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EDUCATION

2009 B.F.A., Cooper Union, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *A Line*, 52 Walker, New York, NY

Eurydice, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2020 *A Field*, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Richmond, VA

2018 *The Rivers of Styxx*, Cooper Cole, Toronto, Canada

Eurydice, solo installation at EXPO Video, curated by Anna Gritz for EXPO Chicago, Chicago, NY

Eurydice, 219 Madison St., New York, NY

2017 *Kandis Williams, Works On Paper*, Vienna, Austria

2016 *Soft Colony*, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

Disfiguring Traditions, SADE, Los Angeles, CA

Inner States, St. Charles Projects, Baltimore, MD

2012 *Red Square*, OTTOZOO Project, Milan, Italy

2009 *The Vesica Dialectic*, Ficken 3000, Berlin, Germany

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *TERRITORIAL: THE LAND AND US*, Stove Works, Chattanooga, TN

Fixations per Minute, Joan Miro Foundation, Barcelona, Spain (forthcoming)

Multiplicity: Blackness in Contemporary American Collage, Frist Art Museum, Nashville, TN (forthcoming)

Humane Ecology: Eight Positions, the Clark Art Institute, Williamstown, MA (forthcoming)

2022 *Mountain / Time*, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO

7 Gardens, organized by anonymous gallery and Lola Kramer, 6BC Botanical Garden, New York, NY

Whitney Biennial 2022, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Looking Back/The 12th White Columns Annual, selected by Mary Manning, White Columns, NY

2021 *Critical Fabulabulations*, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY

FETICHE, Curated by Ebony L. Haynes, Morán Morán, Mexico City

Illiberal Arts, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany

STUDIO BERLIN, Berghain, Berlin, Germany

I Like LA and LA Likes Me: Joseph Beuys at 100, Track 16, Los Angeles, CA

Make-Shift-Future, curated by Elliott Hundley, Regen Projects, Los Angeles, CA

Shattered Glass, curated by Melahn Frierson and AJ Girard, Jeffrey Deitch, Los Angeles, CA

- A Fire in My Belly*, Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, Germany
- 2020 *Made in L.A. 2020: a version*, the Hammer Museum; The Huntington Library, Los Angeles, CA
- Majeure Force*, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 *These Creatures*, curated by Cindy Rehm, Wignall Museum of Contemporary Art, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
- Unsubscribe*, curated by Vanna Juanita and Naiomy Guerrero, Supplement Projects, Miami, FL
- Bliss*, LAR, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2018 *Group Therapy*, curated by Amanda Donnan, Frye Art Museum, Seattle, WA
- GWTW*, Martos Gallery, New York, NY
- Ebo Club™*, Shoot the Lobster LA, Los Angeles, CA
- Table of Content*, Artículo 123 No 116, Centro, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2017 *To A Body*, curated by Elisa R. Linn and Lennart Wolff, Shoot the Lobster, New York, NY
- Suspensio*, curated by Veronica Posth & Katalin Benigna Balázs, Kunstquartier
- Bethanien*, Berlin, Germany; Labor Gallery, Budapest, Hungary
- Sad men on bad afternoons*, curated by Daniel Fuller, Madison Avenue Park, Memphis, TN
- True Lies*, curated with Simon Cole, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- Lyric on a Battlefield*, Gladstone Gallery, New York, NY
- Gates of Hell*, Arturo Bandini, Los Angeles, CA
- Run off*, exhaust, and other pressures, Big Medium, Austin, TX
- 2016 *Disfiguring Traditions*, SADE, Los Angeles, CA
- Season Finale*, werk LA, Los Angeles, CA
- Memoirs of a Watermelon Woman*, curated by Erin Christovale, One National Gay & Lesbian Archives at the USC Libraries, Los Angeles, CA
- 2015 *A Constellation*, curated by Amanda Hunt, The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY
- Vestal Virgins*, curated by Sylvie Lake, Historic Lummis Home, Los Angeles, CA
- Charisma* (performance with Wojciech Kosmas and Sarah Harrison), Important Projects, New York, NY
- Pane Per Poveri*, Venice Biennale 2015, Atelier Douglas Gordon, Venice, Italy
- Stains in the Cowshed*, Neu West, Berlin, Germany
- The Truth About Everything*, Erratum Galerie, Berlin, Germany
- KIK Four: Kino International Kunst #4*, curated by Amir Fattal, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 *The Oracle*, with Ruby Neri, Khalil Joseph, & Henry Taylor, The Underground Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- Person, Place, Thing*, 68 Projects, Berlin, Germany
- 2013 *XOXO*, Night Gallery, Los Angeles, CA
- NOTEMPLE*, The Breeder Systems, Athens, Greece
- Indulgence*, curated by Ben Spaulding, The Gym, Berlin, Germany
- Draft Urbanism: Biennial of the Americas*, Denver, CO
- The Unknown*, San Diego Space For Art, San Diego, CA
- 2012 *One Day At A Time*, Peres Projects, Berlin, Germany
- Data Trash*, I-20 Gallery, New York, NY
- 2011 *Iko Iko*, Torstrasse 95, Berlin, Germany

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- 2010 *Why don't you do right*, Kunstraum Cafe Warschau, Berlin, Germany
New Catalogue / Kandis Williams, New Capital Projects, Chicago, IL
Tape Modern No. 13, Tape Modern, Berlin, Germany
Grid of Life and selected Flat Files, Golden Parachutes, Berlin, Germany

PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA
Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD
Julia Stoschek Collection, Berlin, Germany
New Berlin Art Society, Berlin, Germany

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 The Mohn Award, honoring artistic excellence
Grants to Artists Award, Foundation for Contemporary Arts, New York, NY

RESIDENCIES

- 2021 Cassandra Classrooms: Artist in Residence, Women's Center for Creative Work, Los Angeles, CA
ICA AIR Residency: Cassandra Press Reading Room curated by Jamillah James
2016 ACEAIR Hotel Residency: During a night's stay at Ace Hotel DTLA, Kandis Williams created a Black + White Reader titled "Culture of Fuccboi," Los Angeles, CA

LECTURES AND PERFORMANCES

- 2021 D'Ateliers Artist Talk, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Critical Fabulations: Floor 2 Preview and Conversation, conversation between the artist and Tourmaline with Stuart Comer, the Lonti Ebers Chief Curator of Media and Performance, and Roxana Marcoci, Senior Curator, Department of Photography, The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
New Publications, Project_Art_Distribution, Soho New York, NY
Kandis Williams in Conversation with Mohamed Wa Baile and Emmathegreat and Hamza Walker, Luma Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland
2020 Panel discussion, organized by CAAM and Art + Practice, CAAM, Los Angeles, CA
Guest artist, TELETHON ForYourArt hosted by Tierney Finster, Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Library Services, organized by Acid-Free, Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
"Everywhere In L.A. Takes 20 Minutes," a map project organized by ForYourArt, Frieze Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
Radical Pedagogies Dialogue with Johanna Breiding, EJ Hill, Dylan Mira, Litia Perta, and Kandis Williams, ICA, Los Angeles, CA
Points of Access: Publishing with Artsblack, Cassandra Press and Smingsming Books, Hosted by Art and Practice and The California African American Museum, CAAM, Los Angeles, CA

- Eurydice, screening followed by a conversation between the artist and musician Alex Zhang Hungtai, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA
- 2019 Kandis Williams | Guest Series, OCAD University, Toronto, Canada
Bodies Borders Fields Symposium, Toronto Media Arts Centre, Toronto, Canada
Film Screenings and Conversation: Carole Douillard and Kandis Williams with Amelia Jones, LACE, Los Angeles, CA
Eurydice, performed by Josh Johnson and Patrick Belaga, Blum & Poe, Los Angeles, CA
Eurydice, Orpheus, and the Maenads, with Bracha L. Ettinger, Josh Johnson, and Patrick Belaga, Fragile, Berlin, Germany
Kandis Williams: Fusing Ethics and Aesthetics, a question of what we owe to future generations: piracy, collage, redistribution and messy dissemination - the work of CASSANDRA PRESS, Pirate Care Conference at Coventry University, Coventry, UK
A Conversation on Black Internet Theory, Sisters with Brothers, Navel, Los Angeles, CA
Fusing Ethics and Aesthetics, the Work of CASSANDRA Press, Pogo Bar, Berlin, Germany
The New Internet Commons: Reader on Black Twitter – Effects of Web 2.0 on Blackness, organized by Cassandra Press, Navel LA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 Eurydice, part of "Tryptique" organized by Alex Zhang Hungtai as part of Red Bull Music Festival Montréal, Gesù Cathedral, Montréal, Canada
Reproduction is not a Metaphor - Kandis Williams, Vancouver Art Book Fair, Emily Carr University of Art + Design, Vancouver, Canada
A Woman's Work: An Evening of Lectures and Performances organized by Rachel Kaadzi Ghansah, MoMA, New York, NY
Eurydice, performed by Josh Johnson, Patrick Belaga, and Christine Stromberg, Navel LA, Los Angeles, CA
Artist Talk, MFA Lecture Series, University of California at Irvine, Irvine, CA
- 2017 Semiosis Cataracts, curated by Alex Baczynski Jenkins, performed by Lina Venegas, members of Gelatin, Stefan Dreher, and Florian Botka, Kevin Space, Vienna, Austria
Whereof One Cannot Speak, Therefore One Must Remain Silent, performed by Josh Johnson, curated by Suzy Halaijan, LACE, Los Angeles, CA
As Much Truth as One Can Bear, Human Resources, Los Angeles, CA
Fountains, performed by Ligia Lewis, curated by Allison Littrell, as part of Between Nothing and Infinity, Navel LA, Los Angeles, CA
White Squares, Black Boxes, artist lecture organized by Clara Lopes, CalArts, Valencia, CA
- 2016 Wit(h)nessing in Motion Workshop, with Josh Johnson, Human Resources, Aug 9, Los Angeles, CA
AFFECT:NETWORK:TERRITORY (A performance of syllogisms in motion), Human Resources, Aug 10-11, Los Angeles, CA
The Architecture of Ranting, workshop taught with Ligia Lewis, Meisterschule, Gillmeier Rech Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2015 Charisma (performance with Wojciech Kosmas & Sarah Harrison), Important Projects, New York, NY
The Wailing Rose, Pomona College, Los Angeles, CA; Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
Public Rehearsal (performance with Wojciech Kosmas), Museum of Modern Art

- Warsaw, Poland, and Schinkel Pavilion, Berlin, Germany
Collective Visions of Migrating Traums: A Talk with Kandis Williams, Pomona College
Women's Union, Sept 27, Pomona, CA
Speaker, Symposium on Ettingerian Studies, Dublin, Ireland
2014 Artist talk, 68projects, Dec 20, Berlin
Surrealism Symposium, Boston College, Boston, MA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Haus der Kulturen Der Welt Illiberal Arts Workshop - Workshop Instructor
2020 - Cassandra Classrooms - Instructor (ongoing)
2019-21 California Institute of the Arts - Visiting Faculty

CASSANDRA PRESS: SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2022-23 *On Self-Defense - A Cassandra Press Reader In Action*, Bergen Kunsthall, Bergen, Norway
2022 Whitney Biennial 2022, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
2021 *Cassandra Press: An Unfolding*, Sanford Biggers and the Amistad Research Center, California African American Museum, Los Angeles, CA
The Absolute Right to Exclude: Reflections on and Implications of Cheryl Harris' "Whiteness as Property," a Cassandra Press exhibition, LAXART, Los Angeles, CA
CASSANDRA PRESS: NEW PUBLICATIONS, Luma Westbau, Zurich, Switzerland
2020 *The Work of Cassandra Press*, Printed Matter, New York, NY

CASSANDRA PRESS: PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

- Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, NY
Whitney Museum Library, New York, NY
New Museum, New York, NY
KW Institute for Contemporary Art, Berlin, Germany Sunhaus
52 Walker Street, New York, NY
Harvard University of Fine Arts Library, Cambridge, MA

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Reader on Plants Movement Metaphor and Migration, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on White Feminism = White Supremacy, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Black Journalism, CASSANDRA PRESS
Endnotes Thoughts on the Writings of Pope L., CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on White Feminism = White Supremacy, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Whiteness, Dissonance, and Horror, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Noh Theater Conventions and Intersections with Blackness, CASSANDRA PRESS
A Chair Notes Toward a Design, CASSANDRA PRESS
Notes Darkness: Night: Blackness, CASSANDRA PRESS

- Reader on Veritas, CASSANDRA PRESS
- 2020 Reader on The Chitlin Circuit, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Cannibalism, Blackface & Minstrelsy, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Essentialism, Essence, and Disorder, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Porn and Power in California, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Performativity, CASSANDRA PRESS
- 2019 Reader on Double Consciousness Then and Now, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Reader on Medea: Suicide, Free Will, and Self-Determination RE: Black Twitter, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Libidinal Economy, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on The White Savior, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Reparations, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Black and the Silver Screen, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on 2D Design, CASSANDRA PRESS
- 2018 Reader on Water and Power in California, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on 'Labor' After Reconstruction, CASSANDRA PRESS
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Reader on Devices of the Fetishist, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on Fetishism (Value, Flesh, Real, Referent), CASSANDRA PRESS
- 2017 Reader on Capital > race > sex > LOGIC, CASSANDRA PRESS
Reader on GET OUT Interraciality and PTSD
Reader on Ethics: Imperceptibility, Invisibility, Detectability, Deniability, CASSANDRA PRESS
- 2016 RE: THE FURIES, CASSANDRA PRESS CASSANDRA
Reader on The Faces of the Colonizer, CASSANDRA PRESS
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Wayne, Chloe, and Sultan, Mahfuz. "Interview: Artist Kandis Williams is Giving History a Hard Read." *Pin-Up 29*, Fall/Winter 2020.

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