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Current Position:

Advance Placement Art
Consultant: College Board

Education

M.F.A Drawing, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
M.A. Art Education/Painting, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL
B.S. Art Education, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR

Selected Residency/Visiting Artist, Symposiums, Panels, Lectures, Jurors

- Visiting Artist North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC 2016
- Visiting Artist, Brigham Young University, Utah Valley, UT 2014
- Artist Talk Weston Gallery, Cincinnati, January 2013
- Lecture University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2012
- Lecture Arts & Science Center , Pine Bluff AR 2012
- Lecture South west Art Center Atlanta, GA 2012
- Artist Talk Hearne Fine Art, Little Rock, AR 2012
- Table Leader AP Studio Art, Princeton, NJ 2004-2013
- Performing Race, The David C Driskell Center, University of Maryland, College Park 2010
- Juror National African American Juried Art Competition, Louisville, KY 2008-11
- Development Committee for the College Board, New York, NY 2008-12
- Visiting Artist, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 2008
- Panelist “ Beyond Sculpture, New York University, New York, NY 2007
- Visiting Artist University of Georgia, Athens, GA 2007
- Keynote Speaker Florida Art Education Association, Orlando, FL 2007
- Business of Fine Art, Pulaski Community College, Little Rock, AR 2007
- National Black Fine Arts Show, New York, NY 2007
- Visiting Artist, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 2007
- Elgin College, Elgin, IL 2006
- Visiting Artist Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL 2006
- Lecturer Morris Museum, Augusta, GA 2003
- Visiting Artist University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN 2002
- Visiting Artist, Brandywine Center for the Art Center, Philadelphia, PA 2001
- Advance Placement Reader, ETS, Princeton, NJ 1996 to Present
- Visiting Artist, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, AR 2000
- Visiting Artist, New World School for the Arts, Miami, FL 1999
- Visiting Artist, Davidson Center for the Arts, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 1999
- Juror, Atlanta Artist Association, Atlanta, GA 1999
- Visiting Artist, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN 1999
- Visiting Artist, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR 1998
- Juror, Employee Exhibition, Stone E. Webster Engineering Company, Atlanta, GA 1998
- Visiting Artist, Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA
- Panelist, State of Louisiana, Division of the Arts, Baton Rouge, LA

Over 35 Public Art Projects

- Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA (In progress)
- Washington Park Natatorium, Atlanta, GA (Installation)
- P.A.R.K, Little Rock, AR
- Georgia International Convention Center, College Park, GA
- Studioplex, Atlanta GA (Installation)
- ESPN Zone (2000 Super Bowl), Atlanta, GA (48" x 38" x 9")
- Charlottesville-Albermarle Airport, Charlottesville, VA (72" x 350" x 14")
- Forest Avenue Public Library, Des Moines, IA (120" x 120" x 3")
- The Coca-Cola Centennial Olympic Mural 1996 Olympic Games, Atlanta, GA (8200 sq.ft)
- Southeast Atlanta Recreation Center (Artist Team), Atlanta, GA (18' x 12' x 8')
- The United Way, Atlanta, GA (64" x 260" x 5")
- The Anchor Center, Atlanta, GA (69" x 140")
- Red Oak Recreation Center, Red Oak, GA (53" x 120")
- City Hall, Atlanta, GA (84" x 283" x 7")
- Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA (115" x 105" x 7")
- Carver Homes Public Library, Atlanta, GA (Installation)
- Bankhead Court Public Library, Atlanta, GA (Installation)
- Boatrock Public Library, Atlanta, GA (110" x 110" x 4")
- My Sister's House, Atlanta, GA (72"x189"x12")

Over 2500 Selected Public, Private and Corporate Collectors

- Tyson's Food Headquarter, Bentonville, AR
- St. Louis University Art Museum, St. Louis, MO
- High Museum of Art, Atlanta, GA
- National Museum of African American History Smithsonian Museum, Washington DC
- William Jefferson Clinton Library, Little Rock, AR
- Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR
- Morgan & Stanley, Chicago, IL
- IP Stanback Museum, Orangeburg, SC
- Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT
- The Ogden Museum of Southern Art, New Orleans, LA
- Morris Museum, Augusta, GA
- Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Art, Philadelphia, PA
- Tampa Museum, Tampa FL
- US Embassy Barbados
- Corcoran Gallery Museum, Washington, DC
- Walton Fine Art Center, Fayetteville, AR
- Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
- Hammonds House Galleries and Museum, Atlanta, GA
- Tubman Museum, Macon, GA
- LaGrange Museum, LaGrange, GA
- Dayton Institute of Art, Dayton, OH
- The Dr. David C. Driskell Center, University of Maryland, MD
- Philander Smith College, Little Rock, AR
- Clark Atlanta University Art Museum, Atlanta, GA
- UPS, Chicago, IL
- The Coca-Cola Co. Atlanta, GA
- Alabama Power Co., Birmingham, AL
- Atlanta Life Insurance Co., Atlanta, GA

- Bank of America, Charlotte, NC
- Bell Laboratories, Hartford, NJ
- City of Charleston, Charleston, SC
- Doubletree Hotel, Tampa, FL
- Eso Won Books, Los Angeles, CA
- Evans-Tibbs Collection, Washington, DC
- Gink Marc, Inc., St. Louis, MO
- The Houston Center, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
- IBM, New York City, NY
- Jump Incorporated, Chicago, IL
- Kaiser Permanente, Atlanta, GA
- King and Spalding Law Firm, Atlanta, GA
- Northern Telecom Inc., Atlanta, GA
- Restaurant Development Group, Cincinnati, OH
- Sutherland, Asbill, Brennan Law Firm, Atlanta, GA
- The Springer School, Cincinnati, OH
- University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR
- Virginia Center for the Arts, Sweetbriar, VA
- West Georgia College, Carrollton, GA
- Shorter College, Little Rock, AR
- Fulton County Arts Council, Atlanta, GA
- The College Board, New York City
- Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, NY
- Nancy Gunn Library, Conyers, GA
- South Fulton Regional Library, Union City, GA
- Bonz Wells, NBA Basketball Player, Memphis Grizzlies
- Michael Jordan, formerly of the Chicago Bulls, Chicago, IL
- Juanita Jordan, Chicago, IL
- Darrell & Lisa Walker, former NBA Basketball Player, Little Rock, AR
- Doug & Jackie Christie, NBA Player for the Orlando Magic's, Seattle, WA
- Brad Seller, former NBA Player Chicago Bulls, Rome, Italy
- Alvin Williams, NBA Player, Toronto Rappers, Toronto, Canada
- Elliot Perry, Former NBA Basketball Player, Phoenix Suns, Memphis, TN
- Rod Strickland, NBA Player Miami Heat, Inglewood, NJ
- Bernard King, former NBA Player New York Nicks, Norcross, GA
- Joe Barry Carroll, former NBA Player, Golden State Warriors, Atlanta, GA
- Dr. David Driskell Professor of Emeritus University Maryland, Hyattsville, MD
- Mel & Juanita Hardy Washington DC
- Harvey Grant, former NBA Player Washington Wizards, Glendale, MD
- Greg & Yolanda Head, HeadFirst Marketing, Stone Mountain, GA
- Monica Kaufman, Anchor Women, WSB TV, Atlanta, GA
- Lewis Tanner Moore, Collector, Philadelphia, PA
- Jeff & Sivan Hines MD, Atlanta, GA
- Larry & Brenda Thompson, Former Deputy Attorney General of the U.S., Atlanta, GA
- Dr. Robert Steele, College Park MD
- Linda Johnson, President, Johnson Publishing Co. Chicago, IL
- Sande Webster, Art Dealer Sander Webster Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- Terry McMillan, Author, San Monica, CA
- Dallas Austin, Record Producer Atlanta, GA
- Dr. Joseph & Lynette Williams, Atlanta, GA

Over 66 awards in art: 27 fellowships and grants, and 51 teaching awards

- 30th Anniversary Chancellor's Award University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2017
- Honorable Mention Georgia Artist Art Competition, Atlanta, GA 2015
- Merit Award the LaGrange National XXVII, LaGrange Museum of Art, LaGrange GA 2014
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Honoree National Alumni Hall of Fame: 2013
- Woodruff Foundation Leadership in the Arts, Atlanta, GA 2013
- First Prize, The Georgia Artist Juried Exhibition, Abernathy Art Center, Atlanta, GA 2011
- The David C. Driskell Fellowship, The Experimental Workshop, Layfayette, PA 2011
- Teacher of the Year, Westlake High School, Atlanta, GA 2010
- Bombay Sapphire and Russell Simmons Juried Art Competition
- WCLK Community Service Award, Atlanta, GA
- NAEA Fellowship Anderson Ranch, CO, 2010
- Artist & Influences , Hatch Billops, New York, NY 2009
- National Secondary Art Educator of the Nominated, 2008
- Scholarship Honor, Business of Art, Pulaski Technical College, Little Rock, AR 2007
- Sandtown Foundation Grant, Atlanta, GA 2007
- The History Makes, Chicago, IL 2007
- Honorary Chairman Youth Art Month, Georgia Art Education Association 2006
- Merit Award, Madison National Juried Exhibition, Madison, GA 2005
- Southeastern Region Secondary Art educator of the Year, National Art Education Association 2004
- Georgia Secondary Art Educator of the Year, Georgia Art Education Association 2003
- Class Act 11 Alive Outstanding Teachers in Georgia 2003
- Who's Who is Making a Different 2003
- Alumni Award, University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, AR 2002
- Who's Who in America, 53rd Edition 2001
- Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation Fellowship, Colorado Spring, CO 2000
- Knight Foundation Fellowship, Philadelphia, PA 2000
- Learn & Serve Grant, State of Georgia, Atlanta, GA 1999
- Fellowship, Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, Sweetbriar, VA 1998
- Super Teacher of the Year, Turner Broadcasting, and Atlanta, GA 1997
- Georgia State Artist of the Year, Atlanta, GA 1996
- Voted Best Mural in Atlanta, GA, Creative Loafing, Atlanta, GA 1996
- Who's Who in Education 1995
- Award of Excellence for Public Art, Atlanta Urban Design Commission, Atlanta, GA 1995
- NEA Community Public Art Project, Washington, DC 1995
- Who' Who Among American High School Teacher 1994
- Individual Artist Grant, Georgia Council for the Arts, Atlanta, GA 1994
- Mellon Foundation Fellowship, New York, NY 1992
- Artist Grant Georgia Council for the Arts, Atlanta, GA 1992
- Paul Roberson, Award for Art Education, Atlanta, GA 1991
- Artist Project Grant, City of Atlanta 1990
- Independent Artist Grant, Fulton County Arts Council, Atlanta, GA
- Teacher of the Year, Woodland Middle School, East Point, GA 1990
- Award of Excellence Public Art, Atlanta, GA
- Teacher of the Year, Camp Creek Middle School, College Park, GA 1986
- Rhoden Smith Scholar, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL 1985

Selected Solo, Group, Juried & Invitational Exhibitions

2017 “Conversation with My Past”, Brenau University, Gainesville GA (solo)
Printmaking from Experimental Workshop, Hudgen Center, Duluth GA (invitational)
Constructing Identity Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African American Art,
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, OR.

2016 Embassy: Istanbul Turkey, (Invitational)
North Carolina Central Art Museum, Durham, NC (solo)
Afri-COBRA Now Hearne Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR (group)

2015 “White Linen” Thelma Harris Gallery, Oakland, CA (3 person)
ArtField, Lake City, SC (Juried)

2014” Living off the Wall, 10th Street Gallery, St. Louis MO, (solo)
Art Basel Miami, Phantom Gallery, Miami, FL (group)
Traditions Re Defined: the collection of Brenda and Larry Thompson, St. Louis University Art Museum,
St. Louis, MO (collection)
LaGrange National Juried Exhibition XXVIII, LaGrange Museum of Art, LaGrange GA

2013 Outside the Boundaries Black & Abstract, Sam Gilliam, Alma Thomas, Romare Bearden, Curator
Valarie Oliver, Kevin Cole Contemporary Art Museum, Houston, TX (invitational)
One Hundred Fifty Years of African American Art From the Collection of the David C Driskell Center,”
Taft Museum of Art, Cincinnati. OH (from collection)
“Kevin Cole Straight From the Soul 25 Year Survey Traveling Exhibition
Curator Dr. Julie McGee, Weston Art Gallery Cincinnati, OH

2012 And the Band Played On, Hearne Fine Arts, Little Rock AR (solo)
Kevin Cole Straight From the Soul, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff
Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
The Southwest Art Center, Atlanta, GA
Mixed Signals” Lafayette College, Allentown PA (solo)

2011 1“Seeking Higher Ground”, Delaware State University, Dover, DE (solo)
Georgia Artist Competition, Abernathy Art Center, Atlanta GA
Juror Michael Rooks, Curator of the High Museum of Art (juried)

2010 ”Protégé Sam Gilliam & Kevin Cole, The Harvey B. Gantt Center, Charlotte NC
LaGrange National XXXV Biannual, LaGrange Museum, LaGrange, GA (juried)
Corridor Gallery, New York, (invitational)

2009 “*African American Currents: Contemporary Art from the Bank of America at 40 Acres* in
Sacramento, CA (Collection)
National Black Fine Art Show, New York (Group)

2008 Golden Fine Arts, Denver, CO (Group)
AfriCORBA: Liberated Images, Community Folk Art Center, Syracuse, NY (group)
National Black Fine Art Show, New York, NY (group)
In Context the Language of Abstraction, Abrons Art Center, New York, NY (invitational)

2007 Beneath the Sound of Color, Hearne Fine Arts, Little Rock AR (solo)

Dialogue with Color, Kevin Cole & Preston Sampson, WhiteSpace Gallery Winston Salem NC, (Two-person)
Beneath the Surface, Embassy of Venezuela Washington DC (group)
Cubano International Gallery, Toulouse, France (group)
AFRICOBRA Forty Years, Hampton Museum, Hampton, VA (group)

2006 Kevin Cole & Alonzo Davis, Old Dillard Museum, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
"Something old Something new" Kevin Cole & Cedric Smith, Gallery Guichard, Chicago (Two person)
Different Way of seeing, the Noyles Museum of Art Oceansville, NJ (group)

2005 Madison National Juried Art Exhibition, Madison GA: (juried)
Prints from the Collection of Robert & Jean Steele,(collection)
Yale University Gallery, New Haven, CT
University of Scranton, Scranton PA
College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD
North Carolina Central, Durham, NC

2004 Images of America, from the Collection of Darrell and Lisa Walker (Collection)
Walton Art Center, Fayetteville AR
Hammonds House Galleries, Atlanta, GA
Tubman Museum of Art, Macon GA
Abstraction Revisited, International Visions Gallery, Washington DC, (group)
"Black Creativity" Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL (juried)
"Successions "Prints from the collection of Jean & Robert Steele Yale University New Haven CT (Group)

2003 Mary Pauline Gallery, Augusta, GA (solo)
Jacob Lawrence and Kevin Cole, Francine Seders Gallery, Seattle, WA two-person)
National Black Fine Art Show, Puck Building, New York, NY (Selected artist)

2002 Thelma Harris Gallery, Oakland, CA (solo)
University of Maryland, College Park, GA (Collectors Collection)
Hampton Museum, Hampton University, Hampton VA (Juried)
Michael Carlos Museum, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (Group)
Sander Hudson Gallery, Atlanta, GA
International Visions Gallery, Washington DC
Cress Gallery, Chattanooga, TN

2001 African American Art Museum, Dallas, TX
"Absence of color", Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA (Invitational)
"Will" Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA (Invitational)

2000 Auction 2000, Aljira Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ
Chicago Black Art Exhibition, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL (Group)
Third Annual National Black Art Exhibition, New York, NY (Group)
Dillard University, New Orleans, LA (Collaboration)
African-American Art Museum, Dallas, TX (Juried)
Art Center of the Ozark, Springdale, AR

Runaway Moon Gallery, West Palm Beach, FL

1999 Sandler Hudson Gallery, Atlanta, GA,
Hammonds House Galleries, Atlanta, GA
Mary Pauline Gallery, Augusta, GA(solo)
Sande Webster Gallery, Philadelphia, PA(group)
Arts & Cultural Center, Hollywood, FL (invitational)
Dell Pryor Gallery, Detroit, MI (Group)
621 Galleries, Tallahassee, FL (Juried)
Porter Troupe Gallery, San Diego, CA (two-person)
Second Street Gallery, Charlottesville, VA (solo)

1998 Kevin Cole, Frank Stella, Sam Gilliam, John Scott, etc.
Brandywine Workshop, Center for the Arts, Philadelphia, PA (Invitational)
The Second Annual National Black Art Exhibition, New York City, NY (group)
Sande Webster Gallery, the Armory Show, New York (Group)
City Gallery East, Atlanta, GA (Invitational)

Selected Bibliography

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- Dr. Ruth Meyer" The Artist Life Profile: Kevin Cole Straight From the Soul" The Artist Magazine; September 2013
- Christopher Hoeting" Straight from the Soul" AEQAI, January 20,2013 Cincinnati, OH
- Kathy Schwatz "Kevin Cole and Ties that Bind" Beat; Volume 19 Issue 06 December 19-25 2012: Cincinnati, OH
- Deborah Horn: From Hanging to Heaven to Neckties to Ladders.; Sealife Magazine Pine Bluff AR October 2012
- Lee Raudanis "Six Educators Quietly Making a Difference, PAGE Magazine; January/ February 2012
- Dr. Ann Gibson, Protégé Sam Gilliam and Kevin Cole at The Gantt Center, Charlotte, NC 2010
- Halima Taha "Collaboration" 20 Years Hearne Fine Arts, Little Rock AR (book) 2008
- Dennis Forbes " Black Artist in the their Studios and Workspaces" Book 2008
- Sean Drakes" Black Enterprise Magazine "Artistic Expressions" September 08
- The History Makers, Chicago, IL January 2007
- Cathy Fox, "Things Old, new" The Atlanta Journal & Constitution August 12, 2005
- Kendra Story Sculptors use their hands and hear to create timeless pieces" Upscale Magazine April 2005
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- Mary Hill: "Intercity Youth, Engaging in Challenging Art Projects," Des Moines Registry - March 14, 1996
- Carolan Schwartz: "Kevin Cole, An Exceptional Vision," Art Experience Atlanta, December 4, 1995
- Merle Ware: "Good Day Atlanta" (CBS TV), Atlanta, GA, December 4, 1995
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- Amanda Morris: "From the Diary of Kevin Cole," Free Form Magazine, Volume 1, Atlanta, GA – April 1995
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- GA – August 5, 1994
- Bill Alexander, "Kevin Cole at North Georgia College, Dahlonega, Georgia," Arts Papers, Atlanta, GA, August 5, 1994

2003 Member of Afri-COBRA

Gallery Affiliations

- Nicole Longeneck Gallery, Houston, TX
- Hearne Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR
- Marta Hewitt Gallery, Cincinnati, OH
- Golden Fine Arts, Denver, CO

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