

Andrea Renee Downs

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

M.A. Art Education, 2007

Master's Thesis: Building Bridges Through Art: Exploring the impact of cross-disciplinary art integration on student understanding.

B.A. Art Education, 2002

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

2025 — "*What Do We Protect: Bringing to Light Our Common Threads*," Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, OH

Includes curated participatory work from The Laundry Line Community Art Project.

The Laundry Line Exhibitions:

2020 — Perimeter Gallery, Rock Hill, SC (Virtual + In-gallery)

2020 — The Mint Museum Uptown, Charlotte, NC

2019 — UNC Charlotte, Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2018 — C3 Lab, Charlotte, NC

CERTIFICATIONS

Maryland Educator Certificate (Art PreK-12) | Valid through Dec 2026

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. Paul's School for Boys, Brooklandville, MD

Middle School Visual Arts Teacher, Dept. Chair, Director of Galleries and Exhibitions (2021–Present)

Providence Day School, Charlotte, NC

MS/US Visual Arts Faculty (2009–2021)

Walter B. Howard Elementary School, New Lebanon, NY

K-6 Art Teacher (2008–2009)

Horseheads Central School District, Horseheads, NY

K-5 Art Teacher (2004–2006)

AWARDS & GRANTS

- Freeman Award for Excellence in Teaching (2025)
- Baltimore Free Fall Grant, BOPA (2023)
- HUG Grant, Creative Mornings Charlotte (2020, 2018)
- Social Impact Grant, Red Ventures (2019)
- Cultural Vision Grant, ASC Charlotte (2019)
- Teacher of the Year, Providence Day School (2018)
- Micro-grant, Charlotte Center City Partners (2018)
- Blackwell Award for Teaching Excellence, Humanities (2012)

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2025 — Priscilla R. Tyson Cultural Arts Center, Columbus, OH

2025 — Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD

2024-25 — The Peale, Baltimore, MD

2024 — Chesapeake Arts Center, Brooklyn Park, MD

2023 — Maryland Art Place, Baltimore, MD

2022 — Ward Center Gallery, Brooklandville, MD

2022 — Creative Alliance, Baltimore, MD

2022 — ArtPop @ Charlotte SHOUT!, Charlotte, NC

2019 — Hart Witzen Gallery, Charlotte, NC

2018 — C3 Lab/OBRA Collective, Charlotte, NC

PARTICIPATORY ART INSTALLATIONS

2025 — *What Do We Protect*, Columbus, OH

Artist + Curator. Community responses to thematic prompts added to The Laundry Line as evolving artwork.

2023 — BOOM Charlotte, NC

2022 — Iron Crow Theatre, Baltimore, MD

2019 — UNC Charlotte / Black Mama Endangered, NC

2019 — Time Out Youth / Charlotte Pride, NC

SELECT LAUNDRY LINE GROUP & POP-UP INSTALLATIONS

2018–2022 — Exhibitions in Maryland, North Carolina, Ohio, Michigan, online and in partnership with community organizations and events including:

- *Mankind*, Iron Crow Theatre, MD (2022)
- *The Sleepover*, Online, MD (2021)
- *Coming Up For Air*, Open Door Studios, NC (2021)
- BOOM Festival, NC (2018, 2019, 2020)
- Yard Art Day, NC (2019)
- Bechtler Museum, Charlotte Pride, NC (2019)
- Harvey B. Gantt Center, NC (2019)
- Johnson C. Smith Univ., Empowering Women, NC (2019)
- UNCC, Tales From Down There, NC (2019)
- Community Festival (ComFest), OH (2018, 2019)
- Neighborhood Community Event, MI (2018)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Mentor Teacher, MICA MAT Practicum II & III (2023–2025)
- HUG Micro-Grant Selection Committee, Charlotte is Creative (2021–2024)
- Guest Speaker, HWS Colleges — Critical Space Theory & Practice (2022)
- Juror, SouthEnd ARTS Social Justice Series (2020)
- Panelist, Levine Museum of the New South (2019)

PUBLICATIONS & FEATURES

- *Y'all Means All Zine*, Planned Parenthood South Atlantic (2025) - [View zine](#)
- *Cardinal & Pine*, March 4, 2025
[Artist supports local abortion providers with painting donation](#)
- *ACLU of North Carolina*, February 3, 2025
[Art Inspired By North Carolina's Abortion Story](#)
- *Carolina Arts*, Sept 2020, Vol. 24 No. 9, page 14
[Read article](#)
- *Charlotte is Creative*, August 2020
[Correct the voice in your head that says your story is not important...](#)
- *The Charlotte Observer*, March 24, 2020
[Why is this Charlotte Artist 'Airing Out the Dirty Laundry?'](#)
- *People of Charlotte*, January 8, 2019
[Andrea Downs is a catalyst for helping women air out their 'dirty' laundry](#)
- *Columbus Free Press*, Volume 6, June 2018, Page 16