

Hammond Harkins Galleries

DENNISON W. GRIFFITH

October 22, 1952 – January 18, 2016

EDUCATION

The Getty Leadership Institute for Museum Management, Berkeley, CA, 1996

Master of Fine Arts, The Ohio State University, 1994

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1974

Great Lakes Colleges Assn., New York Arts Program, 1973

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

President, Columbus College of Art & Design, 1998 – 2014 (retired), Columbus, OH

Deputy Director Columbus Museum of Art, December 1995 - March 1998, Columbus, OH

Director of External Affairs, 1994 -1995

Assistant Director for Programs and Planning, 1992 - 1994

Assistant to the Director for Administration and External Affairs, 1989 - 1992

Special Assistant to the Director, 1988-1989

Executive Director, Ohio Foundation on the Arts, 1983 – 1988, Columbus, OH

Individual Artists Program Coordinator, Ohio Arts Council, 1979-1983, Columbus, OH

Visual Arts Program Coordinator, 1978-1979

Artist in Residence, Portsmouth City School System, 1976 – 1978, Portsmouth, OH

Gallery Director, Volair Gallery, 1975-1976, Peninsula, OH

Assistant to Director of Education, Akron Art Museum, 1974-1975, Akron, OH

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AWARDS

Art for Life Award and Griffith Artist Choice Award, ARCOhio (Art for Life), at Columbus Museum of Art, September 24, 2016

Educator of the Year, Ross Leadership Institute at Franklin University, 2015

Spirit of Columbus Award, The Columbus Foundation, 2014

Life Fellow, National Association of Schools of Art and Design, 2014

Honorary Doctorate of Arts – Columbus College of Art & Design, 2014

Arts Partner (Leadership Award) – Greater Columbus Arts Council, 2013

Niagara Global Vision Award, Niagara Foundation, 2013

Legend Award, Martin Luther King Arts Complex, 2013

Arts Freedom Award – Southside Settlement House, 2010

GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS

Artist's Project Grant Award, Ohio Arts Council, 1997

Greater Columbus Arts Council Fellowship – painting, 1996

Edith Fergus Gilmore Memorial Fellowship - painting, The Ohio State University, 1993

Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Visual Arts Fellowship - painting, 1991

Ohio Arts Council, Publication Support for collaborative artists' book project with writer George Myers, Jr., *Jump Hope*, 1991

Greater Columbus Arts Council - publication support for *Jump Hope*, 1991

Ohio Arts Council, Individual Artist Fellowship – painting, 1990

Ohio Arts Council, Individual Artist Fellowship – painting, 1988

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Weston Art Gallery, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH, Another World, June 17- August 28, 2016

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Another World and Other Works, Columbus, OH, January 15, 2016 – February 21, 2016

Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus OH, Another World, January 8, - March 31, 2016

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Art Academy of Cincinnati, 2015

Wilmington College, 2012

Hammond Harkins Gallery, Columbus, OH, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013

Ohio Wesleyan University/Ross Art Museum, Delaware, OH, 1980, 1987, 2011

Josephinum, Worthington, OH, 2000

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, 1998

Otterbein University, Westerville, OH, 1996

Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, 1993

Toni Birckhead Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 1989

Indiana University, Indiana, PA, 1989

Zanesville Art Center, Zanesville, OH, 1988

Belmont Gallery, Columbus, OH, 1985

Denison University, Granville, OH, 1984

John Davis Gallery, Akron, OH, 1983

Artreach Gallery, Columbus, OH, 1980

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, Big Works, January through March 3, 2019

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, Small & Wonderful featuring Dennison Griffith,
November 16, 2018 - January 13, 2018

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, 6 Plus 1, March 16 - April 22, 2018

Blue Spiral 1, Asheville, NC, New Year, New Artists, January 4--February 23, 2018

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, Small & Wonderful, November 17, 2017 – January 14, 2018

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, Chasing Masters: Mark Bush & Dennison Griffith, August 25 –
October 1, 2017

Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH,
3 Artists Griffith, Hamilton, Robinson, January 13 -- 2017

Oliver Art Center, Frankfurt, MI, 2014

Riffe Gallery, Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 2013 *Photography's Back to the Future*

Capital University, Schumacher Gallery, *Bexley Art Walk*, 2010

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Studio Art Centers International, Florence, Italy, *CCAD Faculty Exhibition*, 2006

Columbus College of Art & Design Canzani Center Gallery, *Faculty Biennial*, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010

Hammond Harkins Gallery, Columbus, OH, *Dennison W. Griffith & James Mason*, 2000

Ohio Wesleyan University, 1998; DePauw University, 1999 *Romancing the Image: Recent Work by Ric Petry and Dennison W. Griffith*

Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY, *Small Works Invitational*, 1996

Hammond Gallery, Lancaster, OH *Painting & Sculpture by Ohio Artists*, 1995

Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH, *Sleight of Hand*, 1995

Arts Initiatives at the New York School of Law, New York, NY, *Self Portraits I*, 1994

Capital University, Schumacher Gallery, Columbus, OH *Dennison W. Griffith & Elizabeth Ferguson-Jean*, 1994

Art in General, New York, NY, *Good and Plenty*, 1993

Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, OH, *Site/Insight*, 1993

University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, OH, *Denny Griffith and John Kortlander*, 1993

Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, *Made in Ohio*, 1992

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, *Ohio, U.S.A.*, 1991

Columbus Museum of Art, *Columbus Collects: Painting, Sculpture, and Photography*, 1988

Richmond Art Association, Richmond, IN, *John L. Moore & Denny Griffith*, 1987

Tartt Gallery, Washington, D.C., *Gallery Artists*, 1986

Emily Davis Gallery, University of Akron, *Two Painters*, 1985

Zolla Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL, *Summer Show*, 1985

SPACES, Cleveland, OH, 1985

Patrick King Contemporary Art, Indianapolis, IN, *Denny Griffith and Joni Heide*, 1984

Columbus Museum of Art, *74th Annual Art League Show*, 1984

Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH, *Ohio Selections*, 1993

SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 1983

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Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH *Dynamix* 1982

Artpark, Lewiston, NY 1982

Michigan ArtTrain, Detroit, MI. *The American Tradition* (5-state tour) 1981

Dollhouse Invitational Retrospective (traveled nationally) 1980

PUBLIC & CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH

BP, Cleveland, OH

JP Morgan Chase, NY

Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH

Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH

Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH

Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, OH

Huntington Bank, Columbus, OH

PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Columbus, OH

Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH

Pizzuti, Inc., Columbus, OH

Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, OH

Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus, OH

Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA

China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, Peoples' Republic of China

Le Meridien Hotel/The Joseph, Columbus, OH

Hilton Hotel, Columbus, OH

PUBLISHED WORK

Gumbo YaYa: Anthology of Contemporary African-American Women Artists, Midmarch Arts Press, 1995

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The Art of Shirley Aley Campbell, Ohio Artists Now/Cleveland Artists Foundation, 1991

Jump Hope, Collaborative Artists' Book with writer George Myers, Jr.; Cumberland Press, 1991

RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND APPOINTMENTS GRANT MAKING PANELS

Ohio Arts Council, Visual Arts and Crafts Panel, 1990-92; 1995-97

Ohio Arts Council, Design Arts Panel, 1997

Ohio Arts Council, Art in Public Places Panel, 1996, 1997

NOVA, Artists' Projects Panel, Cleveland, OH, 1995

National Endowment for the Arts, Site Visitor - Visual Arts Program, 1983-85; 1989, 1990

Cincinnati Summerfair, Artists' Fellowships Panel, 1983, 1988, 1990

National Endowment for the Arts/Rockefeller Foundation, Initiative for Interdisciplinary Artists Program, 1987, 1988

Illinois Arts Council, Visual Artists Fellowships Panel, 1988

National Endowment for the Arts, Interarts Program Panel, 1987, 1988

National Endowment for the Arts, Visual Artists Organizations Panel, 1984, 1985

JURY/EXHIBITION SELECTION COMMITTEES

Ohio Art League, 2014

Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH, 2005

Images Festival of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL, 1992, 1997, 2004

Greater Columbus Arts Festival, Columbus, OH, 1986, 1998

Winter Park Art Festival, Winter Park, FL, 1998

Greater Gulfcoast Art Festival, Pensacola, FL 1998

Dayton Visual Arts Center/Taos, New Mexico Exchange Exhibition, 1995

Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts, Orlando, FL, 1993

Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, Westmoreland, PA, 1991

Toledo Museum of Art, 71st Annual Exhibition, Toledo, OH, 1989

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Huntington Museum of Art, 280 Exhibition, Huntington, WVA, 1989

Crosby Gardens Arts Festival; Toledo, OH, 1987

Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Festival; Cambridge, OH, 1987

Oglebay Institute, Wheeling, WVA, 1985

Dairy Barn Cultural Center, Athens, OH 1984

Kent State University, Student Exhibition, Kent, OH, 1983

CURATORIAL WORK

Bold Strokes: Outsiders on the Inside, Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH, 1999

The Spirit of Cleveland: Visual Arts Recipients of the Cleveland Arts Prize 1961 - 1995, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH

Tour: The Canton Art Museum, Canton, OH

The Riffe Gallery/Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, Columbus, OH

Artspace/Lima, Lima, OH

The Beck Center for Cultural Arts, Lakewood, OH, 1996

Managing curator and project director for *Landscape as Metaphor: Visions of America in the Late Twentieth Century*, Columbus Museum of Art (Organized by Martin Friedman), 1995

Pages in History: The Art of Aminah Robinson, Columbus Museum of Art, 1990

Artists After Hours, Riffe Gallery, Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, Columbus, 1990

Drawn on the Wall, Tangeman Gallery, University of Cincinnati, 1987

Drawn from the Hand/Drawn from the Heart, Lima Art Association, Lima, OH, 1986

Words/Images, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH, 1984

Gund Gallery at the Ohio Arts Council, 4 exhibitions of artist fellowship recipients' work per year, 1982, 1983

ART IN PUBLIC PLACES SELECTION COMMITTEES

Franklin County Courthouse, Columbus, OH 2010

State of Ohio, Supreme Court Building, Columbus, OH, 2003

Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, OH, 2001

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City of Dublin, OH, Sherex Park, 1993

Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH, 1990

Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH, 1988

On Common Ground, Ohio Arts Council/1984 Governor's Award for the Arts Sculpture Commission,
Cleveland, OH, 1984