

Felandus Thames
Born in 1974

EDUCATION

2010 MFA in Painting/Printmaking, Yale University School of Art, New Haven, CT

2008 BA in Painting and Graphic Design, Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

RESIDENCIES

University New Haven - Seton Gallery, New Haven, CT 2016

Artspace, New Haven, CT "Summer Apprenticeship Program," New Haven, CT 2012

Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Jackson, MS 2002-2003

SOLO/TWO MAN EXHIBITIONS

2021

"The Things That Haunt Me Still" Real Art Ways, Main Gallery, Hartford, CT

2016

"Whereabouts Unknown" works by Felandus Thames, University of New Haven,
Seton Gallery, New Haven CT

2014

"stuck between lizabeth Taylor's toes" School of Liberal Arts Gallery
Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

"Spook" Gallery 1 - Jackson State University, Jackson, MS

2013

"built environments, Inaugurations" works by Felandus Thames and Derek Fordjour
Curated by Rich Blint, Columbia University, Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavilion, New
York, NY

2012

"Mixtape," Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY

2011

"Utopia," Tilton Gallery, New York, NY

2008

"Works by Felandus Thames," Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS

2003

"Here & There," Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Jackson, MS

2001

"Missing," Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, Jackson, MS

ART FAIRS/SPECIAL PROJECTS

2020

Prizm Art Fair, Galerie Myrtis, (online)

2018

Prizm Art Fair, Miami, FL

2016

Prizm Art Fair, Miami, FL

2012

Art Miami, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
artMRKT San Francisco, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Art Platform - LA, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
Texas Contemporary, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Houston, TX
Art Basel, Robert & Tilton, Basel, Switzerland

2011

Art Basel Miami, Robert & Tilton, Miami, FL
Art Miami, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Miami, FL
Art Platform - Los Angeles, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
artMRKT San Francisco Art Fair, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
Art Hamptons, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, Bridgehampton, NY

2010

Miami Basel, Robert & Tilton Gallery, Miami, FL

2008

Prospect 1, Lemieux Galleries (alternative space exhibition), New Orleans, LA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 "The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse,"
Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Houston Contemporary Art Museum,
Houston, TX*
"Black Lives Matters," Curated By Victoria Mann, 193 Gallery, Paris, FR (October)*
"Literary Muse," Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hills, CA
(September)
"Somethin To Say," Curated by Keyjo Lee and Felandus Thames, Galerie Myrtis,
Baltimore, MD (September 17, 2021)
"The Dirty South: Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse,"
Curated by Valerie Cassel Oliver, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA
"Unapologetic Conversations of Hair and Nonconformity," Curated by Tia Santana,
The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington DE
"On The Road: Chocolate Cities," Curated by Larry Ossei-Mensah, Tone HQ,
Memphis, TN
- 2020 "Black Abstraction," Heather James Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
"Racism: The Other America Pandemic," Curated by Yulia Tikhonova,
Online exhibition, Easton, CT
"Renaissance Noir," Curated by Myrtis Bedolla, UTA Artist Space, Beverly Hills, CA

"The View from Here," Curated by Sarah Fritchie, Artspace, New Haven, CT

2019

"New Symphony of Time," Curated by Dr. Roger Ward and Elizabeth Abston, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS

"Blackface: A Reclamation of Beauty, Power and Narrative," Curated by Myrtis Bedolla and Jessica Stafford Davis, Baltimore, MD

"Unruly Bodies," Curated by Aden Weisel, Stevenson University, Owings Mills, MD

"Spring Selections" Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2018

"Black Pulp," Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, African American Museum of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

2017

"Black Pulp," Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

"Black Pulp," Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Contemporary Art Museum - University of South Florida Tampa, FL

2016

"Black Pulp," Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, International Print Center, New York, NY

"Arresting Patterns: Race and the Criminal Justice System," Curated by Sarah Fritchey African American Museum of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

"Black Pulp," Curated by William Villalongo and Mark T. Gibson, Yale University - Edgewood Gallery, New Haven, CT

2015

"Conversation II," Curated by Laura Marsh, No Pop Gallery, New Haven, CT

"Well Worn Truths," Curated by Benjamin Hickey and Vitus Shell, Masur Museum of Art, Monroe, LA

"Art By Choice," Curated by Caitlin Podas and Steven Chevalier, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS

"Flood," Curated by Inger Price, The Community Memorial Museum of Sutter County, Yuba City, CA

"POP UP SHOW," Curated by Renee Cox, ARTIZ Group, New York, NY

2014

"Perception, Illusion, Magic," Curated by Juried by Elizabeth Koehn and Julia Mechtler, Westport Art Center, Westport, CT

"Pop Up Show," Curated by David West, Mississippi Museum of Art,

- Jackson, MS
- 2013
- “Art By Choice,” Curated by Dan Piersol and Beth Baton, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- “Visions of Our 44th President,” Essence Festival 2013, New Orleans, LA
- 2012
- “Visions of Our 44th President,” Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit, MI
- “Artists by Artists” Curated by David Lambert and Robin Dietrick, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- “Get It on the Record,” Curated by Yulia Tikhonova, Caldwell College - Visceglia Gallery, Caldwell, NJ
- “Photography Now,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- “All In Line,” Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
- “Face To Face,” Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
- “Voices of Home,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “Winter Salon,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “Voices of Home,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011
- “Art By Choice,” Curated by Dan Piersol & Beth Baton, Mississippi Museum of Art, Jackson, MS
- “Uncommon Commencement,” Heather James Fine Art, Palm Desert, CA
- “T_XT_RT,” Curated by Courtney Johnson, Jenkins Johnson Gallery New York, NY
- “Celebrate Summer,” Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- “The Black Portrait,” Curated by Hank Willis Thomas and Natasha L. Logan, Rush Art Gallery, New York, NY
- “Guy Show,” Curated by Gerald Saladyga, Art Place, Fairfield, CT
- 2010
- “Uncommon Commencement,” Heather James Fine Art, Jackson, WY
- “Else,” Curated by Derrick Adams & Jack Tilton, Tilton Gallery, New York, NY
- “Art Crush,” Aspen Museum of Art, Aspen, CO
- “American Iconography,” Adam Baumgold Gallery, New York, NY
- “Gathering Together,” Kravets | Wehby Gallery, New York, NY
- “Yale M.F.A Thesis Show,” Yale University/Green Hall Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2009
- “Yale Second Year Comprehensive Show,” Yale University, New Haven, CT
- “Summer Group Show,” Lemieux Galleries, New Orleans, LA
- “Yale Peer Show,” Yale University/Green Hall Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 2008
- “100 Hundred Years of Richard Wright,” National Civil Rights Museum, Memphis, TN
- “The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Relationships and Love,” Walker's Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, WI

2007

"Winter Group Show," Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS
"Fall Group Show" Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
"Signs," Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
"Black History Group Exhibition," Southside Gallery, Oxford, MS

2006

"Southern Kaleidoscope," Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
"35th Anniversary Show," Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS
"Kitchen," The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS

2005

"Windows," Annual Theme Show, The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS

2003

"Emerge," Municipal Art Gallery, Jackson, MS
"Mississippi Collegian Competition" (Juried), Meridian Museum of Art
"Highway 61" Annual Theme Show, The Attic Gallery, Vicksburg, MS

2002

"Self Portrait Show," Gallery 119, Jackson, MS

2001

"Mississippi Collegian Competition" (Juried), Mississippi Museum of Art

AWARDS

Yale School of Art - Scholarship 2009-2010

Mississippi Arts Commission - Grant 2007

Mississippi Arts Commission - Individual Artist Fellowship 2005

Greater Jackson Arts Council - Individual Artist Fellowship 2003

Mississippi Collegiate Art Competition - Best in Category 2003

Greater Jackson Arts Council - Travel Grant 2002

ARTIST TALKS/PANEL DISCUSSIONS

2021 UTA Artist Space - "Literary Muse," walk thru with exhibiting artist
moderated by Arthur Lewis and Myrtis Bedolla

Hook Art / Kavi Gupta Gallery - "Know Your Place: An examination of America's Caste
System" online panel discussion with Wesley Clark, Michi Meko, Shelia Prebright,
Shanequa Gay, and Felandus Thames moderated by Alfred Conteh

Real Art Ways - "The Things That Haunt Me Still" panel discussion with Kiese Laymon,
Charlie Braxton, and Felandus Thames moderated by Noel Anderson

2020 UTA Artist Space Online - "Renaissance Noir," panel discussion with exhibiting artist
and moderated by Arthur Lewis

2018 Grace Farms Foundation - New Caanan, CT, "Practicing Joy" - Lecture
"Humor as Resistance"

Monclair University - Monclair, NJ, Visiting Lecture, "Perceptual Drawing"

Monclair University - Monclair, NJ, Visiting Lecture, "Color Theory in Practice"
Mississippi Museum of Art, "Race and Abstraction" panel discussion with
Torkwase Dyson, Shelia Prebright, LeRonn Brooks, and Felandus Thames
2017 Rhode Island School of Design - Providence, RI, Artist Talk
2016 University of New Haven - Seton Gallery
2014 Jackson State University - School of Liberal Arts, Jackson, MS, conversation
2012 Jenkins Johnson Gallery - New York, NY, gallery conversation with Halima Taha
Conversation Among Friends - Museum of Modern Art, NYC - Studio Visit/Talk
Junior Associates - Museum of Modern Art, NYC - Studio Visit/Talk

PUBLIC COMMISSIONS

2003 Portrait, Blair E. Batson Hospital for Children
2003 Public Art, City of Jackson, Mississippi Office of the Mayor
2001 Portrait, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation

NOTABLE COLLECTIONS

Aspen Museum of Art
Studio Museum of Harlem
Duke Ellington School of The Arts
Mississippi Museum of Art
The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History
Smith - Robertson Museum and Cultural Center
Hort Family Collection
AC and Thelma Hudgins Family Collection
Anthony Terrana
Petrucci Family Foundation Collection of African - American Art
Christy and Bill Gautreaux Family Collection
Bernard Lumpkin and Carmine D. Boccuzzi Family Collection
Connie and Jack Tilton Family Collection

TEACHING

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI 2017 - Present
Assistant Professor | Critic
Graduate Printmaking II: Curatorial & Critical Topics and Practices
Graduate Printmaking IV: Critical Topics and Practices

Yale University, New Haven, CT 2010
Teacher's Assistant | Assistant Chair Samuel Messer
Intro to Drawing

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Essence Magazine, online, mention, September 8, 2021

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- Cassel Oliver, Valerie "The Dirty South, Contemporary Art, Material Culture, and the Sonic Impulse," exhibition catalogue, (image on page 259, mention on pages 19, 194, 271) August 2021
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- "Dr. V. Joy Simmons' Los Angeles is 'a place of possibility'" Frieze Magazine, online video & article July, 23, 2021 (image)
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- Sarpong, June, "June Sarpong on the Power of Black Art and Visual Storytelling," Vanity Fair, online article, May 25, 2021 (mention)
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