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Professional Experience

- 2003- Artist/The Black DaVinci
- 2022- AICAD Fellow, Moore College of Art and design, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021-22 Black Artist Teaching Fellow, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
- 2019- Teaching Artist, MindCatcher, K12 Education Non Profit, San Francisco, CA
- 2020- Artist in residence, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
- 2020-21 Trustee Elect, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 Reimagine Committee, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 San Francisco Alumni Association California Chapter Leader
- 2020 SFAI Young Artist Program, Instructor, San Francisco, CA
- 2019-20 Graduate Teaching Assistant, San Francisco Art Institute, three semesters, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Teaching Assistant, Maine College of Art, Graduate, one semester. Portland, ME
- 2018 Teaching Artist, MindCatcher, K12 Education Non Profit, Martin Luther King Middle School, 8th Grade Mural, San Francisco, CA

Recognition & Awards

- 2022 AICAD Fellow, Moore College of Art and design, Philadelphia, PA
- 2021 YBCA Income Grant, YBCA, San Francisco, CA
- 2021 Black Artist Teaching Fellow, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 Sower Award, Black Artist Fund, Sacramento, CA
- 2020 Artist in Residence, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 Headlands Artist Residency Finalist, Sausalito, CA
- 2020 Student Leadership Award, San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 SFAI Best Award MFA Show, out of 60 Graduate Students, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2020 SFAI Diversity Scholarship
- 2020 Rick Cramer Memorial
- 2019-20 Mary H. Keeling Scholarship
- 2019-20 Allan B. Stone Scholarship
- 2018-19 SFAI Diversity Scholarship
- 2017 Clyde & Company Award
- 2017 Honors Studio Award
- 2017 Deans Scholarship
- 2017 La Victoria scholarship winner
- 2017 Clyde & Co scholarship winner
- 2017 SFAI Honors Graduate program award

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022 *The L Word Generation Q*, TV Spot, Season three episode three, Hollywood, CA
2021 *The L Word Generation Q*, TV Spot, Season two episode ten, Hollywood, CA
2021 Black History Month billboard Art Show, Sacramento Kings,
The Golden 1 Center, Sacramento, CA
2019 *Dream Variations*, Schafer gallery Pier 2, Fort Mason campus,
San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
2018 Institute of Contemporary Art, *Window Display*, Portland ME.
2015 The Black DaVinci's solo show, My Studio art space, Sacramento CA
2012 *The Black DaVinci*, Cafe Pomegranate, San Jose, CA

Exhibitions

- 2023 *Is it The Color of my skin?*, Johnathan Carver Moore Gallery, San Francisco, CA
2023 *2023 Faculty Triennial*, Moore College of Art & Design, Philadelphia, PA
2022 *Black Warrior Mentorship Project & Fellowship Exhibition*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
2022 *Root Division 20th Anniversary*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
2022 *Black History Month Art Show*, Columbia Property Trust Building,
San Francisco, California
2021 *Reflections: Black History Month Art Show*, San Francisco State Building, The Great Hall,
San Francisco, California
2022 *A Black History Month Art Show*, Palo Alto Public Library, Palo Alto, California
2021 *Black Artists on Art: The Liberation Exhibit*, Project 25, Sacramento, California
2021 *A Joy Unexpected*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
2021 *Black History Month Art Show*, San Francisco State Building, The Great Hall,
San Francisco, California
2021 *MFA Revisited*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
2021 *Black History Month Show*, West Elm, Sacramento, CA
2020 *The RD Makes*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA
2020 *The Matrix277/Orbits of Known and Unknown Objects: SFAI Histories*,
BAMPFA, Berkeley, CA
2020-21 *The de Young Open*, de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA
2020 *We Are More Than A Moment Virtual Exhibition*, MCLA Gallery 51, Virtual
Show, North Adams, MA
2020 *Tunnels of the mind*, Times Square 5th avenue Show, San Francisco Art
Institute, Times Square, New York, NY
2020 MFA Virtual COVID Graduate Show, San Francisco Art Institute,
San Francisco, CA
2020 *Mardi Gras*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA
2019 *White walls, Black Joy*, Four person show, Diego Rivera Gallery,
San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco, CA
2019 *It is our privilege*, Diego Rivera gallery, San Francisco Art institute,
San Francisco, CA

2019 *12 Artists*, SFAI Fort Mason Hall, Pier 2, Fort Mason, San Francisco
Art institute, San Francisco, CA

2019 *Big Names, Small Art*, Crocker Art Museum Art Auction, Sacramento, CA

2019 *From The Tower: Andy Warhol, Pier 2*, Fort Mason, San Francisco
Art institute, San Francisco, CA

2018 *Woz con*, Live Painting Techniques and Demonstration, San Jose
Convention center, San Jose, CA

2018 *Black History Festival*, Crocker Art Museum Live Painting Techniques and
Demonstration, Sacramento, CA

2017 SFAI BFA Show, Diego Rivera Gallery, Pier 2, Fort Mason, San Francisco
Art institute, San Francisco, CA

2017 *Diego Rivera Honors Art Show*, Diego Rivera Gallery, Pier 2, Fort Mason,
San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco CA

2017 *Clyde & Company Law Firm Award Show*, San Francisco, CA

2017-19 *Crocker Con*, Crocker Art Museum, Sacramento, CA

2017 *Dream Variations*, Curator, SFAI courtyard exhibition, San Francisco
Art institute, San Francisco CA

2017 *Gearfest*, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

2017 Black Comic Book Expo, Live Painting Techniques and Demonstration, The
Metreon Center, San Francisco, CA

2016 Amber Rose Slut Walk, Downtown Los Angeles, Live Painting Techniques,
Demonstration And Exhibiting, Los Angeles, Ca

2016-18 *Tracy-con*, The old Tracy Outlet Mall, Tracy, CA

2016 My Studio Gallery, Live Painting, Featured on Good Day Sacramento,
Sacramento, CA

2015-18 *Sac Anime*, Sacramento Convention Center, Featured on Fox 40,
Sacramento, CA September, 2015-2016

2015-17 *Artist in Residence*, California State Fair Featured Artist, Live Painting
Techniques and Demonstration, Sacramento, CA

2014 *Art Auction*, Ubuntu Green, wine event, Sacramento, CA

2012-18 Sac Con, Sacramento convention center Sacramento CA

1998- *Comics & Collectibles*, Live Painting Techniques and Demonstration
Sacramento, CA

2011 Alternative Press Expo, Live Painting Techniques and Demonstration,
San Francisco, CA

2008 *Wondercon*, Live Painting Techniques and Demonstration, Moscone Center,
San Francisco, CA

2004,06 Broadway Art Festival, Live Painting Techniques, Demonstration and
Exhibition, Sacramento, CA

Selected Bibliography

- 2023 JR Valrey. "How a new fund for Black artists in Sacramento is changing the lives of local creatives," San Francisco, Bayview national Black newspaper., San Francisco , CA, <https://sfbayview.com/2023/01/from-the-bay-to-the-big-screen-christopher-williams-aka-the-black-davinci/>
- 2023 Jordan Cameron "An inside look out of the box with AICAD fellow Chris Williams," Moore College of Art and Design, Philadelphia , PA, <https://moore.edu/news/an-inside-look-out-of-the-box-with-aicad-fellow-chris-williams/>
- 2021 Marcus D. Smith. "How a new fund for Black artists in Sacramento is changing the lives of local creatives," Sacramento Bee, Sacramento, CA, <https://www.sacbee.com/news/equity-lab/representation/article249010650.html#storylink=cpy>
- 2020 The Matrix277/Orbits of Known and Unknown Objects: SFAI Histories, BAMPFA, <https://matrix277.org/About-page-1>
- 2020 deYoung Open, deYoung Museum, pg. A7, August 27, 2020, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco , CA
- 2020 Rachel Levin. "How a colorful Puerto Rican restaurant in the North Bay turned into home for one Black couple," San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco, CA, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/food/article/How-a-colorful-Puerto-Rican-restaurant-in-the-15429317.php>
- 2020 Christopher Adam Williams, Spark and Echo, Online Feature, CA, <https://sparkandecho.org/illumination/the-modern-day-queen-of-sheba-queen-esther>
- 2020 ARTFORUM, <https://www.artforum.com/slant/teach-out-83218>
- 2019 Art Auction, Crocker Art Museum
- 2018 Chanel 13 news Comics and Ron Lim, Sacramento, CA, <https://www.abc10.com/video/news/local/sacramento/marvel-comics-legend-creating-comic-books-for-the-hearing-impaired/103-8122101>
- 2017 Clyde & Company Award catalog.
- 2017 Dream Variations (part one) SFAI. <https://www.sfai.edu/exhibitions-public-events/detail/dream-variations-part-one>
- 2017 Christopher Williams, Paper Darts Online Feature, November 2017. <http://www.paperdarts.org/art-archive/2017/11/18/christopher-williams>
- 2015 Monica Stark, "Met the artist: Pocket resident Christopher Williams Pocket News & Review." <http://www.valcomnews.com/?p=17273>
- 2015 Good Day Sacramento Feature. <http://gooddaysacramento.cbslocal.com/video/category/spoken-word-good-day/3286412-mystudio/>
- 2015 Fox 40 live interview- Sac Anime.
- 2004 Joe O'Bannon, Broadway News, August 2004

Curatorial Exhibitions

- 2021-22 *Black History Month Art Show*, San Francisco State Building, The Great Hall, San Francisco, California
- 2019 *Dream Variations*, Schafer Gallery, Pier 2, Fort Mason campus, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 *12 Artists*, SFAI Fort Mason Hall, Pier 2, Fort Mason, San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 *It is our privilege*, Diego Rivera gallery, San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 *White walls, Black Joy*, Four person show, Diego Rivera Gallery,

San Francisco Art institute, San Francisco, CA

2017 *Dream Variations*, Curator, SFAI courtyard exhibition, San Francisco
Art institute, San Francisco CA

Collections

The L Word Generation Q, Hollywood, CA

Carol Swig, San Francisco, CA

Roselyne Swig, San Francisco, CA

Tyron Lue, Port Henderson, NV

Whitney Fuller, San Francisco, CA

James Marshall, Oakland, CA

Private, Rancho Cordova, CA

Gallery Affiliation

Friesen Lantz Gallery- Sun Valley, ID

Root Division - San Francisco CA

My Studio Gallery- Sacramento CA (closed)

Education

2020 San Francisco Art Institute – MFA Graduate

2017 San Francisco Art Institute – BFA Graduate