ADAMA DELPHINE FAWUNDU

EDUCATION

- 2018 Masters of Fine Arts, Photography, Columbia University School of the Arts, New York, NY
- 2015 IREX Teachers for Global Classrooms Fellow, Certificate in Global Education (Masters Level) George Mason University sponsored by the U.S State Dept
- 2006 Masters of Arts in Education Mercy College, Dobbs, Ferry, NY 1996 M.A. in Media Ecology New York University
- 1992 B.A. Liberal Studies Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

RESIDENCIES & AWARDS

- 2023 Fountainhead Residency, Miami, FL
- 2022 Indigo Arts Alliance Residency, Portland, ME Catchlight Global Fellow
- 2021 A Project for Empty Space Artist in Residence, Newark, NJ
- 2020 Penumbra Foundation Workspace Residency, NY
- 2019 Center for Book Arts Workspace Residency, NY BRIC ArtFP, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018 Rema Hort Mann Emerging Artist Grant Awardee BRIC Workspace Residency, NY Morty Frank Fellowship in Printmaking, Columbia Univ. Dean's Travel Grant, Columbia University
- 2017 Dean's Travel Grant, Columbia University
- 2016 New York Foundation for the Arts, Artist Fellowship Award in Photography Puffin Foundation Artist Grant
- 2014 Norton Museum Rudin Prize Nominee, West Palm Beach, Fl The African Artists Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria Artist in Residence Brooklyn Arts Council Artist Grant
- 2012 The African Artists Foundation Lagos, Nigeria Artist in Residence
- 2010 Brooklyn Historical Society Community Perspectives Research and Exhibition Grant SOLO

EXHIBITIONS AND PERFORMANCE

- 2023 Rest in Power, Center for Black Visual Culture at New York University, New York, NY B-side: (Broken) Memory and Remix, BRIC Arts, Brooklyn, NY
 In the Spirit of Àşe, The Newark Museum of Art, Newark, NJ
 Tribeca Showcase Conversations, Petrucci Family Foundations, New York, NY
 Passages in American Art, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
 Hip-Hop Conscious, Unconscious, Fotografiska, New York, NY
- 2022 I Saw Things I Imagined, Cierra Britton Gallery, New York, NY A Different Now is Close Enough to Exhale on You, Goodman Gallery, Cape Town, South Africa Wata Bodis, Project for Empty Space, Newark, NJ

the un-doing, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC

- 2021 *In the Face of History*, Penumbra Project Space, New York, NY Radiance From the Waters. The Jefferson School African American Heritage Center In The Face of History Public Installation, BRIC Arts, Brooklyn
- 2020 Tingoi, Granary Arts, Ephraim, Utah
- 2019 Homage to My Hips, A Solo Performance, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT

Sacred Star of Isis & Other Stories, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco

No Wahala, It's All Good, A Spiritual Cypher within the Hip Hop Diaspora, Photoville NY, Brooklyn, NY

Tales from the Mano River, Miller Theater at Columbia University Sacred Star of Isis & Other Stories, African American Museum in Philadelphia

Sacred Star of Isis, Crush Curatorial, New York, NY

- 2018 Meet Me in Another World, Columbia University School of the Arts, Wallach Gallery, New York, NY
- 2015 I Am Here: Girls Reclaiming Safe Spaces, Skylight Gallery, Brooklyn, New York
- 2013 In A Time of Change: Black & Latino Males, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi Touched: Women Living with HIV, NYU/Center for Multicultural Ed. Programs
- 2012 In A Time of Change: Black & Latino Males, Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts, NYC
- 2011 Touched: Women Living With HIV, El Museo del Barrio/World AIDS Day, NYC
- 2010 Touched: Women Living With HIV NYC, Toured various small venues

PUBLIC PROJECTS

2022 Wata Bodis, Audible Lobby Video Wall, Newark, NJ.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025 *2022 FotoFocus Biennial: World Record*, Spelman College Museum of Fine Arts, Atlanta, GA
- 2024 Go Tell It On The Mountain, Swivel Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.
- 2023 *Flowing Abstraction: Contemporary African Diaspora Printing,* The Printed Image Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

Fountainhead Biennial II: Last Days of a House, Emerson Dorsch, Miami, FL 2022 FotoFocus Biennial: World Record, Carl Atlanta University, Atlanta, GA

Indigo Waves and Other Stories. Re-Navigating the Afrasian Sea and Notions of Diaspora, Gropius Bau, Berlin, Germany

Thresholds: Recontextualizing Self-Portraiture, Southeast Museum of Photography, Dayton Beach, FL

2022 Bamako Encounters - African Biennale of Photography, Bamako, Mali 2022 FotoFocus Biennial: World Record, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Columbus, OH

ELEMENTAL, Ortega y Gasset Projects, Brooklyn, NY

The Outwin: American Portraiture Today, National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC

- 2021 Upon Closer Inspection, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA (Ir)Reverent Futures, Dablin Gallery Collectors Series 2, France What's Your Name When You're at Home. Penumbra Foundation Alternating Currents. Fridman Gallery New Book Art, Center for Book Arts, New York, NY
- 2020 Four Artists: Rodney Ewing, Adama Delphine Fawundu, Rodigro Valenzuela, Giorgia Valli. Euqinom Gallery, San Francisco, CA Art on the Stoop: Sunset Screenings, Brooklyn Museum of Art, Brooklyn, NY A Mother's Eye, Public Installation, Photoville, Brooklyn, NY Prizm Art Fair, Virtual Miami Beach, Florida The Right To Herself, Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, CO She Taught Me to Stand on Her Shoulders, Five Myles Art Gallery, Brooklyn, NY Shag: Provocative Textiles, Nashville Scene, Nashville, TN Wide Awakes 24 Hour Broadcast at the Fridman Gallery, New York

The Faculty of Sensing-Thinking With, Through, and By Anton Wilhelm Amo. Savvy Contemporary, Berlin, Germany Enunciated Life. California African American Museum 100 Years 100 Women, Celebration of Commissions, Park Avenue Armory Faculty of Sensing, Thinking With, Through and by Anton Wilhelm Amo, Kunstverein Braunschweig, Germany Migrations and Meaning(s) in Art, Maryland Institute College of Art Still Here: An Exhibition of Eight Films, Robeson Galleries, PennState University Roots & Roads, Franklin Street Works, Stamford, CT Radical Revisionist: Contemporary African Artists Confronting Past & Present, Moody Center for the Arts FotoFest Biennial 2020 African Cosmologies, Rice University, Houston, ΤX 12th Edition of Bamako Encounters Photography Biennial, Bamako, Mali Prizm Art Fair, 2019 Miami Beach, Florida Afrocosmologies: American Reflections, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, Hartford, CT Chale Wote Art Festival, Accra, Ghana Young Collectors Contemporary Art Fair, Memphis, TN 2018 Harlem Postcards, Studio Museum 127, NYC In Plain Sight/Site, Art Space New Haven, New Haven, CT We Never Sleep: An Exhibition of Prints, Littlejohn Contemporary Gallery Race, Myth, Art & Justice, Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora, Harlem, NYC cit.i.zen.ship: reflections on rights, New York University. Tisch School of the Arts, NYC Second Generation: An Exclusive U.N. General Assembly Exhibition, Africa House, NYC CineMigrante International Festival of Film and Formation of Immigrant Human Rights, Buenos Aires, Argentina Resignifications: The Black Mediterranean, University of Palermo, Italy Refraction: New Photography of Africa and It's Diaspora, Steven Kasher Gallery, NYC Pulse PLAY, Pulse Art Fair, Miami Beach, FI Prizm Art Fair, Miami Beach FI 2017 COMM ALT SHIFT: An exhibition of International Video Art, Aliira, A Center for Contemporary Art, NJ Film Count/Recount: Feminist Film and Video, Hirshhorn Museum, Washington DC 2016 Dandy Lion: Articulating a Re(de)fined Black Masculine Identity, Brighton Photo Biennial, UK Framing Beauty Curated by Dr. Deborah Willis, The Grunwald Gallery at Indiana University BRIC Biennial, Weeksville Historical Society, Brooklyn, NY On Being Black, The Arnika Dawkins Gallery, Atlanta, GA 2015 Diverse Works: Director's Choice 1997-2015, The Brooklyn Museum of Art Princes, Powers, Suits and Ties: The Dandy Lion Project, The Silver Eve Center for Photography, PA Black Portraiture[s]: Imagining the Black Body, Villa La Pietra Sponsored by New York University, Italy Dandy Lion: Articulating a Re(de)fined Black Masculine Identity, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL 2014 Rudin Prize Nominees, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL Lagos Photo Festival, Public Art Space, Lagos, Nigeria Newsfeed: Anonymity and Social Media in African Revolutions and Beyond, Museum of 2012 Contemporary African Diasporan Arts Brooklyn, NY

PRESS

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 Su, Hannah. "Newark Artist Collaboration honors the city's history and residents through 13 just-unveiled art installations." *The Architect's Newspaper*. Jun. 2022.
 Berkowitz, Evan. "REVIEW: For artists including West Stockbridge's Ilene Spiewak, Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition show is a portrait of our time." *The Berkshire Eagle*. Online. May 2022.
- 2020 Baker, Melinda."Three Art exhibitions to see this November in Nashville." *The Tennessean*, Oct. 2020.

Fawundu, Adam Delphine."12 Black Artist on Life in America Right Now." *Vogue*, Aug. 2020.

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"Your concise Southwest US Art Guide for Spring 2020." *Hyperallergic*, Feb. 2020. Rosen, Sara.'The music united us': 45 years of hip hop, told by the women who shaped the phenomenon." *Document Journal*, Feb. 2020.

Staff Reports. "Stamford's Franklin Street Works exhibit centers on Black hair culture." *Stamford Advocate*, Feb. 2020.

Eshun, Ekow. "The Black Fantastic: Speculative visions of the African diaspora." *Aperture no.241*, Winter 2020.

Harden, Brandon T. "In Conversation' at the African American Museum wants you to rethink black masculinity." *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Jan. 2020.

2019 Adams, Kiersten A. "The Citizen Recommends: Visual Meditations on Black Masculinity." *The Philadelphia Citizen*, Oct. 2019.

Wild, Steph. "Miller Theatre Unveils Installation by Adama Delphine Fawundu." *Broadway World* Sep. 2019.

"Here & Now ABC News Television Interview with Sandra Bookman." Jun. 2019. "Sierra Leone in Dreams and Reality, PDN Photo of the Day*." Photo District News*, Apr. 2019.

Crimmins, Peter. "Two visions of African spirituality at the African American Museum." *WHYY/NPR*, Mar. 2019.

Weber, Jasmine. "Seven Artists and Curators Reveal a Cherished, Overlooked Black Artist.", *Hyperallergic*, Feb. 2019.

"12 Women Photographers to Watch in 2019." Photographic Museum of Humanity, Mar. 2019.

2018 Slattery, Brian. "Artspace Exhibit Takes Unblinking Look At History." *New Haven Independent*, Dec. 2018.

Armstrong, Annie. "Rema Hort Mann Foundation Names 2018 Artist Grantees. Art News, Sep. 2018.

Storm, Camille and Saafir, Qimmah. "100 Women: Adama Delphine Fawundu and Laylah Amatullah Barrayn's MFON Gives Black Women Photographers a Home." *Okay Africa*, Mar. 2018.

Turner, Rianna. "Artspace Exhibit confronts New England slave trade." Yale Daily News,

Dec. 2018

Small, Zachery. "Columbia University MFA Students Put on a Strong Thesis Show Despite Department Woes." Hyperallergic, May 2018.

Lace-Evans, Olivia. "A celebration of black female photography." BBC World News, Jan. 2018.

Chen, Min. "Artist Adama Delphine Fawundu Fights the Power." Surface, Oct. 2017. 2017 Alemany, Jacqueline. "A New Book Gives Us the World As Seen by Black Photographers." Vogue, Oct. 2017.

Jenkins, Mark. "In the galleries: 'Afrofuturism,' defined in the moment, by nine artists." Washington Post, Oct. 2017.

CURATORIAL

- 2021 1st Annual MFON Conference. Sponsored by the Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- MFON Presents. SP-Arte Photo Festival Sao Paulo, Brazil 2020 Exploring Passages Within the Black Diaspora, Photographic Center North West, Seattle, WA
- ALTAR: Prayer, Ritual, Offering, Jacob Lawrence Gallery, University of Washington, Seattle, 2019 WA

In Conversation: Visual Meditations on Black Masculinity, African American Museum in Philadelphia

ALTAR: Prayer, Ritual, Offering. Photoville, Los Angeles

Where I Seek, I Find Myself, Photographic Museum of Humanity, Online Platform

2018 Where I Seek, I Find Myself, Museum of the African Diaspora, Brooklyn, NY ALTAR: Prayer, Ritual, Offering. Photoville, NYC. Photoville, NYC

LECTURES/DISCUSSIONS

- 2021 Upon Closer Inspection. San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- Documenting Distress: A Discussion w/Marco Williams, Rory Kennedy & Laurens Grant, 2020 host. A&E Indie Films Speak Easy/Full Frame Documentary Film Festival In the Artist Studio: Adama Delphine Fawundu, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco

Women and Migration(s) Art, New York University

Methodologies of Art Making within forms of Collapse, SF Camerworks Photobook Discussion: African Cosmologies hosted by Fotofest/Sybylla Smith For/Four Art Talk Season 1 Episode 3. Water & Time hosted by Niama Sandy Showfields Presents: Live Curation with Carmen Hermo, Showfields, NYC Shuga & Wata: Speaking Black: Dialects in Art During Cultural Upheaval. Petrucci Family Foundation Contact High: A Visual History of Hip Hop hosted by Focus on the Story ADAMA Art Salon w/ Adama Delphine Fawundu, Alexis Peskine, Bisi Butler, Fahamu Pecou moderated by Niama Sandy. Hosted by African Diasporic Art Museum of Atlanta Laylah Amatullah Barrayn in Conversation with Adama Delphine Fawundu & Ivy Mills, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco Picturing Blackness: Engage Symposium 2020, Adama Delphine Fawundu, Chris Johnson

and Jacqueline Francis Ph.D, Museum of the African Diaspora, San Francisco Women Creating Nouns, Not Adjectives, Symposium: Culture in A Changing America, 100 Years 100 Women. Park Avenue Armory

Photo Lab: The Beautiful Project. Apple Store Park Avenue

	MFON Photo Salon & The Schomburg Center for Black Culture Presents: Nadiyah
2019	Nacorda, Eva Woolridge, Nailah Fumilayo Davis MFON Symposium: The Gathering, Black Women + The Photograph, African American
2019	Museum in Philadelphia
	Rencontres Bamako Photo Festival, Bamako, Mali
	Frye Museum presents MFON: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora, Seattle, WA
2019	Converge Detroit Symposium, Beyond Space: Unbounded Theory and Practice, The Carr Center, Detroit, MI
	U.S. State Department Artist in Embassies, Kigali, Rwanda
	World Press Photo Festival, Panelist, Amsterdam
	Allentown Art Museum, MFON: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora, Allentown,
	PA
2018	Yale African Students Association Presentation/Exhibition, New Haven, CT MFON: Women
	Photographers of the African Diaspora
	Fiebre Photobook Fair, Madrid Spain
Tate Modern, London	
	UK London College of Communication, London
	Photoville, NY
	The Schomburg Center for Research and Black Studies, NYC Museum of the African
	Diaspora, San Francisco African American Museum in Philadelphia
	BRIC Arts, Brooklyn, NY
2017	Fast Forward 2: Women in Photography
	Arts and Social Activism, Brooklyn Hip Hop Festival, Medgar Evers College, Brooklyn, NY
	MFON: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn,
	NY
2014	Hyphenated: First and Second Generation American Photographers in Conversation.
	Presented by Visionaries at Photoville Festival, Brooklyn, NY
2013	Visually Speaking: Women Image Makers, Schomburg Center for Black Research in
	Culture
2012	Social Media Week NYC/Meet the Afropolitans: Digital Media and Culture in Africa Social
	Media Week New York
2011	This is Africa: How Social Media & Music are Re-defining A Continent. Social Media Week
	New York
TEACHING EXPERIENCE 2019-21 Adjunct Assistant Professor Columbia University School of the Arts, New York Photo	
2019-	ZE ADUDCE ASSISTADE PROTESSOR COULDDIA COIVERSITY SCOOOL OF THE ARTS IN AW YORK POOLO

2019-21 Adjunct Assistant Professor Columbia University School of the Arts, New York Photo Introduction to Black & White Photography, Summer 2019

Photo II Advanced Photography, Spring 2020

Graduate Studio - Fall 2020

Photo II Advanced Photography - Spring 2021

Independent Study Advisor Fall 2020 Spring 2021

2020-21 Adjunct Assistant Professor Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ Introduction to Digital Photography - Fall 2020

Advanced Digital Photography - Spring 2021

Designed and implemented curriculum for both Introduction to Digital Photography and Advanced Digital Photography. Facilitated learning for students with limited experience in photography. Through a series of lectures on a diverse range of contemporary and historical photographers along with skill building workshops and critiques, the students

were guided to develop proficiency using a DSLR and Adobe Lightroom while developing an artistic voice as a photographer

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2019 Visiting Critic, Rhode Island School of Design, MFA Photography Offered constructive critique to students as they were finalizing ideas for their thesis presentation

MFA Admissions Committee, Columbia University, School of the Arts, New Genres. Interviewed and participated in the selection of New Genres MFA class of 2021 Visiting Artist/Educator, U.S State Department Artist in Embassies, Kigali Rwanda Co-designed and Implemented Master Class and Workshops based on my book MFON: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora. Designed technical and professional development workshops for professional photographers based in Kigali at varying levels. Visiting Artist/Educator, International Center of Photography, New York Photography II: Exploring Body and Legacy in Photography H.S Course inspired by MFON: Women photographers of the African Diaspora

2018 Visiting Thesis Advisor, School of Visual Arts, New York. Masters of Professional Studies/Photography. Worked one-on-one with graduate student through a series of critiques and mentorship as they developed their thesis.

Visiting Critic, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. Mason Gross School of the Arts. Invited to give critiques for the BFA thesis exhibition.

- 2015 Artist/Educator, IREX Teachers for Global Classrooms Fellow, US State Department As part of a Global Education Intensive Master's level training, I developed and implemented a photography curriculum for students at a secondary school in Pereira, Columbia. Produced a comprehensive global education unit for NYC public school students and facilitated professional developments for public school teachers.
- 2013 Artist/Educator, Social Media Week Lagos/Ovie Brume Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria Developed a year long photography curriculum for teens at the Ovie Brume Foundation. The students presented their works at Social Media Week Lagos 2014.
- 2012 Visiting Artist/Educator, African Artist Foundation, Lagos, Nigeria Designed and implemented a Master Photography course for emerging women photographers as part of the organizations African Woman Photographer's initiative.
- 2011 Artist/Educator, New York African Film Festival, NYC/Sierra Leone Developed and implemented a photography and video curriculum for teen photographers in Freetown.

NOMINATIONS

- 2020 Anonymous Was A Woman
- 2018 OkayAfrica 100 Women Making an Impact on the African Continent.

Hundred Heroines, Women in Photography. Centenary of British Women Voting

- 2015 The New Look of Leadership Campaign. Featuring 100 Women Sponsored by the Limited Clothing Brand JUROR
- 2020 Photographic Museum of Humanity/2020 Women Photographer's Grant Brooklyn Arts Council Grant Scholastic Student Art Award – Printmaking New York Foundation for the Arts/JGS Fellowship for Photography
- 2019 We Women, A visual rebellion Firecracker Photographic Grant 2018 Getty Images Array Grant

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Ndikung, Bonaventure Son Bejeng. Streams of Consciousness: *A Concatenation of Dividuals*. Archive Books, 2019

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Coker, Cheo Hodari. Unbelievable: The Life, Death, and Afterlife of the Notorious B.I.G. Vibe Books, 2013.

Willis, Deborah. Black: A Celebration of a Culture. Skyhorse, 2020.

Millstein, Barbara Head. *Committed to the Image: Contemporary Black Photographers*. Brooklyn Museum of Art, 2003.

Remer, Abby. *Enduring Visions: Women's Artistic Heritage Around the World*. Davis, 2001. Willis, Deborah. *Reflections in Black: A History of Black Photographers*. W.W. Norton, 2000

BOOK/ZINE:

Fawundu, Adam Delphine. *MFON: Women Photographers of the African Diaspora*. Eye & I Inc, 2017.

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SELECT COLLECTIONS

Norton Museum of Art Princeton University Art Museum, Princeton, NJ David C. Driskell Center, For the Study of Visual Culture of African Americans and the African Diaspora, University of Maryland The Petrucci Family Foundation Museum of Contemporary Art, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil The Brooklyn Historical Society Brooklyn Museum of Art T.G. Reise Collection Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago

Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Guest Co-Producer The Crisis Magazine. December 2020 Issue Sponsored by the Magnum Foundation. Principal Role Daughter's of Feature Documentary directed by Shantrelle P. Lewis Premiered at the 2020 Blackstar Film Festival Nëku: Hair is apolitical #14 (photograph) featured 40 -Year-Old Version Directed by Radha Blank, Netflix