

# **BROOKE BENHAM**

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## **Summary**

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## **Education**

### ***Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.***

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing and Design

Bachelor of Arts in Art Education

Graduated May 2021 | GPA 3.74

## **Exhibitions**

### **Student Juried Show 2021**

Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 2021

### ***Twenty Twenty***

Hixon Student Art Gallery, Norfolk, VA 2020

### ***Alone Together***

Senior Exhibition, Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 2020

### **Dean's Selection Exhibition**

Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 2020

### **Juried Student Show 2020**

Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 2020

## **Awards and Honors**

**The Barbara M. Gorlinsky Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship** - ODU Art Department - May 2020

The 2020 Departmental Scholarships Competition is based on artistic merit of work submitted and a combination of concentration, GPA, and financial need.

**Dean's Selection Exhibition** - Baron and Ellin Gordon Art Galleries – Apr. 2020

Artwork in this exhibition has been selected based on aesthetic appeal, skilled use of a particular medium, and overall execution. The work will be displayed during the 2020-21 academic year in the Dean's office suite in the Batten Arts and Letters Building.

**Certificate of Excellence in Undergraduate Research** - Old Dominion University – Feb. 2020

This certificate of excellence in undergraduate research is presented in honor of participation in the 2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium at Old Dominion University.

## **Publications**

***Criticism Through Interpretation: Jules Olitski***

2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium, ODU, Norfolk, VA

Feb. 2020

***Expanding Formalist Criticism Through the Work of Jules Olitski***

2021 Chrysler Collegiate Symposium, Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA

Apr. 2021

## **Organizations**

**National Art Education Association**

Member: 2020-current

**Old Dominion University's Art Education Association**

President: 2021

Secretary: 2020-2021

Member: 2018-2021

## **Experience**

### **Art Teacher**

Chesapeake Public Schools, Chesapeake, VA  
Aug. 2021– Aug. 2024

### **Gallery Host**

Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk, VA  
Oct. 2021– Oct. 2023

### **President of Art Education Association**

Student Chapter of National Art Education Association at ODU  
Feb. – May 2021

### **Art Education Student Teaching Internship**

Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School, Virginia Beach, VA  
Mar. 2021- June 2021

### **Art Education Student Teaching Internship**

Thalia Elementary School, Virginia Beach, VA  
Jan. 2021 – Mar. 2021

### **Secretary of Art Education Association**

Student Chapter of National Art Education Association at ODU  
Aug. 2020 – Feb. 2021 (less than a year)

### **Collaborative Art Curator**

Senior Show Class of Fall 2020, ODU, Norfolk, VA  
2020-2020 (3 mos)

Collaboratively curated two exhibitions with the Fall Senior Show class of 2020.

-*Twenty Twenty*, Hixon Student Art Gallery, Norfolk, VA

-*Alone Together*, Senior Exhibition, Baron and Ellin Gordon Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

### **Art Education Practicum**

Oscar F. Smith High School, Chesapeake, VA  
Oct. 2020 – Dec. 2020 (3 mos)

### **Volunteer Art Instructor**

The Hermitage Museum & Gardens, Norfolk, VA  
Nov. 2020 (1 mo)

Pre-service art educators from ODU planned and conducted a sequence of Saturday morning art classes at the local museum.

### **Designer**

Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA  
2019 – 2020 (1 yr)

Designer for Reign, the Mermaid sculpture, located at Brock Commons ODU, Norfolk, VA.

### **Painter**

Resource Lighting + Controls, Chesapeake, VA  
2019 (less than a year)

Commercial commission for wall painting of company logo

### **Childcare Supervisor**

Great Bridge United Methodist Church, Chesapeake, VA  
Oct. 2014 – Aug. 2019 (4 yrs 11 mos)

Lead childcare worker in the nursery

### **Art Classroom Observation**

P.B. Young, Sr. Elementary School, Norfolk, VA  
Nov. 2018 – Dec. 2018 (2 mos)

### **Lead Teaching Assistant**

Old Dominion University Children's Learning and Research Center, Norfolk, VA  
May 2018 – Dec. 2018 (8 mos)

### **Art Teacher**

Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, VA  
June 2018 (1 mo)

Instructed the art projects during a week-long art camp that engaged students in environmental awareness through music and art.

### **Licenses & certifications**

#### **Marketing Education (5561) - ETS**

Issued Mar. 2022

#### **Praxis Art: Content Knowledge (5134) - ETS**

Issued Oct. 2020

## **Related Courses**

### **Studio**

Fundamentals of Digital Art - Two-Dimensional Design - Three-Dimensional Design - Fundamentals of Drawing - Drawing 2 - Drawing: Studio - Intro to Digital Photography - Fundamentals of Painting - Painting 2 - Screen-print and Lithography - Print 2: The Hybrid Print - Intro to Ceramics - Weaving and Fibers intro - Intro to Graphic Design – Senior Show

### **Art History**

Ancient and Medieval Art - Art Criticism - Renaissance and Modern Art - Greek Sculpture - Egyptian Art

### **Education**

Elementary Art Education Methods Classroom Management – Fundamental Growth/ Development Birth-Adolescent – Foundations and Assessment of Education - Student Diverse Learning Needs - Art Ed Secondary Methods Classroom Management – Capstone in Art Education

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While her early artwork is mostly representational, the artist's current work consists of abstracted forms. The artist examines organic forms found in nature to create voluminous intersecting figures of light and dark in her work.

## **Statement**

The human habitat is nature and it is in the vastness of untouched Earth that we find clarity. The advancements of modern life do not fulfill us because our souls were simply not made for such things. My work examines the properties of nature through the creation of light and dark/ texture and depth. I use organic, intersecting forms to portray the spiritual world we live in but often neglect to recognize. Alternative forms help viewers to question their attitudes towards their relationship between the natural world and their soul.

















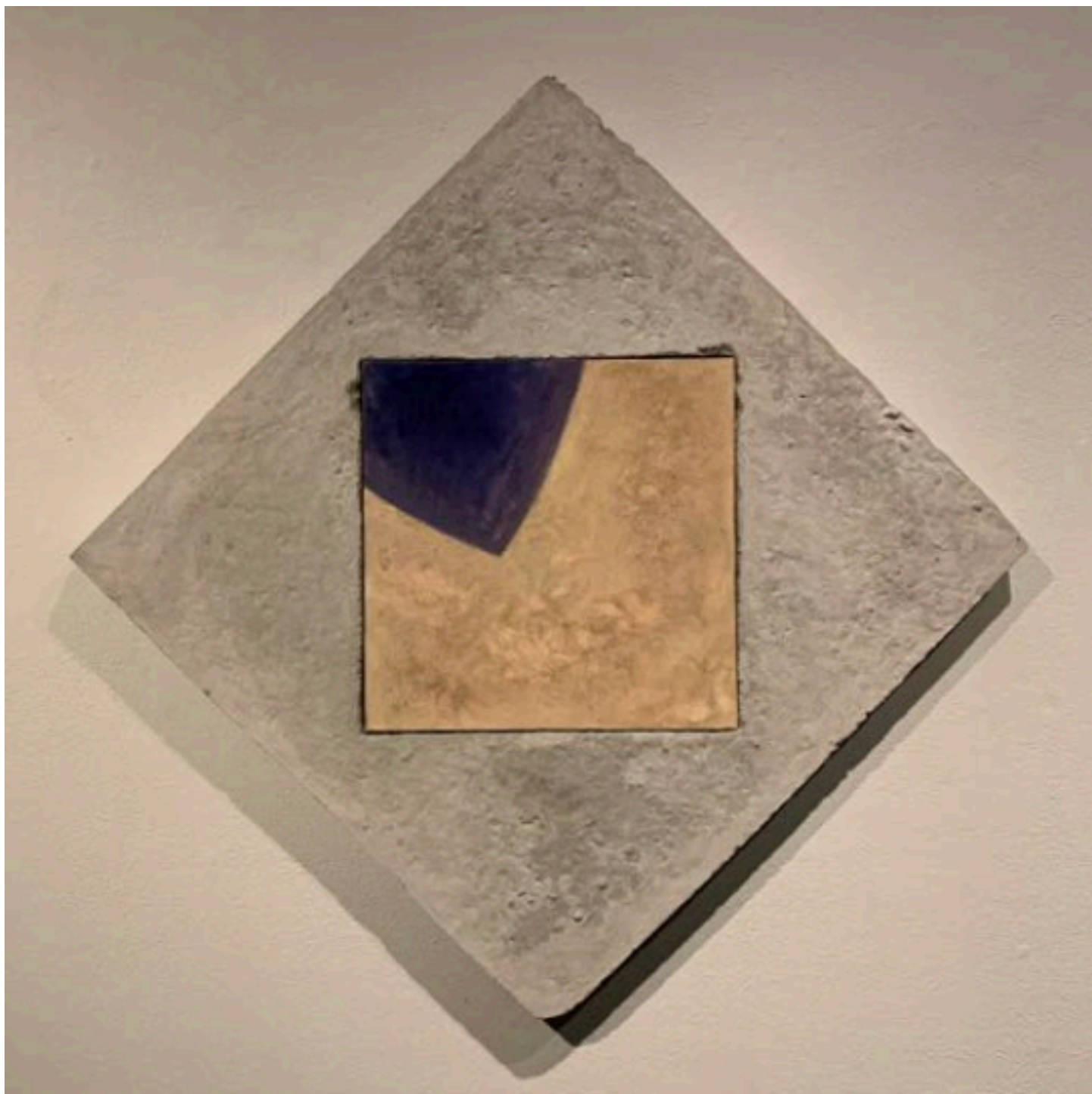
















Brooke Benham Image List:

1. *Electric*, 2020, Oil paint on canvas, 24" x 30"
2. *Covid Series 1-3*, 2020, Soft pastel and acrylic, 8.5" x 11"
3. *Untitled*, 2020, Soft pastel, 8.5" x 11"
4. *Untitled*, 2020, Oil paint on canvas, 16" x 20"
5. *Untitled Series 1-2*, 2020, Oil paint on canvas, 22" x 28"
6. *Proportions*, 2020, Charcoal, 18" x 24"
7. *Protestor*, 2020, Charcoal, 18" x 24"
8. *Celebrating Women*, 2020, Charcoal, 18" x 24"
9. *Concrete*, 2020, Oil on canvas, sand, cement, 31" x 31"
10. *Untitled*, 2020, Oil paint on canvas, 24" x 30"
11. "Reign" sculpture designed by Brooke Benham