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EDUCATION

- 1997 Cornell University, Ithaca NY – Bachelor of Architecture (Emphasis Fine Art)
1996 University of California, Berkeley CA – Ford/Mellon Summer Research Fellow

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Run Together and Look Ugly After the First Rain*, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY (forthcoming)
We Say What Black This Is, Spelman College Museum of Fine Art, Atlanta, GA
- 2023 *Redefining Redlining*, At the intersection of E. 53rd St and S. Prairie Ave, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *CANDYLADYBLACK*, Gagosian, New York, NY
- 2021 *What black is this you say?*, Storefront for Art and Architecture, New York, NY
Amanda Williams: Embodied Sensations, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2020 *What black is this you say?*, Rhona Hoffman Gallery, Chicago IL
Amanda Williams: An Imposing Number of Times, Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, MA
- 2017 *Chicago Works: Amanda Williams*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL
Uppity Negress, Arts Club of Chicago, Chicago, IL
A Way, Away (Listen While I Say): PXSTL 2017, Pulitzer Arts Foundation, St. Louis, MO
Off The Wall 2017 - Public Art Installation, Monique Meloche Gallery, Chicago, IL
50x50 City of Chicago Year of Public Art, Department of Cultural Affairs, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Of Requiems and Reliquaries*, Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Dreams In Jay-Z Minor*, with Krista Franklin, Blanc Gallery, Chicago, IL
Re-Fable, with April Banks, Chicago State University President's Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Re-Fable*, with April Banks, Swarm Art Gallery, Oakland, CA
She Git It From Her Mama, Blanc Gallery, Chicago, IL
2009 Chicago Works, 3 Peas Art Lounge, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Somewhere In Between*, Levy Art and Architecture, San Francisco, CA
- 2007 *Summer Solos: Locating Oneself*, ProArts Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 2006 *I Know A Sparrow Should Sing*, Guerilla Cafe and Gallery, Berkeley, CA
Back Home, SteeleLife Gallery, Chicago, IL
Days.Paint.Years, Joyce Gordon Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 2004 *Hennessy Emerging Artist Gala*, Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York, NY
Coloring, Soularch Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2002 *Lyrics on/for Life*, the Aisha Gallery, Oakland, CA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *Works on Paper*, Casey Kaplan, New York, NY

- 2024 *World Without End: The George Washington Carver Project*, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
the future is present, the harbinger is home, Prospect New Orleans Biennial, New Orleans, LA
For What It's Worth: Value Systems in Art Since 1960, Warehouse, Dallas, TX
Social Abstraction, curated by Antwaun Sargent, Gagosian Beverly Hills, Los Angeles, CA
Social Abstraction, curated by Antwaun Sargent, Gagosian Hong Kong
- 2023 *This is a Rehearsal*, Chicago Architectural Biennial, Chicago, IL
- 2022 *Citing Black Geographies*, GRAY, New York, NY
Citing Black Geographies, GRAY, Chicago, IL
Joan Didion: What She Means, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Monochrome Multitudes, Smart Museum, Chicago, IL
Hooking Up: Meet the Collection, Cleve Carney Museum of Art, Glen Ellyn, IL
Duro Olowu Selects, Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York, NY
The Temptation to Exist, curated by Alfredo Jaar, Galerie Lelong & Co., New York, NY
- 2021 *RASIN*, 6018|North, Chicago, IL
SOCIAL WORKS II, Gagosian, London, United Kingdom
Reconstructions: Architecture and Blackness in America, Museum of Modern Art, New York NY
- 2020 *The Long Dream*, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago IL
- 2019 *Dimensions of Citizenship: Architecture and Belonging from the Body to the Cosmos*, Wrightwood 659, Chicago, IL
Solidary & Solitary: The Joyner / Giuffrida Collection, Smart Museum of Art, Chicago, IL
- 2018 *Sanctuary*, 6018North and 3Arts presentation at EXPO CHICAGO, Designer and participating artist
Dimensions of Citizenship, Venice Architecture Biennale, Venice, Italy
- 2017 *Materials Decoded: Amanda Williams & Illinois Institute of Technology Students*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *In the beginning, sometimes I left messages in the street*, curated by Allison Glenn, Site Specific Installation, Chicago, IL
Chicago Paints, School of Art + Design Gallery, Ohio University, Athens, OH
- 2015 *Elmhurst Art Biennial: Chicago Statements*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
Color(ed) Theory, CHICAGO ARCHITECTURE BIENNIAL, Chicago, IL
Vacancy..., Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
House on Mango Street, National Mexican Museum, Chicago, IL
After Today, Gallery 400, University of Illinois Chicago, Chicago, IL
As Each Other's Bond, The Silver Room, Chicago, IL
HOME, Distillery Gallery, Jersey City, NJ
- 2014 *HOME*, Corridor Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
The Making, President's Gallery, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
Off Center, Chicago Art Department, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Albers Choreographed* (collaboration w/Chelsea Culp), Mural at Lawrence St. Redline 'El' stop, Chicago, IL
Front and Center, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Whisper Down the Lane, Gallery 400, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Shacks and Shanties (collaboration w/Faheem Majeed), Vacant Lot on E. 71 St., Chicago, IL
Color(ed) Theory: Englewood in Edgewater v.1, 6018North, Chicago, IL
- 2010 *Not Just Another Pretty Face*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
Interpretations, South Suburban Community College, South Holland, IL
- 2009 *Artropolis*, Art Chicago, G.R.Nnamdi Booth, Chicago, IL
Regime Change, Swarm Gallery, Oakland, CA
Monster Drawing Rally, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA
Double Exposure, DePaul University Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Reflections of Me: Exchange and Response, Oliver Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA
- 2008 *Double Exposure*, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco, CA
3 Blocks, 30 Artists: West Oakland, Pacific Cannery Gallery, Oakland, CA

- 2007 *Shootout: Lonely Crusade*, The McKenna Museum, New Orleans, LA
The Accidentally Real, Sara Tecchia Roma Gallery, New York, NY
Drawn In, August Wilson Center for Art and Culture, Pittsburgh, PA
The Abstractness of Reality, Thelma Harris Gallery, Oakland, CA
Black and Blue, SteeleLife Gallery, Chicago, IL
Forms of Abstraction, G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2006 *Afrofuturism*, Spaces Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Soul Salon 10 Recent Work, ProArts Gallery, Oakland, CA
Black Panthers: Rank and File, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, CA
Black Creativity, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago, IL
- 2005 *Afrofuturism*, The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
California College of the Arts Faculty Exhibition, Oliver Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA
Soul of a Woman, South Shore Cultural Center Fine Art Gallery, Chicago, IL
Trouble Man, African American Museum and Library at Oakland, Oakland, CA
Open Surface, The Hollis Street Project, Emeryville, CA
- 2004 *Affordable Art Fair*, G.R. N'Namdi Gallery, New York, NY
harlemworld: Metropolis as Metaphor, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- 2003 *Free the Spirit*, Nicole Gallery, Chicago, IL
Sacred Spaces: Ethiopia's Living Architecture, Wilmer Jennings Gallery, New York, NY

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2023 Professional Achievement Award, University of Chicago Alumni Association
2022 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award
Hirshhorn Museum Honoree
2021 Architectural Record Women in Architecture Design Leadership Award
2020 3Arts Next Level/Spare Room Awardee
2020 Artist Fellowship Award, Illinois Arts Council Agency
2018 United States Artists Fellow
Leadership Greater Chicago, Fellow
2016-17 Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters & Sculptors Grant
Efroymsen Contemporary Arts Fellow, Efroymsen Family Foundation
2015 Excellence in Teaching Award – IIT, College of Architecture
2014 3Arts Visual Arts Awardee – 3Arts Foundation
2013 Scholarship Recipient, The Joyce Foundation
2004 Emerging Artist, Hennessy/Schiefflin & Somerset
2001 Robert J. Eidlitz Traveling Fellow – Ethiopia
1997 Suzanne Sheng Memorial Prize for Excellence in Art and Craft, Ithaca NY
1997 Alpha Rho Chi Architecture Medal for Leadership

PERMANENT COLLECTIONS

Museum of Modern Art, New York NY
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago IL
Wells Fargo Banks NA, San Francisco CA
Hennessy Cognac, Cognac France
Cornell University, African Studies and Research Center, Ithaca NY
Carnegie Museum of Art
National Museum of African American History and Culture

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Griffin, Jonathan, "'Social Abstraction' Asks Us if Art Can Do Both", *Frieze*, August 8
Carter, Jordan, "The Building Blocks: Amanda Williams & Alteronce Gumbry", *Gagosian Quarterly*, Fall
- 2023 Small, Zachary. "City Approves Design for Shirley Chisholm Monument in Prospect Park" *The New York Times*, July 17
- 2022 Adams, Shawn. "Artist Amanda Williams on race, social space and the power of colour" *Wallpaper Magazine*, October 7
Sanders, Jasmine. "Amanda Williams: CANDYLADYBLACK" *Gagosian Quarterly*, Fall 2022
- 2021 Soller, Kurt and Michael Snyder. "The 25 Most Significant Works of Postwar Architecture". *T Magazine*, August 2
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Hernandez, Arlette. "How Do We Design Free Spaces?" *The Museum of Modern Art*, April 15
Kimmelman, Michael. "How Can Blackness Construct America?" *The New York Times*, March 11
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Sammuels Gibbs, Adrienne. "What Black is This?" *Momentum*, December 10
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Lopez, Ruth. "Chicago non-profit 3Arts awards \$150,000 to three women artists." *The Art Newspaper*, October 19.
Wortham, Jenna and Drew, Kimberly. "Seeing Black Futures." *The New York Times*, October 7
Cardoza, Kerry. "See Amanda Williams' Momentous Solo Art Exhibit." *Chicago Magazine*, September 22.
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ValenOne, Victoria L. "80 Artists are Vying for Next High Line Plinth Commissions, Nearly 20 are Black. Here's What Their Proposed Sculptures Look Like." *Culture Type*, August 15.
Rockett, Darcel. "Amanda Williams' latest multi-platform project 'What Black Is This, You Say?' examines Blackness in its multitude of variations." *Chicago Tribune*, August 13.
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"The Art of Collecting: True Colors." *Wealth Magazine*.
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