**, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Bahamian Domestic**. N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Outside The Box**, The Andrew Friedman Gallery, Bronx, N.Y
- 2012 **NE6: Thy kingdom Come**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**As We Knew Him: One Family's Salute to Jackson Burnside III**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas  
**The Middle Passage**, N.A.G.B, Nassau, Bahamas \*

- 2011 **Transforming Spaces: *Pipes and Bodies***, The ProSociety, The College of The Bahamas  
**Sketch 24**, Popopstudios, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Process/Product**, Popopstudios, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Color of Harmony**, The College of The Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas
- 2010 **Transforming Spaces: *Tagged***, The ProSociety, The College of The Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Color of Harmony**, The College of The Bahamas, Nassau, Bahamas
- (Solo show or project marked by \*) (Two person show marked by \*\*)

## **RESIDENCIES, GRANTS & AWARDS**

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- 2021 Triangle Arts  
Lighthouse Works Residency
- 2020 Daniel Arsham & Samuel Ross Artist Grant  
Foundation for Contemporary Art Grant  
Temple University 30 under 30  
NXTHVN Studio Fellow
- 2019 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture  
Charitable Arts Foundation Grant
- 2018 Columbia University D.R.A Shops Fellow  
Central Bank of The Bahamas Art Scholarship Winner  
In-Flux Artist Residency, Jamestown, Ghana  
Visual Arts Center of New Jersey Pilot Resident
- 2017 Lyford Cay Foundation Harry C Moore Art Scholar 2017- 2018  
Columbia University School of the Arts, Dean's Travel Grant  
Halle 14 Artist in Residence, Leipzig, Germany
- 2016 Guttenberg Space and Time Artist In Residence
- 2015 J Arthur Khuen Kyrk Award  
Sculpture Project Award
- 2014 Charitable Arts Foundation Grant
- 2013 Central Bank of The Bahamas Art Competition Winner  
Temple University Scholar Award  
Charitable Arts Foundation Grant
- 2012 Lyford Cay Foundation Harry C Moore Art Scholar 2012- 2013
- 2011 One Family Junkanoo Group and Community Organization Scholarship Grant
- 2010 Popopstudios Junior Residency Prize (Inaugural)

## **PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

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- Bernard Lumpkin & Carmine Boccuzzi Family Collection  
The Central Bank of The Bahamas Permanent Collection  
Dawn Davies Collection  
The D'Aguilar Art Foundation

## ARTIST TALKS & MEDIA PRESENTATIONS

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- 2020 **Pecha Kucha 20/20 Night**, MakeHaven, New Haven, CT  
**Intro to Figure Drawing**, Rutgers University, New Burnswick, NJ  
**Sculpture as Praxis**, Columbia University Teachers College, NY, NY  
**Driftwood Cafe Podcast**, Nassau, Bahamas  
**overmydeadbody Artist Talk**, Luggage Store Gallery, San Francisco, Ca  
**Network of Extraordinary Artist**, Hunter East Harlem, NY, NY
- 2019 **Art Waves**, WKRC Radio, Morrow, Cecelia, NY, NY
- 2017 **Ubersee Kuba Und Die Bahamas, Halle 14**, Leipzig, Germany  
**NAGB Blank Canvas 96.9 Guardian Radio**, Radio Appearance on NE:8, Nassau Bahamas  
**University of the Bahamas: ART 108 Bahamian Art History** lectured by Michael Edwards, Artist Talk, Nassau, Bahamas  
**University of the Bahamas: ENG 108 Bahamian Oral Traditions** lectured by Dr. Craig Smith, Artist Talk, Nassau, Bahamas
- 2016 **University of the Bahamas**, Visual Arts Department, Visiting Critic, Nassau Bahamas  
**NAGB Blank Canvas 96.9 Guardian Radio**, Caribbean Linked and Residencies, Nassau Bahamas  
**Guttenberg Arts**, Artist in Residence, Artist Talk, Guttenberg, NJ
- 2015 **Central Bank of The Bahamas**, Artist Video, Nassau, Bahamas  
**C.O.B, The College of The Bahamas**, Visiting Artist Talk (Junior Class), Nassau Bahamas  
**Inside the Inner City with Valentino Scrooge Brown**, 96.9 Guardian Radio, Nassau Bahamas  
**Rise Bahamas 96.9 Guardian Radio**, Guest Appearance, Nassau Bahamas
- 2014 **N.A.G.B, National Art Gallery of The Bahamas**, Nu Voices, NE7: Antillean Ecology, Visual Arts Panel, Nassau Bahamas  
**NAGB Blank Canvas 96.9 Guardian Radio**, P.A.M.M with assistant curator Maria Eleana Ortiz, Nassau Bahamas  
**NAGB Blank Canvas 96.9 Guardian Radio**, Junkanoo and Bahamian Art with John Cox, Nassau, Bahamas  
**TEDx Nassau**, National Art Gallery of The Bahamas [How Two Tea-cups Can Change One Nation](#), Public Presentation on *Dis We Tea Party*, N.A.G.B, Nassau Bahamas
- 2012 **Island Films**, Jackson Burnside III: Native Son, Contributor interviewed by Karen Arthur, Nassau, Bahamas  
**ZNS Radio Network**, Junkanoo Talks, Da Road to Bay with One Family, Nassau, Bahamas

## BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- 2020 **Wallerpaper Magazine**, [Samuel Ross and Daniel Arsham team up to support Black creatives](#), 22nd June, Smith-Macalister, Tilly  
**Mixed Media: NAGB Blog**, [Considering Art in A Time of Crisis, 26th May, Willis, Natalie](#)  
**Other People's Pixel's Blog**, [Featured Artist](#), 22nd April, Yeanpanis, Stacia  
**Up and Away: Bahamasair InFlight Magazine**, April 3rd, [Our Art Culture Looks Bright](#), Minnis, Jodi  
**NXTHVN 2020** [Fellowship Press Release](#)  
**Smith & Benjamin's Bahamas Arts + Culture eMagazine**, March 13<sup>th</sup>, [Bahamian artist curates and Showcases Art in San Francisco](#), Benjamin-Smith, Dionne  
**Smith & Benjamin's Bahamas Arts + Culture eMagazine**, Feb 7th, Bahamian artist moving from Strengh to Strengh, Benjamin-Smith, Dionne

- Luggage Store Gallery and Isolated Labs Studio**, February 14th, overmydeadbody Press Release, Lazer, Laurie
- Network of Extraordinary Artist Press Release**, Jan 5th, [Let My Country Die for Me](#), Sherman, Arden
- 2019 **Hyperallic**, May 21st 2019, [Columbia University MFA Students Gamble on Uncertainty in Thesis Exhibition](#), Small, Zachary
- 2017 **University of the Bahamas: ENGW300 Advanced Composition Reference Material- Asue: 20/20**, Dr. P. Bailey, Nassau, Bahamas  
**Academia.edu**, 2017, [Diasporagasm: Multimedia Artists of the African Diaspora](#), Barbour, Chelle
- 2016 **Drawing on the Utopic**, July 11<sup>th</sup>, They Coming-Jeffrey Meris, Thomas, Austin  
**Smith & Benjamin's Bahamas Arts + Culture eMagazine**, March 31<sup>st</sup>, Bahamian artist awarded prestigious Guttenberg Arts Residency, Benjamin-Smith, Dionne  
**Temple News**, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Jeffrey Meris, BFA Sculpture 2015 has been awarded at GUTTENBERG ARTS summer 2016 Space and Time Artist Residency, Sepielli, Matthew  
**ARTMOOC**, March 7<sup>th</sup>, [High Tea and Identity](#), Galanis, Tamika
- 2015 **Artnet**, Nassau Calling: *Art in the Bahamas [re-] Visited* (Exhibition mention)  
**Nassau Guardian**, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, [Jeffrey Meris does himself and his family proud](#), Moss, Shauvaughn  
**Emily Carr University WIKI**, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, Talk: Gio Swaby (2015), Swaby, Giovanna  
**Smith & Benjamin's Bahamas Arts + Culture eMagazine**, March 27<sup>th</sup>, First TEDx Nassau Talks, Benjamin-Smith, Dionne  
**Bahamas Pundit**, March 27<sup>th</sup>, [The Ever Expanding Bahamian Story](#), Simon
- 2014 **Nassau Guardian**, October 4th, [NAGB's new permanent exhibition tells an honest narrative](#)
- 2013 **Popop News**, October 30<sup>th</sup>, Meris Wins First Prize In 2013 Central Bank Art Competition, Wells, Lisa  
**Uprising Art Contemporary Caribbean Art**, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Prizes of the Central Bank of The  
**Nassau Guardian**, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 20 Questions with Jeffrey Meris, Wells, Erica  
**Tribune Newspaper**, October 9<sup>th</sup>, [Art Competition Recognizes Two Top Participants](#), Alesha Cadet
- 2013 **Popop News**, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Harry Moore Scholar Set To Change The Way We See Junkanoo, Wells, Lisa  
**The Lyford Cay Foundation What's New**, January 21<sup>st</sup>, Harry Moore Scholar Brings Art into Focus
- 2012 **Guardian Trinidad and Tobago**, December 26<sup>th</sup>, Junkanoo is the spirit of the Bahamas  
**Mixed Media Blog**, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Feature from the Exhibition: The Middle Passage, AK