

James C. Miller Jr./Turbado Marabou

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EXPERIENCE

2016-2021

ART EDUCATOR K-5

Idylwild Elementary, Gainesville, FL.

Teaching creative Visual Art grades K-5. Instructing students in various mediums, Art history, and concepts that support core subject areas

2004-2010

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART INSTRUCTOR

Stephan F. Austin Middle School Bryan, TX

Teaching creative visual art grades 6-8. Instructing students in various mediums, Art history, art criticism, and problem-solving lessons. Developed a district-wide curriculum for 8th grade Art courses—management of the Art Department Budget and Equipment Acquisition.

2002 –2004

ELEMENTARY ART INSTRUCTOR

Prairie View Elementary School / Waldo Community, Gainesville, FL.

Creative Visual Art instructor for grades K-5. Instructed students in various mediums, including art history, art criticism, problem-solving lessons, and a fifth-grade mural project.

1996-1999

ART INSTRUCTOR

Eastside High School, Gainesville, FL.

I taught creative and character-building principles through visual art programs for mainstream ESE and LD. Grades 9-12.

1990-Present

PROFESSIONAL VISUAL ARTIST

The subject matter is centered on conceptual works and commissioned community murals.

- 1992-Present **PROFESSIONAL PERFORMING ARTIST /STORYTELLER**
Performing African and African American folktales centering on character-building stories with demonstrations of African instruments and their historical connections.
- 2012-Present **DEEPROOTS ARTS & CULTURE CREATIVE SERVICES LLC**
Focuses on visual and performing arts as a tool to introduce a creative lifestyle, creative integration, and aesthetic development. Offer workshops on creativity enhancement and art concepts, i.e., painting, drawing, and printmaking (in-person and virtual).
- 2011-2013 **FOUNDING ARTIST IN RESIDENT**
Doris Bardon Community Cultural Center, Gainesville, FL.
2-D Art Coordinator, Artist instructor, and resident Printmaker
- 1999-2001 **DIVERSITY SPECIALIST**
Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, FL.
Worked with various ethnic and minority youth groups, offering academic support and counseling through the Office of Ethnic Diversity.
- 1992-1995 **ART IN RESIDENT/INSTRUCTOR**
Urban Gateways, Chicago, IL.
Developed a Culturally based Arts-for-learning program within a yearly allocated budget centered on primary school children.

EXHIBITIONS

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| 2018 | Turbado Marabou: Solo Exhibition Hippodrome Gallery
Gainesville FL. |
| 2015 | One Path Many Crossroads, three buildings Santa Fe College Blount Center
Gainesville FL. |
| 2015 | New Members Show, Artisans Way Gallery
Melrose, FL. |
| 2015 | Got My Mojo. Artisans Way Gallery
Melrose, FL. |
| 2014 | Southern Soul: Unchained and Expressed
Oak Hall, Gainesville, FL. |
| 2013 | Southern Soul Restaurant,
High Springs, FL. |
| 2013 | Gainesville Chamber of Commerce debut exhibition
Gainesville, FL. |
| 2012 | In a Southern Garden, Thomas Center
Gainesville, FL. |
| 2012 | Fifth Avenue Festival Exhibition
Gainesville, FL. |
| 2012 | Fifth Avenue Paint-out exhibition
Gainesville, FL. |
| 2011 | Framed Formed Forward: The Doris Six
Gainesville, FL. |
| 1994 | Georgia Southern University Exhibition
Newburgh, GA. |
| 1993 | If I Had a Hammer, Male Exhibition, Bag it Gallery, |

Chicago, IL.

- 1993 **V-103 Exhibition, Group Showing**
Chicago, IL.
- 1992 **Sea Way Bank 9th Annual Art Fair,**
Chicago, IL.
- 1991 **Artemesia Gallery, Group Showing**
Chicago, IL.
- 1990 **Memorial Union 63rd Annual Exhibition (Juried)**
Madison, WI.
- 1989 **Memorial Union 62nd Annual Exhibition (Juried)**
Madison, WI.
- 1988 **Florida State University Open, second place,**
Tallahassee, FL.
- 1988 **Florida A&M University Graduating Exhibition**
Tallahassee, FL.

MURALS

- 2024 **Our Hawthorne, Our Community, Our Home**
City of Hawthorne, Hawthorne, FL.
- 2024 **I Soar As An Eagle**
Idylwild Elementary, Gainesville, FL.
- 2023 **Creating Calm: Ode to B Magic (Harold B. Batie)**
Gainesville Fire Station #4 10 SW 36th St. Gainesville FL.
- 2023 **The Porchway to Our Belonging: Greater Duval Creative Space**
352Walls, City of Gainesville, Wild Places, Public Places.
Gainesville FL.

- 2020 **Heritage Interrupted: A True Story of Gentrification and a Legacy Lost**
Gainesville, FL. 352Walls, Cultural Affairs, Gainesville, FL.
Art in Public Places Initiative
- 2015 **Irete Meji: The Iyaamis have landed**
352Walls, Cultural Affairs, Art in Public Places Initiative Gainesville, FL.
- 2006 **Human Rights Without Borders: ARTICLE 19**
Southern Sociological Conference Permanent display Howard University
New Orleans, LA
- 2003 **I Love To Read, Lead Artist**
Prairie View Elementary School, Gainesville, FL.
- 1994 **Three Floors To The World, Assistant Artist (Mosaic)**
Kenwood Middle School, Chicago, IL.
- 1994 **Bench Mosaics, Co-Artist**
Cook High School, Chicago, IL.
- 1994 **Breaking Barriers, Co-Artist**
North Avenue, Association House, Chicago, IL.
- 1994 **Living Off The Waters Of Creation, Lead Artist**
Lawrence and Winthrop, Prologue School, Chicago, IL.
- 1993 **Tutu Egun, Lead Artist**
43rd and Federal, Black on Black Love Project, Chicago, IL.
- 1993 **Art is For All, Co-Artist,**
LifeLine Theater, Chicago, IL.
- 1992 **By Any Means Necessary, Assistant Artist**
One Artist Row, Chicago, IL.

PERFORMANCE & WORKSHOPS

2024	Printmaking Workshops Alachua County Libraries
2023	One Beat Living Library Project Gainesville FL.
2022	Afro-Roots Gainesville, FL. Master of Ceremony for the evening and day-long events
2018-Present	Mosso Kan Storyteller & MC Traditional/contemporary Storyteller and Master of Ceremony
2015-2021	STORY GNV Telling stories from personal experience. Bringing together collective storytellers
2010 - present	STORYTELLER/American Griot Engaging cultural and collective narratives of the African diaspora and Southern folklore. Interactive stories, workshops, MC for cultural events
2014 - 2015	STORYTELLING SERIES It included six character-building stories with creative exercises, a lecture, and a story on the importance of telling your story at Spring Carnivals. Yopp, Inc., Gainesville, FL.
2012-Present	SANTA CLAUS (DADDY CLAUS) Holiday on the Avenue, Annual holiday party and parade in the historic Pleasant Street District, High Springs Annual Holiday Parade A Quinn Jones Museum holiday event, When Pigs Fly Parade
2017	Supporting Role: Tan Tan Julian Once On This Island, Star Center Theater, Gainesville, FL.
2012	LEAD ROLE Papa's Blue's, Cross-town Repertory Theater, Gainesville, FL.

LECTURES/PANELS

- 2024 **Afrofuturism Panel: Recovery through the Arts Convening**
CANE: College of Arts University of Florida
Gainesville FL.
- 2024 **Guest Art Educator**
Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL.
- 2023 **Imagining America: SPARC352 Panel**
Providence, RI.
- 2023 **West African Dance and Drum, A Historical Perspective**
Gainesville FL.
- 2019 **Dom-ba Festival/Conference: The History of Mali Culture and Influence**
OnLine Lecture, Gainesville, FL.
- 2019 **Gainesville GNV: Integration, gentrification education,**
A Story of Pleasant Community
Gainesville, FL.
- 2018 **Visiting Artist Series:**
Florida A&M University
Tallahassee, FL.
- 2013 **Civic Media Center, Art is for Life's Sake: Introduction to Sustainable Art**
Gainesville FL.
- 2011 **Gainesville Fine Arts Association: A brief history of a printmaking method**
Gainesville FL.
- 2006 **Southern Sociological Conference "Without Borders Mural Discussion."**
New Orleans, L.A.
- 2006 **Texas A & M University, Cushing Library Lecture Series,**
"The Power of Murals," College Station, TX.

COLLECTIONS

2023	Osubi Craig & Dr. Dione Champion-Craig, Gainesville, FL.
2019	Foster Tanner collection Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL.
2018	Lisa White Sister Love, Atlanta, Ga.
2004	Dr. Joe Fagin Florida Texas A, FL.
2004	Dr. Bonilla Silva, Duke University Durham, NC.
1988	Presidential Collection, Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL.

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

2012	Home Magazine
2012	Gainesville Sun/Gainesville Guardian.
2006	Public Sociologists – By Judith Blau. Photographs of two mural projects in Chicago. Roman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. Maryland.
1999	Sighted Quote Community Social Work Practice in Urban Context By Melvin Delgado

AWARDS

2023	One Nation One Project Grant, Gainesville, FL.
2021	Florida State University Art Education Scholarship, Tallahassee, FL.
2006	Artist Laureate SOCIOLOGIST WITHOUT BORDERS Sociology Association
1990	Porter Butts Arts Award University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

2017-2023 **Baileys Learning & Arts Collective, Inc**
2012-2024 Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency, Community
Advisory Board, Gainesville, FL.

EDUCATION

2021- 2025 **FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY**, Tallahassee, FL.
Ph.D. program Art Education Doctoral Candidate

1988-1992 **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN**, Madison, WI
Master of Fine Arts received. (M.F.A.)

1999-2000 **UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**, Gainesville, FL
Minor in Education

1984-1988 **FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**, Tallahassee, FL.
Bachelor of Science Degree receive