

# JOVAN C. SPELLER

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## EDUCATION

- 2005 BFA, Fine Art Photography, Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, IL  
2001-03 Fine Arts Program, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore MD

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & RESIDENCIES

- 2019/20 Second Shift Artist Residency, St. Paul, MN  
2019 A Very Small Art Fund, Silver String Award, Minnesota  
2018/19 McKnight Visual Artist Fellow, Minneapolis, MN  
2018 MRAC NEXT Step Fund Grant, Minneapolis, MN  
2018 MNArtist Presents [Your Name Here], Minneapolis, MN  
2016/2017 Jerome Foundation Fellowship for Emerging Artist, Minneapolis, MN  
2015 Minnesota State Arts Board, Cultural Community Partnership Grant, Rochester, MN

## SELECT EXHIBITIONS/PRESENTATION

- Forthcoming *A Picture Gallery of the Soul*, Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (confirmed 2021)  
Forthcoming *High Visibility*, Plains Art Museum, Fargo, ND (confirmed 2020)  
Forthcoming Group Exhibition, Aspect/Ratio Projects, Chicago, IL (confirmed 2020)  
2020 Group Exhibition at Bockley Gallery, Minneapolis, MN (confirmed 2020)  
2020 *At This Point... Three Spaces for Contemplation*, NewStudio Gallery, St. Paul, MN  
2019 *Relics of Home*, Gallery St. Germain, St. Cloud, MN - solo  
2019 *Ground Zero*, New Orleans African American Museum, New Orleans, LA  
2019 *First Shift*, Third Shift Gallery, St. Paul, MN  
2019 *Continuum*, MCAD Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art, MN  
2019 *33 Views, Plus Two*, Jon Oulman Gallery, by Second Shift Space, St. Paul, MN  
2018 *4th Annual Group Artist Exhibition*, Lanesboro Arts, Lanesboro, MN  
2017 *Black Quiet*, MCAD Gallery, Minneapolis College of Art, MN  
2016 *Memory Series*, MSAB CCP grant presentation, Rochester Art Center, Rochester MN

## CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2018 *Choosing Home: A Right, Privilege or Act of Trespass*, Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, MN  
2016 *The Feminist*, Charles Philippe Jean Pierre, Public Functionary, Minneapolis, MN  
2016 *3x5*: Soap Factory's Emerging Artist Residency, Kawika Asuncion and Jose Dominguez  
2016 *Address/Reject*, Adam Davis McGee and Nancy Musinguzi, Winona State University, MN  
2015 *Existential Crisis*, Akosua Adoma Owusu, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN  
2015 *Illuminame (Enlighten Me)*, Jose Dominguez, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN  
2015 *Regarding the Monument*, Matthew Winkler, Rochester Art Center, Rochester, MN  
2015 *Locally Grown: Max Menning*, People's Food Coop, Rochester, MN

- 2013 *First Impressions*, Art Enables, Washington, DC  
 2007 *Reasons to Riot*, Memphis College of Art, Memphis, TN - Group Show -  
 Hank Willis Thomas, Derrick Adams, Leslie Hewitt, Zoe Charlton, Matthew Thomas, Jamel  
 Shabazz, Jonathan Sears

## PANELS & LECTURES

- Oct. 8, 2020 Work with Perspective, American Society of Media Photographers, Zoom  
 Feb. 7, 2020 McKnight Artists Discussion Series, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN  
 Nov. 10, 2017 Jerome Emerging Artists Fellowship Panel, MCAD, Minneapolis, MN  
 Dec. 9, 2016 INTO: MLPS Launch Panel, The Loft Literary Center, Minneapolis, MN  
 Dec. 4, 2016 Curated Dinner, Host, <https://vimeo.com/203727319>, Minneapolis, MN  
 Nov. 19, 2016 Disrobing Masculinity: Artist Talk, Public Functionary, Minneapolis, MN  
 Nov. 15, 2016 More Questions Than Answers, MCAD (Lecture & Crit), Minneapolis, MN  
 Oct. 6, 2015 Patanjali & Artistic Intention, MCAD (Lecture & Crit), Minneapolis, MN  
 June 2015 Today's Leading Women, Guest Speaker, PODCAST

## PRESS/REVIEWS

- Emma Checkeron, "Space for Contemplation", Pioneer Press, October 17, 2020  
 Russ White, "Creation Myths", [mplsart.com](http://mplsart.com), January, 27, 2020  
 MN Original, Season 9 Episode 4, <https://tinyurl.com/jovanmno>, air date November 4, 2018  
 Nicole Asong Nfonoyim Hara, "Conjuring Homelands", MNArtists.com (online), May 23, 2018  
 Alicia Eler, "At Walker Art Center, MN Artist Challenges Idea of 'Home'", Star Tribune, May 8, 2018  
 Alicia Eler, "A Photographer's 'Quiet' Breakout", *Star Tribune*, September 15, 2017  
 Nicole Asong Nfonoyim-Hara, "The Art of Forgetting", *507 Magazine*, June 9, 2016  
 Erica Rivera, "How (and if?) men can be feminist allies", City Pages (online), November 15, 2016  
 Gregory J. Scott, "Contemporary feminism...", Star Tribune (online), November 16, 2016  
 Tom Weber, "Surprising Juneteenth Helps Build Community", *Post Bulletin*, June 20, 2015  
 Derek Sullivan, "An Individual in the Digital Age", *Post Bulletin*, July 17, 2014

## ART PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Jerome Fellowship Exhibition Catalog, MCAD/Jerome Foundation, 5 photo publications  
 2016 "...and I shall call You Home", 2016, INTO: Minneapolis, Photo publication

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2015 *Akosua Adoma Owusu: An Existential Crisis*, Exhibition Publication, Writer  
 2007 *The Langston Hughes House*, Studio Magazine, contributing writer