

nik rye

b. 1989, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA

EDUCATION

- 2023** MFA Participatory Art, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2020** BA Ceramics & Printmaking, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2018** AS Graphic Design, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2013** AA Film, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL

MENTORSHIPS

- 2017** Stephanie McMillan, 6 month studio mentorship, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016** Jack Lieberman, 8 month mentorship, Miami, FL
- 2013** Keith McHenry, 10 month touring mentorship, Taos, NM to Washington DC
- 2011** Jason Gong Jones, 4 month studio mentorship, Orlando, FL

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, and GRANTS

- 2022** *Academic Leadership Award*, Florida State University Student Organizations & Involvement
Jim Boone Endowed Art Scholarship, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts
- 2021** *Allies 4 Art*, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts
Ada Belle Winthrop-King Visual Arts Endowment, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts
- 2020** *The Legacy Fellowship*, The Florida State University Fellows Society (2020-2023)
Adelaide D Wilson Graduate Fellowship Endowment, Florida State University
Anne Kirn Scholarship, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts
- 2019** *Silver Addy*, American Advertising Federation of Fort Lauderdale
- 2018** *Silver Addy*, American Advertising Federation of Fort Lauderdale
Student Leadership Award, Broward College Student Life Association
Designer of the Year, Broward College Graphic Design Program
- 2015** *Excellence in Civil Disobedience Medal*, American Civil Liberties Union of Broward

SELECTED PERFORMANCES

participatory performance and social practice

- 2023** *Foodshare 2*, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
Today My Houseless Friend Told Me, Lake Ella and MoFA FSU, Tallahassee, FL
The Paradox of Empathy (why you'll never get it), Park Ave and MoFA FSU, Tallahassee, FL
- 2022** *Foodshare 1*, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL
Ann is my valentine, Leon County Jail, Tallahassee, FL
We Can House Ann, Tallahassee, FL
- 2021** *Color in Design Latinx Film Screening & Fundraiser*, The Square Mug, Tallahassee, FL
Keith Stafford Was Murdered, Gaines St & Railroad Ave, Tallahassee, FL
7 Days a Diamond, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL
Tallahassee Houseless Alliance, Tallahassee, FL
- 2020** *Tally Community Aid*, an ongoing mutual aid project throughout Tallahassee, FL
AFC Print Collective, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL
Election Party 2020, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL
Lick N Stick, Phyllis Straus Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
- 2019** *Things the Police Have Said to Me*, Selected locations in Tallahassee, FL
- 2012** *Food Not Bombs Free Skool*, Taos, NM
Puppet Craft Crash Course, Protest Theatre 101, Writing Workshop: Mama Nature Goes to Hollywood

protest and direct action

- 2021** *Meeting with Commissioner Jack Porter*, Tallahassee, FL
- 2020** *Tally 19 Jail Support with Tallahassee Bail Fund*, Leon County Jail
Tally 19 HB-1 Protest, Tallahassee, FL
George Floyd Uprising Solidarity Protests, Tallahassee, FL
Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons Jail Support, Leon County Jail
COVID-19 Campaign to Fight Toxic Prisons Rally, Governor's Mansion, Tallahassee, FL
- 2019** *Pro-Abortion Rally for Planned Parenthood*, Florida State Capitol, Tallahassee, FL
- 2017** *Immigration Ban Trump Protest*, Hollywood-Fort Lauderdale Airport, Hollywood, FL
- 2016** *Black Lives Matter Broward Jail Solidarity Noise Demonstration*, Broward County Jail
The Downtown Disposium, with Autonomous Playhouse, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2015** *Stop Monsanto March*, Miami, FL
- 2014** *nik rye vs The City of Fort Lauderdale*, Illegal Public Food Distribution, (2014-2018)
Civil Disobedience Food Sharing, Stranahan Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Public Food Distribution Jail Support, Broward County Jail
Rally in Solidarity with Arnold Abbott and Love Thy Neighbor, Stranahan Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Stop Houseless Hate Laws Banner Drop, Stranahan Park, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2013** *Climate Change March Puppets*, Miami, FL
Dark Zero Thirty Puppet Parade, SOUTHCOM March, Miami, FL
Shoe Day, City Hall, Orlando, FL
Death March, School of the Americas Watch, Fort Benning, GA

SELECTED PERFORMANCES (continued)

- 2013** *Neighborhood Parade*, School of the Americas Puppetista Collective, Columbus, GA
The Peace House, Washington DC
The Peace Vigil, in Front of the White House, Washington DC
- 2012** *Food Not Bombs Free Skool*, Taos, NM
Puppet Craft Crash Course, Protest Theatre 101, Writing Workshop: Mama Nature Goes to Hollywood
Faith and Freedom Conference Banner Drop, Republican National Convention, Tampa, FL
Clown Bloc, Republican National Convention, Tampa, FL
Dance Party Ybor Puppet March, Republican National Convention, Ybor City, Tampa, FL
Occupy Tallahassee Convention, Tallahassee, FL
Awake the State Rally at the Florida Legislative Session, Florida State Capitol
Earth First! Jail Support, Hillsborough County Jail
Earth First! Everglades Blockade, TECO Power Plant, Tampa, FL
Vermin Supreme's Very Gay Counter Protest, to Westoboro Baptist Church, Tampa, FL
Anti-Romney Dance Party Ybor March, Tampa, FL
Food Not Bombs World Gathering, Tampa, FL
The Florida People's Convention, Orlando City Hall
Occupy Orlando Jail Support, Orange County Jail
- 2011** *Occupy Orlando People's March*, Orlando, FL

solo performance art

- 2020** *Houseless Sweep*, Tallahassee, FL
- 2019** *Eat the Rich*, outside of FSU MoFA, Tallahassee, FL
Seven Deadly Sins Art Wedding, Art Nunz Goddess Lounge, Railroad Square, Tallahassee, FL

spoken word and story

- 2022** *Butterfly Defect* (play), Indaba Theatre, Tallahassee, FL
- 2021** *The Conquest of Bread* (film), Tallahassee, FL
7 Days a Diamond Diary Reading, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL
- 2018** *A Queer Goodbye*, L Mercado Studios, Hollywood, FL
Poetry & Punk, The Black Sheep House, Miami, FL
The Womyn of Folk Live Poetry, Churchill's, Miami, FL
- 2017** *The Womyn of Folk Live Poetry I*, Churchill's, Miami, FL
Feminist Theory, The Tea House, Miami, FL
Queer Poetry and Prose Reading II, Stonewall Museum, Wilton Manors, FL

puppetry

- 2013** *Flower and The Kingdom of Fort Lauderdale*, Broward Homeless Coalition, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Victor Jara Tribute Show, Churchill's, Miami, FL
A Very Security Culture Musical, Earth First! Everglades Journal House, Lake Worth, FL
Special Anniversary Extravaganza!, Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL

SELECTED PERFORMANCES (continued)

2013 *The Homeless Apocalypse Tour*

Westside Community Center, Albuquerque, NM
 Opening for Days n Daze, Walter's, Houston, TX
 Black Cat Collective, Fort Worth, TX
 Bolozone House, St. Louis, MO
 Hippie Hill, Knoxville, TN
 School of Americas Watch Convention, Columbus, GA
 Pensacola Food Not Bombs Sharing, Pensacola, FL
 Civic Media Center, Gainesville, FL
 Gramp's, Miami, FL

2012 *Republican National Convention in Tampa, FL*

Celebration of Resistance with Vermin Supreme, New World Brewery
 Opening for David Rovics, The Hub Bar
 Dan the Pandarchist, Ybor City

The Walmart of America Tour

Fort Lauderdale Food Not Bombs Sharing, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
 Occupy Tallahassee, Tallahassee, FL
 Sluggo's, Pensacola, FL
 French Quarter Streets, New Orleans, LA
 Super Happy Fun Land, Houston, TX
 Down Together Haus, Houston, TX
 Taos Food Not Bombs Sharing, Taos, NM

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2021 *7 Days a Diamond Archive Show*, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL

2019 *Untitled*, The Bark, Tallahassee, FL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2023 *Aquarius Pluto*, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
Thesis Exhibition, FSU Museum of Fine Art, Tallahassee, FL

2022 *All About Love*, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL

2021 *Thresholds*, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL
Members Exhibition, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
Surviving the Void, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL

2020 *QuAR(T)antine*, Performance Køkkenet, Copenhagen DK
Taste, Phyllis Straus Gallery, Tallahassee, FL

2019 *Displacement & Diffusion*, Phyllis Straus Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
Shape, Glaze, and Fire, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (continued)

- 2018 *Foundations Show*, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL
P'an Ku Annual Artist Exhibit, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2017 *The Hive with Stephanie McMillan*, Forward Spiral, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 *Hang Your Bra*, Little Haiti Cultural Center, Miami, FL
- 2015 *Really Really Public Art Show*, Stranahan Park, Fort Lauderdale, FL

CURATORIAL

- 2023 *Aquarius Pluto: Aesthetics of Revolution*, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
- 2022 *re/fract*, Carnaghi Arts Building, Tallahassee, FL
 Co-curated with my students in Contemporary Art Foundations
All About Love, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL
 Co-curated with Camille Modesto
- 2021 *I think you should leave*, Phyllis Straus Gallery, Tallahassee, FL
 Co-curated with my students in Beginning Ceramics
- 2021 *Surviving the Void*, Working Method Contemporary, Tallahassee, FL
 Co-curated with my MFA cohort
7 Days a Diamond Archive, The Plant, Tallahassee, FL
- 2018 *A Queer Goodbye*, L Mercado Studios, Hollywood, FL
 Co-curated with Cathleen Chambless
First Friday: Creative Storm, C&I Studios, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016 *Rise Up Miami: A Two-Day Radical Film Fest*, Earth N Us Farm, Miami, FL
- 2014 *Love Your Skin Photography Exhibition*, Buena Vista Community Garden, Miami, FL
 Co-curated with R.Y.P.E. (Reclaim Your Power Equality)

SELECTED PRESS

- 2022 Bryan, Susannah, *Fort Lauderdale may face \$1.5M legal bill over public feeding crackdown*, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, May 11.
 Stancil, Kenny, *After 7 Years, Anti-War Group That Fed the Hungry Wins Fight With Fort Lauderdale*, CommonDreams.org, January 5.
Ft. Lauderdale Food Not Bombs Wins Settlement In Federal Lawsuit Against City, It'sGoingDown.org, January 4.
- 2021 *Emily Janssen and nik rye (conversation recording)*, StoryCorps, December 20.
 Benoit, Marena, *FSU Grad Student Advocating for Houseless Through Art*, HerCampus, October 29.

SELECTED PRESS (continued)

- 2021** Bailey, Karah, *Activist Creates Art to End Houselessness*, ABC 27 WTXL Tallahassee, September 13.
 Baitinger, Brooke, *Court sides with homeless food program in Fort Lauderdale parks*, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, September 1.
 Ruane, Don, *Gaines St memorial reminds us to do better for our houseless neighbors*, Tallahassee Democrat, August 21.
 Wallace 'Keith' Stafford *through the years | Photos*, Tallahassee Democrat, July 7.
Art MFA Nik Rye's Performance and Show Brings Awareness to Homelessness, Department of Art News, March 23.
 Clueless, April and Crowley, Will, *No Islands: nik rye*, Cat Family Records, Youtube, March 21.
 Cho, Micha, *City Walk hosts town hall to help homeless clients*, ABC 27 WXTL Tallahassee, March 20.
 Williams, Noella, *What does mutual aid during the pandemic look like?*, Nabjaggieshortcourse.home.blog, March 20.
 Matlow, Jeremy, *Together, Tallahassee can solve homelessness | Jeremy Matlow*, Tallahassee Democrat, February 19.
 Pitzen, Lexie, *'7 Days a Diamond' increases homelessness awareness in Tallahassee*, Tartzine.com, February 18.
 Clueless, April, *7 Days a Diamond -nik rye Performance Art Installation Tallahassee Florida*, Cat Family Records, Youtube, February 13.
 Schneider, Tori Lynn, *'Helped me heal in a lot of ways:' rye reflects on living in a box for a week*, Tallahassee Democrat, February 15.
- 2021** Wheeler, Emma, *Artist spending seven days in window to raise homelessness awareness*, WCTV.tv, February 8.
 Bailey, Karah, *Artist stays a week in Tallahassee storefront raising homelessness awareness*, ABC 27 WXTL Tallahassee, February 8.
 Dobson, Byron, *In This Box: Artist Highlights Isolation*, Tallahassee Democrat, February 8, p. A1
- 2020** Yvonne, Nyala, *Living as Art*, Independent Documentary, Youtube, December 12.
- 2017** Bouscher, Dylan, *Activists Stopped From Feeding the Homeless in Fort Lauderdale*, Broward Palm Beach New Times, Youtube, November 7.
 Iannelli, Jerry, *Fort Lauderdale Wants To Ban Feeding The Homeless Again*, Miami New Times, July 10.
- 2016** Davis, Melissa Hunter, *Muce Presents The Hang Your Bra For The Cause Exhibition In Honor Of Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, Sugarcane Magazine, September 29.
 Miami New Times Staff, *Miami's Best Free Concert of the Weekend: All Access Miami at the 380 District*, Miami New Times, September 9.
- 2015** Joseph, Chris, *Food Not Bombs Sues Fort Lauderdale Over Homeless Feeding Law*, Broward Palm Beach New Times, January 30.
 Swanson, Jess, *Activists Prank Fort Lauderdale Commissioners to Protest Homeless Hate Laws*, Broward Palm Beach New Times, November 4.
 Barszewski, Larry, *Food Not Bombs sues Fort Lauderdale over homeless feeding rules*, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, January 29.
- 2014** McEvoy, Ashleigh, *Fort Lauderdale Ordinance: The Deteriorating Rights of the Homeless*, Brown Political Review, November 19.
 Boroff, David, *'As Long As There Is Breath In My Body': Determined 90-Year-Old Florida Man Vows To Keep Feeding Homeless Despite Arrests*, New York Daily News, November 10.

Arrests continue over feeding the homeless, Ocala Post, November 10.

Rudra, Geetika, Crackdown on Feeding Homeless Gets More People Arrested, ABC News, November 9.

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- 2014** Clary, Mike, *South Homeless advocate faces mayor on TV, braces for Wednesday run-in with police*, South Florida Sun-Sentinel, November 9.
 Perez, Andrew, *More homeless-feeding arrests in Ft. Lauderdale amid national backlash*, Local10.com, November 8.
FLPD Arrest Food Not Bombs South Florida members, Invisible People FTL, Youtube, November 7.
Another Crackdown For Violating Public Homeless Feeding Ordinance, CBS Miami, November 7.
 Rivero, Daniel, *Ft. Lauderdale mayor: feeding the homeless is an 'inappropriate nuisance'*, Splinter, November 7.
Busted for Feeding the Homeless, The Colbert Report, Season 11, November 6.
- 2013** Clary, Mike, *Hark! Thespian puppeteers come to rescue Fort Lauderdale's homeless*, South Florida Sun Sentinel, January 22.
Free Skool Brings Food Not Bombs, Puppetistas to Taos, Live Taos, July 26.
- 2012** Langston, Jacob, *Pictures: Occupy Orlando demonstrations*, The Orlando Sentinel, September 17. p 51/90
 Spinksi, Tristan, *Photographing the RNC Through the Eyes of a Newcomer*, WIRED, August 31, p 6/15.
 Christensen, Jen, *Tampa puppet protesters pulling no punches*, CNN, August 30.
 Pickett, Alex, *Vermin Supreme, Ritt Momney, and dancing vaginas: A night at the Festival of Resistance*, CLTampa.com, August 28.
 Anton, Leonora LaPeter, *Political puppets popular with protesters, not police*, Tampa Bay Times, July 29.
 Busdeker, Jon, *Trespassing charges against Occupy Orlando dropped*, The Orlando Sentinel, May 11, p A4.
2 Orlando Occupiers Arrested Overnight, WESH 2, February 3.
- 2011** Busdeker, Jon, *Deadline to remove Occupy Orlando property passes without incident*, The Orlando Sentinel, December 5.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2022** Instructor, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
 Contemporary Art Foundations, Spring 2022, Fall 2022
- 2021** Instructor, Florida State University, College of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
 Beginning Ceramics, Fall 2021
- 2017** Teacher, Miami Fine Arts Academy, Coral Gables, Miami, FL
 Summer Classes, Ages 4 to 13, Varying Curricula
 Night Class, Adult, Beginning Watercolor

LECTURES, PANELS, and WORKSHOPS

- 2023** Artist Lecture, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
 Speaker and Panelist, *Art + Social Justice Symposium*, College of Art Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

LECTURES, PANELS, and WORKSHOPS (continued)

- 2022** Research Lecture, *Performing Resistance*, The FSU Fellows Society Research Luncheon, Honors, Scholars, and Fellows House, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
- 2021** Speech, *We Can House Ann Benefit Show*, The Bark, Tallahassee, FL
 Research Lecture, *The Relationship is the Object*, The FSU Fellows Society Research Event, Virtual
 Artist Lecture, *Art Nunz Vision Train*, Virtual
 Panelist and Host, *Spare Change Tallahassee with Keith McHenry*, Virtual
 Guest Speaker, in Religion, Race, Health, & Community-Driven Research by Dr. Laura McTighe, Virtual
 Facilitator, *City Walk Housing Crisis Town Hall*, City Walk Urban Mission Shelter, Tallahassee, FL
- 2020** Speaker and Panelist, *Urban Foraging and Farming Event*, FSU College Of Arts And Sciences Student Leadership Council, Virtual
- 2018** Artist Talk, *P'an Ku Spring 2018 Release Event*, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2016** Panelist, *Hang Your Bra Exhibition*, Little Haiti Cultural Center, Little Haiti, Miami, FL
 Panelist, *All Access: Miami*, 380 District, Miami, FL
- 2014** Host, *Stop Homeless Hate Laws Fundraiser*, Unitarian Universalist Church, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- 2012** Speaker, *Latinx Representation in OCPS Rally*, Orange County Public School Board Meeting, Orlando, FL
 Speaker, *Occupy Orlando Jail Solidarity Rally*, Orlando, FL

COMMUNITY ADVISEMENT and COMMITTEES

- 2021** Advisor, Food Not Bombs South Florida Legal Team (since 2016)
 Planning Committee, House Anne Now Fundraiser
 Action Committee, Tallahassee Homeless Rights Council
 Planning Committee, Food Justice Spokes Council
 Action Committee, City Walk Shelter Town Hall & Rally
- 2020** Planning Committee, We Are All We Need Inc
 Social Media Director, Live Oak Radical Ecology
 Planning Committee, Plantasia Community Garden
 Advisor, Capital City Mutual Aid
- 2015** Advisor, Invisible People FTL
 Advisor, October 22nd Alliance to End Homelessness
- 2014** Aid, J. Pim Hunger Strike for Food Not Bombs South Florida
 Action Committee, Homeless Hate Laws Marches & Direct Actions
- 2013** Planning Committee, Slingshot! Planner & Newspaper
 Planning Committee, School of Americas Watch Puppetistas

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022** Graduate Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Foundations Program, Anne Stagg
- 2021** Graduate Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
BFA Program, Clint Sleeper
- 2020** Graduate Assistant, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
Ceramics Department, Holly Hanessian
BFA Program, Carrie Ann Baade
- 2020** Freelance Graphic Designer, Remote
Indaba Theatre Company, Marty Fielding
- 2019** Ceramics Studio Assistant, LeMoyne Arts, Tallahassee, FL
Graphic Designer & Illustrator, C&I Studios, Fort Lauderdale, FL (2018-2019)
- 2018** Social Media Graphics & Video Editor, RichMusic LTD, Wynwood, Miami, FL
Graphic Designer & Printer, Radical Jack Printshop, Miami, FL (2016-2018)
- 2016** Canvassing Organizer, Engage Miami, Miami, FL
- 2015** Art Director, Spyke's Grove, Davie, FL
- 2013** Assistant to Alex Grey, Moksha Art Fair at Art Basel, Miami, FL

BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2020** Cat Family Records. "Artist Feature: nik rye", T.ART Zine, Special Holiday Fundraiser Edition.
- 2018** "Catwalker, Happier Than a Unicorn, Jerome at Food Not Bombs, Port Everglades: Digital Photography by nik rye", P'an Ku, Volume 54, Issue 2, May 8. p 52-57.

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022** "Utilitarian Aesthetics of Resistance in Now You See Me Moria", Medium.com, September 7.
- 2019** "Spare Change: Anything Helps: Houseless Compositions", artbook, edition of 5, November 18.
- 2014** "Nik Rye Bikes", online blog, Blogspot.com, multiple entries from June 6 to July 5.
- 2012** "How to Take Care of Your Kitty", zine, edition of 10, October 20.

GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

Founder & Organizer, *Tally Community Aid*, since 2020
Member, *Really Really Free Market Tallahassee*, since 2021
Curator, *The Plant*, 2020
Organizer, *Stop Homeless Hate Laws Campaign*, 2014-2018
Member, *Broward Black Lives Matter Alliance*, 2016
Prison Distribution Team, *Slingshot! Newspaper*, *The Longhaul Infoshop*, 2013
Organizer, *Food Not Bombs Boone*, 2013
Member, *RYPE (Reclaim Your Power Equality)*, 2013
Co-Founder, *The Food Not Bombs Free Skool*, 2012-2013
Organizer, *Food Not Bombs Fort Lauderdale*, 2012-2018
Co-Director, Co-Writer, and Performer, *Autonomous Playhouse*, 2012-2016
Food Team Facilitator, *Occupy Orlando*, 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Fellow, *The FSU Fellows Society*, 2020-2023
Member, *AIGA Miami*, 2016-2019