

# david lusk gallery

## paul stephen benjamin

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### education

- 2013 MFA, Concentration in Sculpture, Welch School of Art and Design, Georgia State University, Atlanta  
1988 BA, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL

### solo exhibitions

- 2023 David Lusk Gallery, Nashville  
*Atlanta Black*, Hammonds House Museum, Atlanta
- 2022 Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College, Davidson, NC
- 2021 Gavlak Gallery, Los Angeles
- 2019 Pure, Very, New, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York
- 2018 *Reinterpreting the Sounds of Blackness*, Telfair Museum Jepson Center, Savannah, GA  
*Unloaded Atlanta, GA*, Marcia Wood Gallery/Dashboard US, Atlanta
- 2017 *Pure Black*, Working Artists Project, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta  
The Studio Museum, Harlem, New York
- 2016 *God Bless America*, Poem 88 Atlanta  
*Black is the Color*, High Museum of Art, Atlanta  
*Come Over*, The Department of Cultural Affairs: City of Atlanta Gallery 72, Atlanta
- 2014 *Black is a Color*, Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA
- 2013 DAEL (Digital Art and Entertainment Lab), Window Project, Georgia State University, Atlanta
- 2010 *Between Here and There*, Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, Atlanta  
*Antiques and Heirlooms*, Ferguson Gallery, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL
- 2009 *Between Here and There*, Nicole Gallery, Chicago  
*G2: Transformations*, Swan Coach House Forward Arts Foundation Emerging Artist Award, Atlanta
- 2008 *Between Here and There*, Alice Campbell Alumni Center, University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign, Champaign, IL
- 2007 *A Cut Above: Collages with Spirit*, Chicago State University, Chicago
- 2006 *Defining the Lines of Color: A Patriotic View of America*, University of Illinois African American Cultural Center, Chicago
- 2005 *The Traveler*, Montgomery Ward Gallery, The University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2004 *Collaged Image*, Tall Grass Arts Foundation, Park Forrest, IL  
*New Works*, Montgomery Ward Gallery, The University of Illinois, Chicago
- 2003 *Sound*, ETA Creative Arts Foundation, Chicago

### group exhibitions

- 2023 *Blackness*, Montresso Art Foundation, Marrakesh, Morocco
- 2022 The Thomas Art Vault, Santa Fe, NM  
Prospect.5, New Orleans
- 2021 *The Dirty South*, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, Richmond, VA
- 2020 *State of the Art*, Crystal Bridges Museum and the Momentary, Bentonville, AR
- 2019 The MAC, Belfast, UK  
*Great Force*, VCU Institute for Contemporary Art, Richmond, VA  
The Havana Biennial, Matanzas, Cuba
- 2018 Tacoma Art Museum, Tacoma, WA
- 2017 *Virtue of the Vicious*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago  
*Unloaded Atlanta, GA*, Marcia Wood Gallery/Dashboard US, Atlanta
- 2015 *Sporadic Democracy: Somebody Else's Problem*, The Luminary, St. Louis  
*Short Shorts 2015: Somebody Else's Problem*, Whitespace Gallery, Atlanta
- 2014 *Coloring*, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta  
*Exquisite Corpse*, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta

- 2013 *On Paper*, Fieldwork Contemporary, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Diasporal Rhythms*, Chicago Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago  
*One City*, Tubman Museum of African American Art, Macon, GA  
*Word*, Decatur Book Festival, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta  
*The Dream: Five Artists, Five Voices*, The Fowler Gallery, Hudgens Center for the Arts, Duluth, GA
- 2011 *The Painted Photograph*, Performance Theater Gallery, Southwest Arts Center, Atlanta  
*G2: Transformations*, Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center, Atlanta  
*Bring It*, Landmark Gallery, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 2010 *Little Things Mean a Lot*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta  
*Interpretations*, The Lee E. Dulgar Gallery, South Suburban College, South Holland, IL
- 2009 *In the Community of Others*, Southside Community Art Center, Chicago  
*Little Things Mean a Lot*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta  
Cultural Art Center of Douglasville/Douglasville County, Douglas GA  
*Urban Chrysaliosis*, Tubman African American Museum, Macon, GA  
*Dissolving Stereotypes/Forging New Dialogues: An Exhibition Beyond Race*, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Atlanta  
*The Reclamation of Memory*, Madison Morgan Cultural Center, Madison, GA
- 2008 *Not Just a Pretty Face*, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago  
The Daniel Texidor Parker Collection, South Shore Arts: The Center for Visual and Performing Arts, Munster, IN  
*Black Creativity*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago
- 2007 *Re-Fuse*, Orleans Street Art Gallery, St. Charles, IL  
*Looks Good on Paper*, Spruill Gallery, Atlanta  
*Re-Assignments: Create Changes*, ARC Gallery, Chicago  
Susan Woodson Gallery, Chicago  
*Constructed Images: The Art of Collage*, Swan Coach House Gallery, Atlanta  
*2007 Pinup Show*, City of Atlanta Department of Cultural Affairs, Atlanta  
*Personal Journeys*, City of Evanston Noyes Cultural Art Center, Evanston, IL
- 2006 *A.Q.: After Qualls*, Southside Community Art Center, Chicago  
*Black Creativity*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago
- 2005 *African American: Contemporary Conceptions*, Orleans Street Gallery, St. Charles, IL  
*Color Me Black and White*, Gallery Romain, Chicago  
South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago  
*Reconnect*, Southside Community Art Center, Chicago  
*Black Creativity*, Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago  
*Hot Images for Cold Times*, Fourth Presbyterian Gallery, Chicago  
*Cultural Journeys*, South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago  
Tall Grass Fine Arts Gallery, Park Forest, IL  
Susan Woodson Gallery, Chicago
- 2004 Vietnam Museum, CAC Chicago Art Open 2004, Chicago  
Daniel T. Parker Collection, South Shore Cultural Center, Chicago  
Susan Woodson Gallery, Chicago
- 2003 Galleria Samuel Menache, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Blues, Jaxx, Dance ... That's Chicago*, Gallery 415, Chicago  
Tall Grass Fine Arts Gallery, Park Forest, IL

## awards

- 2019 The Hudgens Prize  
Joan Mitchell Foundation Painters and Sculptors Grant  
Hambridge Distinguished Fellowship
- 2018 The Southern Art Prize  
State Fellow of Georgia
- 2017 Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia (WAP) Fellow

- 2014 Artadia, the Fund for Art and Dialogue  
 Working Artist Project MOCA GA Finalist  
 Winnie C. Chandler Art and Design Fellowship  
 Atlanta Contemporary Art Center Studio Program  
 Museum of Science and Industry
- 2009 Forward Arts Foundation Emerging Artist Award  
 Diasporal Rhythms Artist Recognition Award  
 Louis Comfort Tiffany Nominee

## **bibliography**

- Daily Serving, Jordan Amirkhani, *Paul Stephen Benjamin: God Bless America*, September 2016
- Atlanta Journal Constituion, Bo Emerson, *Atlanta Contemporary Museum of Art Celebrates Three Artists*, September 2016
- ArtsATL, Gail O'Neill, *Paul Stephen Benjamin's: Come Over Beckons Viewers to Collapse Past, Present and Future*, March 2016
- Burnaway, Shantay Robinson, *Studies in Blackness: Paul Stephen Benjamin at the High Museum and Gallery 72*, March 2016
- Black Art in America, Faron Manuel, *Come Over: Paul Stephen Benjamin Interview with Faron Manuel*, March 2016
- Creative Loafing, Muriel Vega, *Paul Stephen Benjamin Explores the Color Black*, February 2016
- Artadia.org, Aram Moshayedi, *Art and Dialogue: Atlanta Summary from Aram Moshayedi*, June 2015
- Burnaway, Sherri Caudell, *Exquisite Exhibit: An Exercise in Collaboration at ATL Contemporary*, October 2014
- Burnaway, Carl Rojas, *Studio Visit: Paul Stephen Benjamin*, April 2014
- Burnaway, Stephanie Cash, *Artadia Awards to Atlanta Artists*, April 2014
- NPR's WABE, Myke Johns, *Bringing Color to the Contemporary*, march 2014
- Burnaway, Carl Rojas, *Five Shades of Color at the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center*, January 2014

## **public lectures**

- Savannah College of Art and Design with Gail O'Neill, Atlanta  
 Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs Gallery 72 with Kevin Sipp, Atlanta  
 Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston, GA  
 Rialto Center for the Arts at Georgia State University, Atlanta  
 Concordia University Chicago, Ferguson Gallery, River Forest IL  
 Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, *Dissolving Stereotypes/Forging New Dialogues: An Exhibition Beyond Race*, with Larry Waller, Atlanta  
 Madison Morgan Cultural Center, Madison, GA  
 Swan Coach House Forward Arts Foundation Emerging Artist Award, with Marianne Lambert, Atlanta  
 Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, *Looking Closely at a Work of Art* with Stuart Horodner, Isolde Brielmaier and Jason Francisco

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