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Education

- Wake Forest University, Bachelors with Honors Distinction in Studio Art, Film Studies Minor, May 2013
- Studio Arts Center International (SACI), Florence, Italy, Spring 2012

Boards and Membership

- Princeton University Arts Museum Community Advisory Board
- Cross Communities Inc. Vice Chairman of the Board
- Trenton Art Fund of Princeton Area Community Foundation, Board Member
- Fractured Atlas Represented Member, Fiscal Sponsorship

Professional Experience

2023

- Princeton University Arts Museum, Partner and Arts Mentor
- Princeton University Arts Museum Exchange Program, Partner and Artist
- Potential Project Phase 2, Creative Director

2022

- Creator, Potential Project, Kresge Foundation Grant, Artworks Fine Arts Gallery
- Moderator, Sunflower Letters, Artworks Fine Arts Gallery, Mental Health Community Forum
- Adjunct Professor, The College of New Jersey
- Presenter, 5th Annual Philadelphia Trauma Training Conference: Youth Mental Health, Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

2021 - 2019

- Installation Artist, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ
- Fire Responding Fire Fighter, Trenton Fire & Emergency Services, Trenton, NJ,
- Photographer, Palisades Park Commission, Palisades, NY
- Digital Instructor, Multimedia Lecturer, Smith Family Foundation, Trenton, NJ
- Consultant, House of Sedulo, Baltimore, MD; Johannesburg, South Africa

2018:

- Performer, Brooklyn Museum, Alice Walker Presentation, Brooklyn, New York
- Photographer, McCarter Theatre Toni Award Winning, CROWNS Play, Princeton, NJ
- Lecturer, Artist Talk, Arts Council of Princeton, Paul Robenson Center, Princeton, NJ

- Muralist, New Jersey Community Capital, Trenton, NJ
- Lecturer, Artist, Princeton University Preparatory Program, Princeton, NJ
- Artist, Designer, Consultant, Princeton Theological Seminary in Partnership with Artworks Gallery
- Commencement Keynote Speaker, Foundation Colligate Academy, Trenton, NJ

2017

- Instructor, Cinematographer, Mercer Arc in partnership with The College of New Jersey Engaged clients with developmental disabilities in creating short and dynamic films
- Instructor, Designer & Creative Director, *GirlsDoSolar*, Transnational Video and Poetic Art Initiative and Strategic Partnership with TCNJ, John Jay College, Zanzibar Operational Program
- Council Associate, Zanzibar International Film Festival, Zanzibar, Tanzania
- Presenter & Videographer, United Nations, *International Day of the Girls*
- Creative Consultant & Designer, Andela, Nairobi, Kenya
- *Digital & Multimedia Instructor*, Princeton University Preparatory Program, Princeton, NJ
- Artist, Curator, *Start Gallery*, Winston Salem, North Carolina
- Resident Artist, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Arts In Education Residency Young Audiences, New Jersey & Eastern Pennsylvania

2016 - 2014

- Lead Community Engagement Liaison, Art Consultant, The College of New Jersey, Center of Community

Engaged Learning

- Both Hands Artlet, Inclusive Filmmaking Cycles for Young Adults and Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

Residencies & Fellowships

- MacDowell Fellowship and Residency, New Hampshire, 2023
- Etcheve Rising Star Fellowship, Los Angeles, CA, 2023
- House of Sedulo Residency, Johannesburg, South Africa , 2019
- Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers, Andover, DE, 2017
- New Jersey State Council of The Arts Educational Residency, New Jersey, 2015

Selected Publications:

- *Welcome to the the Garden State*, Analog Trenton, Group Musical and Poetry Recording ,2019
- Chung, H. L., Jusu, B., Christensen, K., Venescar, P., & Tran, D-A. (In press). Investigating motivation and engagement in an urban afterschool arts and leadership program. *Journal of Community Psychology*. 2017

Selected Lectures, Speaking Engagements, and Artist Talks

- Princeton Arts Museum, Summer Institute, Princeton, NJ, 2023
- *Earth Day*, City of Newark, Office of Sustainability and Environmental Health, 2023
- Potential Project and Soul Shots Artist Talk, Artworks, Trenton, NJ, 2022
- Friends Seminary, Interactive Series, New York, NY, 2020
- Princeton Theological Seminary, Community Interaction, Princeton, NJ, 2019
- *Art of Becoming: Girl to Woman* Interactive Poetry Series, Saddle Nash Foundation, Newark, NJ, 2019
- Crowns, Artist Talk, Princeton Arts Council, Princeton, NJ, 2018
- Performing Artist, Ntozake Shange Book Reading, Nuyorican Poetry Cafe, New York, NY 2017
- Lecturer and Performer, Dickinson College, Callarsie, PA 2016
- Working For Social Good, The College of New Jersey, Ewing New Jersey, 2016
- Performing Your Passion, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, 2015
- *The Inner Self*, John Jay College, NY, 2015
- *Interactive Interactivity*, The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ, 2015
- *Cumulative Ideology*, Wake Forest University Library Lecture Series, Winston-Salem, NC, 2013

Awards & Grants

- Kresge Foundation Placemaking Grant, 2020-2023
- *Doc Long Poetry Dedication*, Geraldine Dodge Foundation, 2022
- Geraldine Dodge Foundation Supportive Grant The Potential Project 2021
- I am Trenton Community Grant, 2015-2021
- Community Development Block Grant, 2015-2017
- National Endowment of the Art, Our Town Grant, 2014-2015
- Resolution for Service and Art work in the City of Trenton, 2016
- WHY? Film Festival, Best Research Documentary, 2015
- Bucks County Film Festival, Best Documentary, 2015
- Schoonmaker Prize for Public Service, Wake Forest University 2013
- Samuel Huntington Public Service Award, National Grid, Huntington Foundation 2013
- Riley Award For Entrepreneurial Excellence, Wake Forest University, 2013
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Building the Dream Award, Wake Forest University and Winston Salem State University, 2012
- Russell D. & Elfriede Award for Entrepreneurial Achievement, Center For Innovation, 2013

- Interdisciplinary Performance and the Liberal Arts Center (IPLACe) Grant, 2013
- Elijah D. Foreman Spirit Award, MOB Corporation 2014

Selected Exhibitions

- *Act 1, Gun Melting Opera*, Cultural DC, Torrent, Washington, DC, 2023
- *En Blanc*, Private Exhibition, Artworks Gallery, Trenton, New Jersey, 2023
- *Potential Project, 21 Stories*, Artworks Gallery, Trenton, NJ 2022
- *PTSD: FaithwithoutWorks*, 2021, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2021
- *CROWNS: Local Women in Their Church Hats*, The Arts Council of Princeton, Paul Robeson Center For Fine Arts; McCarter Theatre; and Princeton Public Library , 2018
- *Site Specific: The Art of Community*, The College of New Jersey, 2018
- *In's and Out's*, Group Gallery Exhibition, Artworks Fine Art Gallery, 2017, Trenton, NJ
- *Against All Odds*, Paul Robeson Digital Installation, Ellarslie State Museum, Trenton NJ, July 2016
- *GirlsDoSolar*, United Nations, New York, NY, 2015
- Charlotte & Phillip Hanes Permanent Art Collection, Accession for *Paradoxica Mimesis: Houses of Dignity*, Office of University Art Collection, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, May 2013

- *Paradoxica Mimesis: Houses of Dignity*, BA Honors Solo Exhibition, Wake Forest University Fine Arts Gallery, Wake Forest University, Winston Salem, NC , May 2013
- *Robin Hood's Conviction*, BA Honors Solo Exhibition, Reynolda House, Winston-Salem, NC , Feb 2011
- *Robin Hood's Conviction*, Charlotte & Phillip Hanes Fine Arts Gallery, Winston Salem, NC, Nov 2012
- *Robin Hood's Conviction*, Solo Exhibition, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, Oct 2012
- Saltirr Group Exhibition, Laura Lays, Maidoff Gallery, Studio Arts Center International (SACI), Florence, Italy, Apr 2012

Start Ups

- Founder, Creative Director, Potential Project, 501(c)3 organization, 2020-Present
- Founder, Creative Director, Become Club Global, 2016-Present
- Founder, Executive Director, Both Hands Artlet, Trenton, New Jersey, Jan 2011-Aug 2018

Selected Public Projects, Screenings & Community Performances

- *Art of Becoming: Wood Street* Virtual Reality Mural, Trenton, NJ, 2022
- *Project M.O.V.E:* optical illusion street art, Trenton, NJ, 2020
- *Art of Becoming: East Trenton Mural* installation, Trenton, NJ 2019

- *The Aftermath and After Thought*, Installation and Forum with Princeton University Preparatory Program, Roebing Wire Works, Princeton, NJ and Trenton, NJ, 2018
- Billboard Photograph Campaign, I am Trenton Foundation, 2017
- *Permagraphs*, Outdoor Photo Installation, Trenton, NJ 2017
- Panel for Sustainable and Just Communities TCNJ, 2017
- *Civic Engagement Leadership Conference Panelist*, The College of New Jersey, Ewing New Jersey, 2017
- *Poetry and Rhyme*, Music Performance, Art All Night, 2017
- *Trenton Youth Film Festival*, New Jersey State Museum, 2015
- *Trenton African American Cultural Festival*, Ellarslie Museum, Trenton, NJ, 2015
- Global GirlHood Women Empowerment Workshop, Pemba Island, Tanzania, 2014
- *Voices of a Trentonian Summer*, Trenton, Mill Hill Park Commission, New Jersey, 2014
- *Young Artist Speaks!*, Trenton State Museum, African American Cultural Festival, 2014
- *Inside Voices*, Film and Poetry Premiere, Trenton, NJ 2014
- *Interlude to Windows of Soul* Pop Up Art Show, SAGE Coalition, The College of New Jersey, 2014
- *BIG TENT, Dismantling Racial Conversation*, Winston Salem, North Carolina, 2014

- *Generation Heart, Both Hands Artlet Benefit Concert, Winston-Salem, NC, 2013*
- *Inside Out: Wake Videographer & Muralist, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 2013*

Selected Press, News, & Radio

- jerseyartsfeature.com, *Afternoon Delights: Artworks' "Art All Day, 2023*
- jerseyartsfeatures.com, *Portraits of Victims of Gun Violence, 2022*
- realwomenonline.com, *The Courage and Creativity of Bentrice Jusu, 2022*
- trentondaily.com, *Art Exhibits Honor Victims Lost to Gun Violence, 2022*
- communitynews.org, *Trenton exhibition explores lost and unfolding human potentials, 2022*
- njpbs.org, *Trenton art project to honor victims of violence, 2021*
- why.org, NPR, *Trenton art project hopes to share the potential and the full story of residents lost to violence, 2021*
- communitynews.org, *Trenton Artists to Honor Lives Lost, Encourage Healing, 2021*
- NJ.com, *She's one of 6 female firefighters in her N.J. department. And that's just her day job, 2021*
- Trenton 365, WIMG FM., 2021
- NJ.com, *Big as a house, artist's mural is an expression of community, 2018*

- [NJ.com](#), *Trenton mural is reminder of resilience after Art All Night shooting*, 2018
- [Trentonian.com](#), *Students take closer look at Art All Night shooting*, 2018
- [hypebeast.com](#), *The Brooklyn Circus Spring/Summer Lookbook*, 2015