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Education

- 2012 Masters of Fine Art (MFA) Painting and Printmaking, Yale University, CT
- 2010 Bachelor of Art (BA), minor African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, CA

Professional Experience

- Present Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
- 2016-17 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Iowa, Grant Wood Fellow, Iowa City, IA
- 2016 Adjunct Professor of Art and Art History, Santa Monica College, CA
- 2012-15 Adjunct Professor of Art, Dillard University, New Orleans, LA
- 2012-14 Visiting Artist Lecturer, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 Professor of Art, Bard Early College, McDonogh 35 High School, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, Animation, Yale School of Art
- 2011 Teaching Assistant, Digital Video, Yale School of Art
- 2010 Teaching Assistant, Drawing, UCLA Summer Art Institute

Residency

- 2018 Open Kitchen, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 Marn Salon, Ski Club, Milwaukee, WI
- 2017 Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI
- 2016 Grant Wood Fellowship, Iowa City, IA
- 2016 MacDowell Fellowship, MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH
- 2016 Long Road Projects, Jacksonville, FL
- 2013 Hermitage Artist Retreat, Sarasota, FL
- 2013 Fountainhead Artist Residency, Miami, FL
- 2009 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, MA

Solo Exhibitions

- 2019 *forthcoming*, Mimmo Scognamiglio artecontemporanea
- 2018 *Ivy League Ratchet*, Catich Gallery, St. Ambrose University, Davenport, IA
- 2017 *Cut From the Same Cloth*, Ronchini Gallery, London
- 2015 *Bloodlines and Flood Lines*, Savannah College School of Art and Design, Atlanta, GA
Meka Jean: Not Acquiescing, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA
Meka Jean: Sole Rights, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX
Meka Jean: Recovery, Emerson Dorsch Gallery, Miami, FL
- 2014 *Introducing Meka Jean (Too Good For You)*, Lombard Freid, Chelsea, NY
- 2013 *Almost Acquaintances*, Ronchini Gallery, London (*catalog published*)
Family Values, Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2018 *FOREVER AND A DAY* and *BECAUSE THE DAWN BREAKS*, Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI
After Exit, Smart Objects, Landers, CA
Kaleidoscope, Vaughn Spann, curator, Kravets Wehby, New York, NY
The Embedded Message: Quilting in Contemporary Art, Visual Arts Center of Richmond, VA
Count/Recount: Feminist Film and Video, curator Carmen Hermo, screening at the Hirshhorn Museum of Art, Washington D.C.
Raw Identities, Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- 2017 *Grant Wood Fellows' Exhibition 2016-1* CSPA Hall, Cedar Rapids, IA
Southern Accent, Speed Museum, Trevor Schoonmaker and Miranda Lash, curator, Louisville, KY (*catalog published*)
Propositions on Revolution (Slogans For a Future), Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL
I Hear it Everywhere I go, Terri C. Smith, curator Franklin Street Works, Stamford, CT

- On Repeat*, curated by Raphael Rubenstein, Clark & Associates, Houston Heights, TX
- 2016 *Face to Face: A Survey of Portraiture by Louisiana Artists*, Hillard Art Museum, Lafayette, LA
 Expo Chicago, Rena Bransten Projects, Chicago, IL
Perfect Day, Robert & Tilton Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Dark Revival: After Terry Adkins, Arthur Ross Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
The Beat Goes On, School of Visual Art Gallery (SVA) Chelsea, NY
 Southern Accent, Nasher Museum, Duke University, NC
Cabin Fever! Annual art exhibition and auction, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA
You Go To My Head, Galerie Daniel Templon, Brussels (*catalog published*)
- 2015 *Warm Kitty*, Hyde Park Arts Center, Chicago, IL
 Expo Chicago, Rena Bransten Projects, Chicago, IL
The Articulated Void, The PostContemporary, NY
Then and Now: Artist as Witness, College of the Holy Cross, MA
Texas Contemporary, David Shelton Gallery, Houston, TX
Auto Body, Faena Art Center Buenos Aires, Argentina
Seven Deadly Sins: Wrath, Force of Nature, Wave Hill Museum, NYC
[Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art](#), curator Valerie Cassel Oliver, Yerba Buena Museum, San Francisco, CA (*catalog published*)
The Influence of Painting, Frank Street Works, Stamford, CT
- 2014 *Meka Jean: How She Got Good*, Prospect 3 New Orleans Biennial
[Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art](#), curator Valerie Cassel Oliver, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN (*catalog published*)
a/wake in the water: Mediations on Disaster, curated by Erin Christovale, Museum of Contemporary Diasporian Arts, NYC
- 2013 *Performa 13*, Studio Museum in Harlem, performed, *Untitled, 2012-2015*, NYC
Facets, Terry Adkins Recital, Northwestern University, Regenstein Hall of Music, IL
[Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art](#), curator Valerie Cassel Oliver, [Studio Museum of Harlem, Harlem, NYC](#) (*catalog published*)
Unsupervised, Lombard Freid, Tameka Norris and Mark Jenkins Chelsea, NY
- 2012 *Art Basel Miami Beach*, Lombard Freid
[Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art](#), curator Valerie Cassel Oliver, [Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, Texas](#) (*catalog published*)
Eyes Off the Flag, Motus Fort, Tokyo, Japan
Gifted and Talented, Third Streaming Gallery, curator Clifford Owens, NY, NY
 MFA Painting Thesis Show, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2011 *Prospect 2*, New Orleans Biennial, curator Dan Cameron, New Orleans, LA
Queer Sexing, Human Resources, Los Angeles, CA
Prospect, New Orleans Benefit Auction, Susanne Vielmetter, Los Angeles, CA
3x6x3 #2, LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions) LA, CA
Pulp, Beta Pictoris, Birmingham, AL
- 2010 *Prospect 1.5*, New Orleans Biennial, Good Children Gallery, curator Dan Cameron, New Orleans, LA
"not just a shelter," Oxnard College, McNish Gallery, Oxnard, CA
For Your Pleasure, CB1 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
To the Window to the Wall, UCLA Undergraduate Senior Exhibition, New Wight Gallery, LA, CA
Lube, Jaus Gallery, curator Martin Durazo, LA, CA
- 2009 *Party at Chris's House*, Janet Kurnatowski Gallery, curator Phong Bui, Brooklyn, NY
UCLA Undergraduate Scholarship Award Exhibition, New Wight Gallery, LA, CA,
WWWD (What Would Wayne Do?) The Best Rapper Alive Art Exhibition, Bushwick Star, Brooklyn, NY
UCLA Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, curator, Mark Allen (Machine Project), New Wight Gallery LA, CA
Entitled, UCLA Undergraduate Senior Show, Senior Show New Wight Gallery, New Wight Gallery LA, CA
Open Projector Night, Hammer Museum, LA, CA
True Diva Biennale, Skowhegan, ME

- 2008 *UCLA Undergraduate Scholarship Award Exhibition*, New Wight Gallery, LA, CA
UCLA Undergraduate Juried Exhibition, curator, Ali Subotnick (Hammer Museum), New Wight Gallery, LA, CA
Dissent! 1968 to Now, Laband Gallery, Loyola Marymount University, LA, CA
- 2007 *Theories, Moralities and Goals Dripping from Teeth and Nails in Grand Moonlight*, UCLA Undergraduate Gallery, LA, CA
- 2006 *Women of Color Explore Homeland*, Lucy Florence Gallery, LA, CA

Festivals

- 2017 "Somewhere is Here: Sumter County, Alabama," presentation and performance, Witching Hour Festival, Iowa City, IA. October 20.
- 2017 "Ivy League Ratchet" performance, Mission Creek Festival, Iowa City, IA. April 6.
- 2017 *Meka Jean: Cover Me*, Sundance Film Festival
- 2015 *Meka Jean: Cover Me*, New Orleans Film Festival
- 2015 *Meka Jean: Cover Me*, Hammer Museum (screening)
- 2015 *Meka Jean: Cover Me*, International Film Festival Rotterdam

Academic Awards/Honors

- 2018 Old Gold Summer Fellowship, University of Iowa
- 2017 Nomination, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial
- 2016 National Endowment for the Arts, \$25,000, Somewhere is Here: A Town Called York, Coleman Center for the Arts
- 2015 Nomination, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Grant
- 2014 Kickstarter Campaign, \$25,000, *Meka Jean: How She Got Good*, Prospect.3 Biennial
 Nomination, Rome Prize
- 2013 Nomination, Rome Prize
- 2012 Blair Dickinson Scholarship, Yale School of Art
 Schlosberg Prize, Yale School of Art
 Modern Painter Magazine, 100 Emerging Artists List, Dec 2011/ Jan 2012
- 2009 School of Arts and Architecture Dean's Scholarship (merit based) UCLA
 Robert and Marion Wilson Award (financial based) UCLA
 Emma B. Keller Award (faculty nomination) UCLA
 Jo Downing Scholarship, (academic merit and moral character) UCLA
 Women's Faculty Scholarship (merit and need based) UCLA
- Lillian Levinson Scholarship ("In recognition of artistic and academic promise," for "demonstrating superior achievement")
 UCLA
- 2008 Aubrey Penny Award (faculty nomination) UCLA
 John Densmore Award (rock band, The Door's drummer award for African American music and art majors) UCLA
 Robert and Marion Wilson (financial based) UCLA
 Art Council Undergraduate Project Award (travel grant) UCLA
 Emma B. Keller Award (faculty nomination) UCLA
 Jo Downing Scholarship (academic merit and moral character) UCLA
- 2007 UCLA Scholarship Recognition Award (stellar academic achievement)

Lectures/Performances

- 2018
 Performance and lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," University of North Texas, Denton, TX
 Performance, "Ivy League Ratchet," CAA Conference, Women's Caucus on Art, Los Angeles, CA. February 23.
 Performance and Lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," St. Ambrose University, Catich Gallery, Davenport, IA. February 16.
 Panelist, "The Embedded Message: Quilting in Contemporary Art," Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, VA. February 8.
 Performance, "Ivy League Ratchet," Raw Identities collective exhibition, Casino Luxembourg, Luxembourg. January 29.
 Lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," University of British Columbia, Vancouver. January 17.

2017

- Panel Discussion, "The Art of Journalism," Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans, LA. September 21.
 Panel Discussion and performance, Berlin Literatur Festival, "What Can Art Do?" Berlin, October 9.
 Presentation and performance, Witching Hour Festival, "Somewhere is Here: Sumter County, Alabama," Iowa City, IA,

October 20.

Panel Discussion, "Propositions on Revolution," with Kristin Romberg, curator, Krannert Art Museum, Champaign, IL, September 21.

Performance, "Ivy League Ratchet," Black Artist Retreat, Chicago, IL. September 17, 2017

Visiting Arts Faculty Lecture, Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI. June 9.

Visiting Artist Lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," RISD Sculpture Department, Providence, RI. April 18.

Visiting Artist Lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT. March 3.

Guest Lecture, "Ivy League Ratchet," lecture, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, March 20.

Visiting Artist Lecture and Performance, "Ivy League Ratchet," Critical Dialogues Lecture series, Tyler School of Art at Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, April 13.

Ned Behnke Annual Lecture, Distinguished Keynote Speaker, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA April 10.

2016

Presentation and Performance, *Sampling: Tameka Norris, Brontez Purnell and Kenya Robinson*, University of Texas, Austin

2015

Guest Lecture, "Notes on Failure," UCLA Photography Department, Los Angeles, CA, February 24, 2015

Guest Lecture, "Notes on Failure." Santa Monica College. Santa Monica, CA, February 26, 2015

2014

Panel Discussion, "The Past is Present: Black Artists and the Issue of Abstraction," Black Art Conference Panel. Panel Leader: Dawoud Bey. Black Artist Retreat. Chicago, IL, August 23, 2014

Guest Lecture, "Meka Jean: Getting Good," Cornell University. Ithaca, NY, November 6, 2014

Guest Lecture, "Meka Jean: Getting Good," Purchase College, SUNY. Purchase, NY, December 17, 2014

2009

Presenter, GMP Graduate Mentoring Program Brown Bag Lunch Series "A Rap Music Video as Institutional Critique?" screening and discussion *Licker*, UCLA, Los Angeles CA

Community Service

2018 Member of the Board of Directors, Film Scene, Education and Programming
Juror, Faculty Artist Residency Review, Ox-Bow School of Art, Saugatuck, MI
Guest Speaker, Willamette University

2017 Volunteer, Center for Afrofuturist Studies at Public Space One, Iowa City, IA
Guest Speaker, Dubuque Museum of Art
Guest Speaker, Loras College, Dubuque, IA
Juror for Grinnell College exhibition (GWAC), Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA
Guest Speaker, University of Iowa, Professor Andrew Casto, Ceramics Department, Spring 2017
Guest Speaker, University of Iowa, Professor Anita Jung, Printmaking Department, Fall 2016
Guest Speaker, University of Iowa, Professor Rachel Williams, Women and Gender Studies, class Spring 2017
Guest Speaker, Relax Talk Grow - enhance black lives in Iowa community, University of Iowa
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2016-17 Guest Lecturer, Dream Center, City High School, Iowa City, IA

2016 Presenter and Performer, *Sampling: Tameka Norris, Brontez Purnell and Kenya Robinson*, University of Texas, Austin

Research

2016 School of Experimental Work, Meka Jean: Ivy League Ratchet, Houston, TX

2015 Instructor, Coleman Center for the Arts, Summer Camp, Becoming Someone Else Workshop

2009 Presenter and panelist, RECOVERING KATRINA: A Retrospection and Call for Action. The African Diaspora Theme Community and the Academic Advancement Program donate for the New Orleans Read and Rise Program, UCLA, LA, CA

2008 Docent/Student Educator, Kara Walker: *My Complement, My Enemy, My Oppressor, My Love*, Hammer Museum LA, CA

Docent/Student Educator, *Francis Alys: Politics of Rehearsal*, Hammer Museum LA, CA

Docent/Student Educator, Extraordinary Exhibitions: BroadSides From the Collections of Ricky Jay, Hammer Museum LA, CA

Docent/Student Educator, *...And Then Again: Printed Series, 1500-2007*, Hammer Museum LA, CA

Panel Moderator, June Cross, "Secret Daughter: A mixed race daughter and the mother who gave her away" Hammer Book Club Conversation, Hammer Museum, LA, CA

Presenter, UCLA + URBAN SCHOOLS + COMMUNITIES IGNITING CORE SYNERGIES: Artsbridge 2nd Annual Symposium, Shared lessons learned from arts education community partnerships in South and Central Los Angeles. The annual gathering shares successful teaching and learning strategies in the arts and urban schooling, and celebrates both individual and social transformation.

Instructor, "Finding Meaning in College Bound Words Through Visual Art," Jordan Starr High School, Watts, CA, 11th grade English class. Integrated SAT College Preparation vocabulary with visual art, promoting ownership and personal meaning of these words, students made several paintings with exhibition and critique.

2007-09 ARTS- IN Scholar, Research and Follow up in New Orleans and Mississippi Gulf Coast, Post Katrina Photographic Journal. Included three trips to the area traveling through to document the change or lack of change in particular neighborhoods and observe the particular needs of the community.

Publications

Exhibition Catalogs

Cooper, Cafritz, P. "[Fired Up! Ready to Go!: Finding Beauty, Demanding Equity: An African American Life in Art.](#)" In *The Collections of Peggy Cooper Cafritz*, Edited by T. Golden, K. James Marshall, S. Leigh, & U. McMillan (New York City, New York: Rizzoli Electa, 2018), 288.

[Southern Accent: Seeking the American South in Contemporary Art.](#) Edited by M. Lash & T. Schoonmaker (Durham, North Carolina: Duke University Press Books, 2016), 276.

Caltagirone, Rita Rovelli. *You Go To My Head: a visual poem on African inheritance.* (Monaco: Muse Cultural Publishing, 2016) 52-53.

Almost Acquaintances. Edited by L. Ronchini, C. Berardi, J. Lee, & C. Shaw (London: Ronchini Gallery, 2014), 48.

[Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art.](#) Edited by Backer, Y., Beckwith, N., Sirmans, F, V. Cassel Oliver (Houston, Texas: Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 2013), 165.

Prospect 3: Notes for Now. Edited by Sirmons, Frank (New York: Prestel, 2014), 110-111.

Reviews

2016

Cotter, Holland, "[Forget the Coasts. Look to the Hinterlands.](#)" *New York Times* (November 6, 2016),

Roselle, Sarah, "[Five Senses From My World](#)". *i-D* (November 18, 2016).

Nunes, Andrew, "[Groove Your Way Through Art and Music in These Four 'Listening Rooms'](#)" *The Creators Project*, August 28, 2016,

Gotthardt, Alexxa, "[New Show in Chelsea Features Four Artists working \(And Performing\) at the Intersection of Art and Music](#)" *Artsy*, August 22, 2016.

Goyette, Rebecca, "[Meka Jean: Schooling Us All with Ivy League Ratchet.](#)" *Arcade Project Zine.*"

Elbaor, Caroline and Boucher, Brian, "[9 Emerging Artists You Need to Know About Right Now.](#)" *Artnet* (July 28, 2016),

Parker, Kayl, "[Seven badass female artists who are changing the art world.](#)" *TimeOut* (June 8, 2016),

2015

Stillman, Nick, "[Prospect.3](#)" *Art Forum* (January 2015).

Karp-Evans, Elizabeth, "Introducing Tameka Norris." *Golly Magazine* (2015), 100-112.

Patel, Alpesh, "[Tameka Norris](#)" *Art Forum* (April 2015).

Terrell, Matthew, "[Home's Wake: Tameka Norris at Gallery 1600](#)" *Burnaway*, July 29, 2015.

Weston, Charisse Pearlina, "[How She Got Good](#)," *Arts and Culture TX*, October 1, 2015.

"24 Artists to Watch and Collect," *Art Voices Magazine* (2015).

2014

Ryzikdec, Melena, "[Art Is a Splash, Grand and Tiny, in Miami Art Basel Miami Stretches Into Little Haiti](#)" *New York Times*, December 5, 2014.

Yablonsky, Linda, "[Bright Prospects.](#)" *Art Forum* (October 2014).

Abbott, Kate, "[Hurricane Force.](#)" *The Guardian* (March 4 2014).

"Review: Personal Influences." *Aesthetica* 57 (April 2014): 21.

Ash, Lucy, [Outlook: First Gay First Lady.](#) *BBC*. Podcast Audio. March 11, 2014.

Cotter, Holland "[Where Blue-Chip Brands Meet Brassy Outliers.](#)" *New York Times*, April 3, 2014.

Pechman, Alexandra, "[Tameka Norris: Too Good For You \(Introducing Meka Jean\).](#)" *Art News*, July 30, 2014.

Vanagan, Dea "[Tameka Norris: Almost Acquaintances.](#)" *Art Review* (May 2014).

Fullerton, Elizabeth, "[How Artists Are Using Music to Seduce, Confound \(and Entertain\) Us,](#)" *ArtNews*, April 23, 2014.

2013

Smith, William S, "[Valerie Cassel Oliver Talks Black Performance Art.](#)" *Art in America Magazine* (2013, September 13),

Cooper, Ashton, "[25 Questions for Possibly Bleeding Performa Artist Tameka Norris.](#)" *Artinfo* (2013, November 5),

"25 Artists to Watch and Collect." *Art Voices Magazine* (Fall, 2013), pg 35.

Quilter, Margaret, "[Tameka Norris's Characters push our buttons in exhibit at the New Orleans CAC.](#)" *The New Orleans Advocate* (August 2013).

Shaw, Cameron, "[On Becoming.](#)" *Art21 Blog*, October 1, 2013.

Cembalest, Robin, "[Ten Tough Women Artists Who Stand Up to the Bad Boys,](#)" *ArtNews*, October, 29, 2013.

Eler, Alicia, "[The Girl Gore Aesthetics of White Lace, Ghosted Bodies, and Animal Menageries at Expo Chicago.](#)" *Hyperallergic*, September 25, 2013.

2012

Frater, Sally, "[Review: Radical Presence: Black Performance in Contemporary Art.](#)" *Artforum* (Fall 2012).

Glentzer, Molly (2012, November 15). "[Performance artists activate "Radical Presence" at CAMH.](#)" *Chron.* (2012, November 15).

"Tameka Norris." *Graphite Magazine* No. 3 (2012): 55-56.

Proch, Renaud, "[Roving Eye: The Gifted and Talented Clifford Owens](#)" *Art in America* (June 2012).

"Editor's Selections." *New American Paintings*, April 2012.

"100 Artists to Watch." *Modern Painters*, December 2011.

Koetter, Susanna and Sokoloff, Emma. "Artist Profile: Tameka Norris." *Dimensions* (Winter 2011), 10-13.

Norris, Tameka and Hamilton. "Finding Meaning in College Bound Words Through Visual Art," in *Arts=Education, Connecting Learning Communities in Los Angeles*, edited by Amy Shimshon-Santo and Lauren Salazar, 98-103. Lulu, 2009.

Interviews

Byrd, Cathy. [Artist Tameka Norris.](#) *Fresh Talk International*. Podcast Audio. March 19, 2015.

Cooper, Ashton, "[25 Questions for Possibly Bleeding Performa Artist Tameka Norris.](#)" *Huffington Post*, November 6, 2013,

Kramer, Tia. [Episode 14: Who's Musing Who? The Project Room.](#) Podcast Audio. June 2, 2015.

Green, Sarah Urist; Green, John; *PBS*. (2015, February - Forthcoming). "Be Someone Else." *The Art Assignment*.

Tatum, Charlie, "[A Conversation with Tameka Norris aka Meka Jean](#)". *Temporary Art Review*, May 26, 2015.