

EDUCATION

Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT | 2009  
M.F.A., Painting and Printmaking

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD | 2007  
B.F.A., Painting Major, Art History Minor

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017

Redaction | 'sindikit | project, Baltimore, MD  
Locus of Control | Maus Contemporary Gallery, Birmingham, AL

2016

Time Further Out | Ponce Robles Gallery, Madrid, Spain (Solo)

2015

Vivir en la tierra plana (Living In The Flat Land) | Galleria Ponce+Robles, Madrid, Spain  
Volta 11 International Art Fair, Basel, Switzerland

2014

Vacation | DeLuce Gallery Northwest Missouri State University Olive, Maryville, MO  
As I Remembered | Beta Pictoris Gallery / Maus Contemporary Birmingham, AL  
Opposing Dysfunction | Wriston Art Galleries. Lawrence University, Appleton, WI

2013

I Dream Too Much | Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI

2012

Leslie Smith III: Representation, Abstraction, Oscillation | Dean Jensen Gallery, Milwaukee, WI

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2019

Expo Chicago's EXPOSURE | Curated by Naima Keith | Chicago, IL  
tel un geste captivant la lumière | Galerie Isabelle Gounod, Paris, France  
Aftereffect: O'Keeffe and Contemporary Art | Museum of Contemporary Art Denver, Denver, CO  
DRAWING NOW Paris | Galerie Isabelle Gounod, Paris, France

2018

Change Agent | Patrick Mikhail Gallery, Montreal, Canada  
FOCUS III: I'll see it When I believe it, Abrams-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts Museum, Birmingham, AL  
Pulse Contemporary Art Fair Miami Beach | w/Maus Contemporary Gallery, Miami, FL

2017

Pulse Contemporary Art Fair Miami Beach | w/Maus Contemporary Gallery, Miami, FL  
Minimal Gestures | w/Galerie Heike Strelow, Frankfurt, Germany  
Paper Positions Munich | w/Maus Contemporary Gallery, Munich, Germany  
Echo Spectrum | Trestle Contemporary Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
DRAWING NOW Paris | Travis Somerville, Suso Fandiño, Catherine Tafur, Leslie Smith III, Yoshishige Furukawa  
w/Maus Contemporary Gallery, Paris, France

2016

Black Paintings | Heike Strelow, Frankfurt, Germany  
Volta NY International Art Fair | w/Beta Pictoris Gallery, New York, NY  
ARCO Madrid International Contemporary Art Fair | w/Ponce Robles Gallery, Madrid, Spain  
Losing my Edge: New Perspectives in Abstract Figurative Painting | Bloch Hall Gallery, University of  
Montevallo, Birmingham, AL

2014

Volta 10 Art Fair | w/Beta Pictoris Gallery, Basel, Switzerland  
Pulse New York Contemporary Art Fair, | w/Beta Pictoris Gallery New York, NY  
Monochromatic | Triumph & Disaster, Montgomery, AL  
Parallax Futured: Transtemporal Subjectivities | Skirball Museum, Cincinnati, OH

Black In The Abstract, Part II: Hard Edges/Soft Curves, 65th Anniversary, with curatorial contributions by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Bill Arning, and Dean Daderko | Contemporary Art Museum Houston, Houston, TX

2013

Big Bangs/Small Bucks Redux | Dean Jensen Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
Beta Pictoris Gallery at Texas Contemporary Art Fair | Houston, TX  
Wisconsin 30 | Milwaukee Museum of Art, Milwaukee, WI  
*Pulp* 3 ...works on paper | Beta Pictoris Gallery, Birmingham, AL  
ARTPADSF | Art fair at the Phoenix Hotel in San Francisco, CA

2012

25 for 25 | Dean Jensen Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
Voices of Home | Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
Voices of Home | Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY

2011

Intersecting Cultures/Virtual Worlds | Underground Gallery at the Betsy, Miami, FL  
Two Men 2011: Tim Roseborough & Leslie Smith, III | Strivers Gardens Gallery, New York, NY

2010

Balls | Obsidian Arts, Minneapolis, MN  
In/Ex | Gallery M, New York, NY  
Joel Dean, Fabienne Lasserre, Leslie Smith III | Jolie Laide Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

2009

Emerge CT: 2009 MFA Graduates from UConn, Western Connecticut State and Yale, Stamford, CT  
Yale University School of Art M.F.A. Thesis Show, New Haven, CT

2008

Verge | Galapagos Art Space, New York, NY

2007

Visions of Conflict: Rendering Dissent | Gormley gallery College of Notre Dame, Baltimore, MD  
MAEF Juried Exhibition | Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Maryland Institute College of Art B.F.A. Thesis Show, Baltimore, MD

2006

Taylor Companies Retrospective Show | Taylor Companies, Washington DC

#### COLLECTIONS

Virginia Museum of Fine Art | Richmond, VA  
The High Museum of Art Permanent Collection | Atlanta, GA  
The Collection of Kera and Bennie F. Johnson  
Taylor Companies | Washington DC  
Numerous private collections

#### HONORS & AWARDS

UW Fall Competition – Individual Proposal- “Tension and Noise, A Pure Material Approach to Abstraction” 2019  
UW Fall Competition – Individual Proposal - “Isolated Gestures” | 2018  
UW Vilas Associates Award | 2016  
UW Fall Competition – Individual Proposal - “Unfolded: Dimensional Expansion of Perceived Two-Dimensional Space” | 2015  
Nellie McKay Fellowship | 2014  
UW Graduate School Fall Competition – Individual Proposal - “Folded Space” | 2014  
UW Fall Competition – Individual Proposal - “The Material Support” | 2013  
UW Fall Competition – Individual Proposal - “Departing Expectations” | 2012  
American Academy in Rome, Al Held Affiliate Fellowship | Rome Italy | 2009  
Best in show, Maryland Artist Equity Foundation Juried Exhibition | Baltimore Museum of Art | 2007  
Freda Eichelberger Scholarship | 2006 -2007  
Thailheimer Scholarship | 2003 – 2007  
ARTS Scholarship, MICA | 2003 – 2007  
National Foundation for the Advancement in the Arts Finalist and Scholarship recipient | 2003

#### SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

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“Echo Spectrum,” Exhibition Catalog, Trestle Contemporary Art Gallery, March 2017. pp. 43 - 47

"Leslie Smith III. Left to Think Alone," Artist Monograph, Maus Contemporary Gallery: June 2017

Gleeson, Bridget “Talking With American Painter Leslie Smith III About Abstraction, Anguish, and Architecture” *Artsy* Accessed January, 2017. <https://www.artsy.net/article/artsy-talking-american-painter-leslie-smith-iii-abstraction-anguish-architecture>

Gonzalez Panizo, Javier “Pintura y Tiempo: Abstracción Post-Pictórica” *Zona Crítica* Accessed October 2016. <http://exit-express.com/pintura-y-tiempo-abstraccion-post-pictorica/>

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“Living in The Flat Land” *Revista de Arte Contemporaneo Madrid Art Process* Accessed February 2015. <http://www.madridartprocess.com/agenda-cultural-madrid/item/1582-living-in-the-flat-land.html>

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“What’s in an art Gallery? I dare to ask.” *INVESTIGART* Accessed January, 2015 <https://investigart.wordpress.com/2015/01/29/artistas-en-el-escaparate-nos-vamos-de-galerias/>

Contemporary Arts Museum Houston: Valerie Cassel Oliver, "Reverb" *Out Side The Lines* exhibition catalogue December 2014 pp. 143-147 Images 172-173

Callaloo Art & Culture in The African Diaspora. October 2014. Baltimore: John Hopkins University Press. Issue 4 Vol. 37, pp. 867-869

Caroline Taylor “Monochromatic” *Made*, Issue 12, (April 2014): 8

Walter Lewellyn "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood" *Weld For Birmingham*, Accessed March 13, 2014. <http://weldbham.com/blog/2014/03/13/dont-let-me-be-misunderstood/>

Steinhoff, Jessica “Leslie Smith III’s Paintings Explore Trauma Through Abstraction at MMoCA ” *Isthmus The Daily Page*, Accessed June, 2013. <http://www.thedailypage.com/daily/article.php?article=40122>

Leah Kolb " Paintings in Conflict Leslie Smith's Contemporary Abstractions" *I Dream Too Much* exhibition catalogue, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art June 7, 2013

Katherine Murrell "Representation, Abstraction, Oscillation" Exhibition catalogue Dean Jensen Gallery July 27, 2012

Erica Agyeman "The Medium of The Message" *International Review of African American Art*, Issue 23.4, (December 2011): 35-38

Glen McNatt "Saying Their Piece About Fighters, War" *Baltimore Sun*, Accessed July, 2007. [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2007-07-25/features/0707250164\\_1\\_dame-of-maryland-college-of-notre-notre-dame](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2007-07-25/features/0707250164_1_dame-of-maryland-college-of-notre-notre-dame)

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI 2016 – Present  
Vice President, Board of Trustee

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI 2014 - 2016  
Trustee Board Member

Galerie Isabelle Gounod, Paris, France | 2019 - Present

Patrick Mikhail Gallery, Montreal, Canada | 2018 - Present

Heike Strelow, Frankfurt, Germany | 2016 - Present

Gallery Ponce + Robles, Madrid Spain | 2014 -2016

Maus Contemporary Gallery, Birmingham, AL | 2013-Present

## APPOINTMENTS

University Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI | 2017 - Present  
Associate Professor Drawing and Painting

University Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI | 2011 - 2017  
Assistant Professor Drawing and Painting

University Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI | 2010 - 2011  
Senior Lecture,

University of Hartford, Hartford, CT | 2009 - 2010  
Adjunct Professor,  
Traditional Drawing, Introduction to Painting

## LECTURES & VISITS

Peninsula School of Art | Fish Creek, WI | 2019  
*Contemporary Themes in Abstraction* Presentation and Workshop

Peninsula School of Art | Fish Creek, WI | 2018  
*Contemporary Themes in Abstraction* Presentation and Workshop

*The Look of THINGS*, Curators Office, Washington, DC | 2017  
Panelist

American University Department of Art | Washington DC | 2016  
Kinetic: Conversations in Contemporary Arts  
Featuring Leslie Smith III and Rushern Baker IV

Northwest Missouri State University | Maryville, MO | 2014  
Visiting Artist: Lecture and Studio Visits

UW Milwaukee Peck School of Art | Milwaukee, WI | 2014  
Visiting Artist: Lecture and Studio Visits

University of Iowa School of Art & Art History, Iowa City, IA | 2014  
Visiting Artist: Lecture

“I Dream Too Much” Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI | 2013  
Gallery talk and Docent talk

Marie Walsh Sharp Art Foundation Summer Session III, Colorado Spring, CO | 2013  
Lecture & Painting Seminar instructor

Voices of Home Panel Discussion, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY | 2012  
Panel Discussion moderated by former MoCODA curator Kalia Brooks

Strivers Gardens Gallery, New York, NY | 2011  
Gallery Talk & Panel Discussion “Contemporary African American Art”

Dreyfoos School of the Arts, West Palm Beach, FL | 2011  
Visiting Artist: Lecture and painting, printmaking workshop

Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD | 2010  
Visiting Artist: Lecture and Undergraduate Thesis Studio Visits

Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT | 2010  
Visiting Critic: Painting Studio II, seniors and juniors undergraduate majors

University Wisconsin Madison, Madison, WI | 2010  
Visiting Artist: Lecture and Graduate Studio Visits