

# KOPLIN DEL RIO

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## MELISSA COOKE

### EDUCATION

- 2008 Master of Arts, Studio Art, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
2006 Bachelor's of Fine Art, Studio Art & Art History, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
Areas of Specialization: Drawing and Printmaking

### FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2011 Artist –In-Residence, Bemis Center for Contemporary Arts, Omaha, NE  
2009 BLINK Grant Recipient, Madison Arts Commission, Madison, WI  
2006 *Paradise Lost*, Received a fellowship to attend a Climate Change Workshop and create art in response to environmental issues.  
Class of 1930 Purchase Award, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
2005 Betty J. Frazier Scholarship  
Emerging Artist Award, the Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts  
Class of 1930 Purchase Award, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
2004 Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts Scholarship  
Catherine Esther Hokin Memorial Scholarship  
Wisconsin Idea Undergraduate Fellowship  
2003 Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts Scholarship  
Best of Show, *Customer Show*, Artist and Craftsman, Madison, WI  
2001 Oconomowoc Scholarship Fund  
FM Global Scholarship  
Wisconsin PTA State Art Award  
2000 Waukesha Art Festival Scholarship

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI, October 2016 - January 2017  
2015 *No Place Like Home*, Koplín Del Río Gallery, Culver City, CA  
*Recent Works on Paper*, Bernarducci Meisel Gallery, New York, NY  
2013 *Plunge*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
2012 *Melissa Cooke: Surfaced*, Koplín Del Río Gallery, Culver City, CA  
2011 *Melissa Cooke: Sometimes I Disappear*, Brenau Gallery, Brenau University, Gainesville, GA  
*Melissa Cooke: Sometimes I Disappear*, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
*Melissa Cooke: One From Wisconsin*, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI  
*Lost Inside You*, Caestecker Gallery, Ripon College, Ripon, WI  
*Lost Inside You*, Arts Loft Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
2010 *You Know Me Better Than I Know Myself*, Koplín Del Río, Culver City, CA  
2008 *Masked: Master's of Fine Art Exhibition*, Project Lodge, Madison, WI  
2006 *Prints and Paintings by Melissa Cooke*, ArtCade, Oconomowoc, WI  
2005 *ReStore: An Exploration of Global Warming*, 734 Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *Identity: A Visual Artifact*, Koplín Del Río, Seattle, WA  
2015-2016 *American Art: It's Complicated*, Minnesota Museum of American Art, St. Paul, MN  
*Out of Madison*, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI  
2015: *No Vacancy, Waiting Room*, Minneapolis, MN  
2015: *Subjective Truths*, Carnegie Art Museum, Oxnard, CA

- 2014- *Face to Face: Artists' Self-Portraits from the Collection of Jackye and Curtis Finch, Jr.*, The Baker Museum, Naples, FL
- 2014 *Stranger Than Fiction*, Jonathan Levine Gallery, NY, NY  
*Face to Face: Wall to Wall*, Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT  
*The Skull Show*, Bedford Gallery, Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA  
*EF2*, The Active Space, Brooklyn, NY  
*Human Extension*, The Lodge Gallery, New York, NY  
*Ossuary*, Herron Gallery of IUPUI, Indianapolis, IN
- 2013 *Size Really Does Matter*, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Artists' Self-Portraits from the Collection of Jackye & Curtis Finch, Jr.*, Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AR  
*Ossuary*, University of Tennessee Downtown Gallery, Knoxville, TN  
*15th Annual Art Auction*, Bemis Center for Contemporary Art, Omaha, NE  
*Spring Selections*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Wunderkammer*, Koplín Del Rio, Los Angeles, CA
- 2012 *The Space Between*, The National Arts Club, New York, NY  
*Self Possessed: Examining Identity in the 21st Century*, Koplín Del Rio, Culver City, CA  
*Role/Play*, Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI  
*Voices*, Warehouse Gallery, Dubuque, IA  
*YOU: Investigating Identity*, Oceanside Museum of Art, Oceanside, CA
- 2011 *Blurring the Lines*, Davidson Galleries, Seattle, WA  
*Generation Next*, Layton Gallery, Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, Milwaukee, WI  
*Blurring the Lines*, Davidson Galleries, Seattle, WA  
*Face to Face: The Changing Face of Portraiture*, William D. Cannon Art Gallery, City of Carlsbad, Carlsbad, CA
- 2010 *2010 Wisconsin Triennial*, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, WI  
*To See Ourselves As Others See Us: Contemporary Wisconsin Portraits*, Museum of Wisconsin Art, WI  
*Delineate: An Invitational Exhibition of Drawings*, McMaster Gallery, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC  
*Wisconsin Triennial*, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, Madison, WI  
*To See Ourselves As Others See Us*, Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, WI
- 2009 *On Paper*, Jenkins Johnson Gallery, New York, NY  
*West Coast Drawings VIII*, Davidson Galleries, Seattle, WA  
*LA Art Show*, exhibited by Koplín Del Rio, Los Angeles, CA  
*In Cahoots*, Overture Center for the Arts, October 2008, Madison, WI
- 2008 *Two-Timed*, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2007 *Visceral Mappings*, Dellora Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL  
*Paradise Lost*, a traveling Climate Change exhibit and community education program  
*Dyscalculia*, a portfolio organized for the Southern Graphics Council Conference  
*The UW-Madison Master of Fine Arts Juried Show*, Gail Floether Steinhilber Art Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI  
*First Year MFA Review*, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- 2006 *Paper Work Continued*, Shotgun House Gallery, Portland, OR  
*Paper Work*, 734 Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
*eco'arts*, International Visions Arts Gallery, Washington DC  
*Illumination Showcase*, College Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
*78<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Show*, Porter Butts Gallery, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
*Mitochondria: Wisconsin Women of the Word*, a portfolio for the Southern Graphics Conference, Memorial Library, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
*BabyFetus Printmakers*, an Undergraduate Print Portfolio organized for the Southern Graphics Conference, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
*Fresh Hot Press*, Overture Center for the Arts, Madison, WI

- North by North West*, Diamond Ink Gallery, Milwaukee, WI  
*North by North West*, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI  
*First Base*, 7th Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
2005 *Paper Politics*, 5 + 5 Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Graphics Show*, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
*Kontakt 9 x 3: International Art Students Make Kontakt*, an online invitational exhibit of art from Europe, Africa and the USA  
*Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts*, Oconomowoc, WI  
*Public/Private*, National Juried Print Portfolio Competition, Hughes Fine Art Center, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND  
*77<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Show*, Porter Butts Gallery, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
*Layered Intentions*, Madison Central Library, Madison, WI  
*Paper Politics (West)*, Phinney Center Gallery, Seattle, WA  
2004 *Capito/al*, Print Portfolio between the University of Wisconsin and the University of Minnesota  
*Print 'till You Drop*, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
*Overlays*, Commonwealth Gallery, Madison, WI  
*Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts*, Oconomowoc, WI  
*Lessedra World Art Print Annual*, Sofia City Art Gallery, Sofia, Bulgaria 4  
*76<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Student Art Show*, Porter Butts Gallery, Memorial Union, Madison, WI  
*Catch Phrase*, Annual Postcard Print Exchange organized by the Iowa State University Print Club  
2003 *Customer Show*, Artist and Craftsman, Madison, WI  
*Oconomowoc Festival of the Arts*, Oconomowoc, WI  
*Artists for Peace*, Art Beat Gallery, Madison, WI  
2002 *UW Fundamentals Art Show*, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Gallery, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI  
2000 *Waukesha Art Festival*, Waukesha, WI  
*State Fair Student Art Show*, West Allis, WI

## PUBLICATIONS

- "New & Notable: Melissa Cooke", *American Artist Drawing*, Summer 2011, pg 20-22.  
*ElevenEleven*, Issue 11, California College of the Arts, San Francisco, CA, 2011, pg 100-101.  
*Empty Magazine*, Issue 20, 2011, Australia, Pg 52-57.  
*The Ampersand*, Spring 2011, Fordham University Press, Bronx, NY, Pg 26-28 and center photo spread.  
*New American Painting*, No. 89, Midwest Edition., August/September 2010. pg 9, 154-157.  
*Poets/Artists*, February 2011, pg 58-64.

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Moret, A., "Fred Stonehouse and Melissa Cooke at Koplín Del Río", art ltd. magazine, September, 2015  
Zhang, Jenny, "Photorealistic Drawings Created with Thin Layers of Graphite Dust", My Modern Met, September 14, 2015  
"Graphite Drawings By Melissa Cooke", Juxtapoz, September 3, 2015  
Ollman, Leah, "Haunting Portraits and Visual Poetry", Los Angeles Times, June 26, 2015  
Senn, Evan, "Going 'Home' With Melissa Cooke", YAY!LA Magazine, May 29, 2015  
Carlson, Jeffrey, "Drawings From (City) Life", Fine Art Connoisseur, May 28, 2015  
Carlson, Jeffrey, "Drawing Out Melissa Cooke", *Fine Art Connoisseur*, February 5, 2015  
"Exhibition of Recent Graphite Drawings By Melissa Cooke on View at Bernarducci Meisel Gallery", artdaily.org, February, 2015  
Frank, Priscilla, "10 Insanely Detailed Drawings With One Foot In Reality And The Other In Our Dreams", *Huffington Post, Arts & Culture*, September 18, 2014  
Voynovskaya, Nastia, "Disorienting, Large-Scale Graphite Drawings by Melissa Cooke", *Hi-*

*Fructose*, June 10, 2014

Majzoub, Maha, "Me, Myself, and My Alter Ego: The Many Faces of Melissa Cooke", *Curve*, Lebanon, June/July, 2

Brouk, Tim, "Artist Melissa Cooke Creates Provocative Pieces with Graphite", *Journal and Courier*, August 17, 2011.

Dunigan, Peggy Sue, "'Vacuum' Triggers Emotional Response at Museum of Wisconsin Art", *Express Milwaukee*, May 31, 2011.

Turner, Lonnie, "Art City Asks: Melissa Cooke", *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Online*, May 20, 2011.

Schumacher, Mary Louise, "In Memoriam: Triennial artists get personal with contemporary", *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, June 27, 2010, Cue Section, pg 1, 8.

Wisconsin Triennial Catalog, Madison Museum of Contemporary Art, May, 2010.

Salas, Rafael Francisco, "REVIEW: To See Ourselves As Others See Us at the Museum of Wisconsin Art", June 18, 2010.

Smith, Jennifer. "The Anti-Theme Show", *The Isthmus*, May 27, 2010.

Zellen, Jody, "Editorial: Recommendations: Melissa Cooke at Koplín Del Río Gallery", *Visual Art Source*, March 2010.

Wolf, Karin, "Local Artists Make Impression At Armory Shows", *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, March 21, 2010, *Cue Section*, pg 8 .

Feinstein, Lea, "Reviews: National 'On Paper'", *ARTnews*, January 2010, pg 122.

"West Coast Drawings: Drawings VIII", feature photo, *Journal of the Print World*, Summer 2009, pg 9.

Lundin, Norman and Koplín Del Río, *West Coast Drawings*, 2009, pg. 37.

"Make with the Art", with feature photo, *The Onion*, Madison, WI, May 15, 2008, pg. 29.

## **COLLECTIONS**

Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, AK

Minnesota Museum of American Art

Tullman Collection, Chicago, IL

Jackye & Curtis Finch, Jr

Wisconsin Union Permanent Art Collection, Madison, WI

Kohler Art Library Artist Book Collection, Madison, WI

Southern Graphics Council Print Collection, University of Mississippi Museum, Oxford, MS

University of North Dakota Print Collection, Grand Forks, ND

University of Minnesota Print Collection, Minneapolis, MN

Boston Public Library Print Collection, Boston, MA

## **SELECTED VISITING ARTIST LECTURES**

2015: College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University, Collegeville, MN

2013: SUNY Oswego, Oswego, NY

2013: The Wassaic Project, Wassaic, NY

2012: Kendall College of Art and Design, Grand Rapids, MI

2011: Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI

2011: University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, NE

2011: Brenau University, Gainesville, GA