

DENNISON W. GRIFFITH

October 22, 1952 – January 18, 2016

Education

The Getty Leadership Institute for Museum Management, Berkeley, CA, 1996
Master of Fine Arts, The Ohio State University, 1994
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1974
Great Lakes Colleges Assn., New York Arts Program, 1973

Employment History

President, Columbus College of Art & Design, 1998 – 2014 (retired), Columbus, OH
Deputy Director Columbus Museum of Art, December 1995 - March 1998, Columbus, OH
Director of External Affairs, 1994 -1995
Assistant Director for Programs and Planning, 1992 - 1994
Assistant to the Director for Administration and External Affairs, 1989 - 1992 Special
Assistant to the Director, 1988-1989
Executive Director, Ohio Foundation on the Arts, 1983 – 1988, Columbus, OH
Individual Artists Program Coordinator, Ohio Arts Council, 1979-1983, Columbus, OH
Visual Arts Program Coordinator, 1978-1979
Artist in Residence, Portsmouth City School System, 1976 – 1978, Portsmouth, OH
Gallery Director, Volair Gallery, 1975-1976, Peninsula, OH
Assistant to Director of Education, Akron Art Museum, 1974-1975, Akron, OH

Awards

Art for Life Award and Griffith Artist Choice Award, ARCOhio (Art for Life), at Columbus Museum of Art, September 24, 2016,
Educator of the Year, Ross Leadership Institute at Franklin University, 2015
Spirit of Columbus Award, The Columbus Foundation, 2014
Life Fellow, National Association of Schools of Art and Design, 2014
Honorary Doctorate of Arts – Columbus College of Art & Design, 2014
Arts Partner (Leadership Award) – Greater Columbus Arts Council, 2013
Niagara Global Vision Award, Niagara Foundation, 2013
Legend Award, Martin Luther King Arts Complex, 2013
Arts Freedom Award – Southside Settlement House, 2010

Grants/ Fellowships

Artist's Project Grant Award, Ohio Arts Council, 1997
Greater Columbus Arts Council Fellowship – painting, 1996
Edith Fergus Gilmore Memorial Fellowship - painting, The Ohio State University, 1993
Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Visual Arts Fellowship - painting, 1991
Ohio Arts Council, Publication Support for collaborative artists' book project with writer George Myers. Jr., *Jump Hope*, 1991
Greater Columbus Arts Council - publication support for *Jump Hope*, 1991
Ohio Arts Council, Individual Artist Fellowship – painting, 1990 Ohio
Arts Council, Individual Artist Fellowship – painting, 1988

Solo Exhibitions

Weston Art Gallery, Aronoff Center for the Arts, Cincinnati, OH, *Another World*, June 17-August 28, 2016
Hammond Harkins Galleries, *Another World and Other Works*, Columbus, OH, January 15, 2016 – February 21, 2016
Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus OH, *Another World*, January 8, -March 31, 2016 Art Academy of
Cincinnati, 2015

Wilmington College, 2012
Hammond Harkins Gallery, Columbus, OH, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013
Ohio Wesleyan University/Ross Art Museum, Delaware, OH, 1980, 1987, 2011
Josephinum, Worthington, OH, 2000
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, 1998
Otterbein University, Westerville, OH, 1996
Wittenberg University, Springfield, OH, 1993
Toni Birckhead Gallery, Cincinnati, OH, 1989
Indiana University, Indiana, PA, 1989
Zanesville Art Center, Zanesville, OH, 1988
Belmont Gallery, Columbus, OH, 1985
Denison University, Granville, OH, 1984
John Davis Gallery, Akron, OH, 1983
Artreach Gallery, Columbus, OH, 1980

Group Exhibitions

Sarah Gormley Gallery, Columbus, OH, *Gratitude*, December 6, 2023
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Small & Wonderful*, November 18, 2022-January 13, 2023
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Gallery Artists 2021*, Socially distanced exhibition online catalog
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Selected Works 2022*, January 21-March 2022
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Small & Wonderful 2021*, November 26, 2021-January 16, 2022
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Dennison Griffith & George Acock Studio Exhibition*, May 20, 2020
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *I am an Artist*, January 24-March 15, 2020
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH *Small & Wonderful*, December 7, 2019-January 19, 2020
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Big Works*, January through March 3, 2019
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, *Small & Wonderful featuring Dennison Griffith*, November 16, 2018-January 13, 2018
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, *6 Plus 1*, March 16-April 22, 2018
Blue Spiral 1, Asheville, NC, *New Year, New Artists, January 4-February 23, 2018*
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus OH, *Small & Wonderful*, November 17, 2017 – January 14, 2018
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *Chasing Masters: Mark Bush & Dennison Griffith, August 25 – October 1, 2017*
Columbus College of Art & Design, Columbus, OH, *Another World*, January 6-March 31, 2016
Hammond Harkins Galleries, Columbus, OH, *3 Artists Griffith, Hamilton, Robinson*, January 13 - 2017 Oliver Art Center, Frankfurt, MI, 2014
Riffe Gallery, Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 2013 *Photography's Back to the Future*
Capital University, Schumacher Gallery, *Bexley Art Walk*, 2010
Studio Art Centers International, Florence, Italy, *CCAD Faculty Exhibition*, 2006
Columbus College of Art & Design Canzani Center Gallery, *Faculty Biennial*, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010
Hammond Harkins Gallery, Columbus, OH, *Dennison W. Griffith & James Mason*, 2000
Ohio Wesleyan University, 1998; DePauw University, 1999 *Romancing the Image: Recent Work by Ric Petry and Dennison W. Griffith*
Blue Mountain Gallery, New York, NY, *Small Works Invitational*, 1996
Hammond Gallery, Lancaster, OH *Painting & Sculpture by Ohio Artists*, 1995
Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH, *Sleight of Hand*, 1995
Arts Initiatives at the New York School of Law, New York, NY, *Self Portraits I*, 1994
Capital University, Schumacher Gallery, Columbus, OH *Dennison W. Griffith & Elizabeth Fergus-Jean*, 1994
Art in General, New York, NY, *Good and Plenty*, 1993
Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, OH, *Site/Insight*, 1993
University of Rio Grande, Rio Grande, OH, *Denny Griffith and John Kortlander*, 1993
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, *Made in Ohio*, 1992

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH, *Ohio, U.S.A.*, 1991
Columbus Museum of Art, *Columbus Collects: Painting, Sculpture, and Photography*, 1988
Richmond Art Association, Richmond, IN, *John L. Moore & Denny Griffith*, 1987
Tartt Gallery, Washington, D.C., *Gallery Artists*, 1986
Emily Davis Gallery, University of Akron, *Two Painters*, 1985
Zolla Lieberman Gallery, Chicago, IL, *Summer Show*, 1985
SPACES, Cleveland, OH, 1985
Patrick King Contemporary Art, Indianapolis, IN, *Denny Griffith and Joni Heide*, 1984
Columbus Museum of Art, *74th Annual Art League Show*, 1984
Dayton Art Institute, Dayton, OH, *Ohio Selections*, 1993
SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 1983
Contemporary Arts Center, Cincinnati, OH, *Dynamix* 1982
Artpark, Lewiston, NY 1982
Michigan ArtTrain, Detroit, MI, *The American Tradition* (5-state tour) 1981
Dollhouse Invitational Retrospective (traveled nationally) 1980

Public & Corporate Collections

Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
BP, Cleveland, OH
JP Morgan Chase, NY
Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH
Columbus Museum of Art, Columbus, OH
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH
Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH
Federal Reserve Bank, Cleveland, OH
Hilton Hotel, Columbus, OH
Huntington Bank, Columbus, OH
PriceWaterhouseCoopers, Columbus, OH
Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
Pizzuti, Inc., Columbus, OH
Southern Ohio Museum and Cultural Center, Portsmouth, OH
Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus, OH
Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA
China Academy of Art, Hangzhou, Peoples' Republic of China
Le Meridien Hotel/The Joseph, Columbus, OH

Published Work

Gumbo YaYa: Anthology of Contemporary African-American Women Artists, Midmarch Arts Press, 1995
The Art of Shirley Aley Campbell, Ohio Artists Now/Cleveland Artists Foundation, 1991
Jump Hope, Collaborative Artists' Book with writer George Myers, Jr.; Cumberland Press, 1991

Related Professional Activities and Appointments

Grant Making Panels

Ohio Arts Council, Visual Arts and Crafts Panel, 1990-92; 1995-97
Ohio Arts Council, Design Arts Panel, 1997
Ohio Arts Council, Art in Public Places Panel, 1996, 1997
NOVA, Artists' Projects Panel, Cleveland, OH, 1995
National Endowment for the Arts, Site Visitor - Visual Arts Program, 1983-85; 1989, 1990
Cincinnati Summerfair, Artists' Fellowships Panel, 1983, 1988, 1990

National Endowment for the Arts/Rockefeller Foundation, Initiative for Interdisciplinary Artists Program, 1987, 1988 Illinois Arts Council, Visual Artists Fellowships Panel, 1988
National Endowment for the Arts, Interarts Program Panel, 1987, 1988
National Endowment for the Arts, Visual Artists Organizations Panel, 1984, 1985

Jury/Exhibition Selection Committees

Ohio Art League, 2014
Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH, 2005
Images Festival of the Arts, New Smyrna Beach, FL, 1992, 1997, 2004
Greater Columbus Arts Festival, Columbus, OH, 1986, 1998
Winter Park Art Festival, Winter Park, FL, 1998
Greater Gulfcoast Art Festival, Pensacola, FL 1998
Dayton Visual Arts Center/Taos, New Mexico Exchange Exhibition, 1995 Lake Mary Heathrow Festival of the Arts, Orlando, FL, 1993
Westmoreland Arts and Heritage Festival, Westmoreland, PA, 1991
Toledo Museum of Art, 71st Annual Exhibition, Toledo, OH, 1989
Huntington Museum of Art, 280 Exhibition, Huntington, WVA, 1989
Crosby Gardens Arts Festival; Toledo, OH, 1987
Salt Fork Arts and Crafts Festival; Cambridge, OH, 1987
Oglebay Institute, Wheeling, WVA, 1985
Dairy Barn Cultural Center, Athens, OH 1984
Kent State University, Student Exhibition, Kent, OH, 1983

Curatorial Work

Bold Strokes: Outsiders on the Inside, Southern Ohio Museum, Portsmouth, OH, 1999
The Spirit of Cleveland: Visual Arts Recipients of the Cleveland Arts Prize 1961 - 1995, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland, OH;
Tour: The Canton Art Museum, Canton, OH; The Riffe Gallery/Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, Columbus, OH;
Artspace/Lima, Lima, OH; The Beck Center for Cultural Arts, Lakewood, OH, 1996
Managing curator and project director for *Landscape as Metaphor: Visions of America in the Late Twentieth Century*, Columbus Museum of Art (Organized by Martin Friedman), 1995
Pages in History: The Art of Aminah Robinson, Columbus Museum of Art, 1990
Artists After Hours, Riffe Gallery, Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, Columbus, 1990
Drawn on the Wall, Tangeman Gallery, University of Cincinnati, 1987
Drawn from the Hand/Drawn from the Heart, Lima Art Association, Lima, OH, 1986
Words/Images, Firelands Association for the Visual Arts, Oberlin, OH, 1984
Gund Gallery at the Ohio Arts Council, 4 exhibitions of artist fellowship recipients' work per year, 1982, 1983

Art In Public Places Selection Committees

Franklin County Courthouse, Columbus, OH 2010
State of Ohio, Supreme Court Building, Columbus, OH, 2003
Rickenbacker Airport, Columbus, OH, 2001
City of Dublin, OH, Sherex Park, 1993
Columbus Metropolitan Library, Columbus, OH, 1990
Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, OH, 1988
On Common Ground, Ohio Arts Council/1984 Governor's Award for the Arts Sculpture Commission, Cleveland, OH, 1984