

Funlola Coker

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Education

2022 Master of Fine Art | Studio Art | State University of New York at New Paltz | New Paltz, NY
2011 Bachelor of Fine Art | Memphis College of Art | Memphis, TN

Exhibitions

2023 (Solo) *The Texture of Place* | Brooklyn Metal Works | Brooklyn, NY
WEAR | Contemporary Jewelry | Penland School of Craft | Penland, NC
We Are Here | National Ornamental Metal Museum | Memphis, TN
{queer}+{metals} | Midland Art Centre | Birmingham, UK
2022 (Two-Person) *Braided Subtleties* | Industry City | New York, NY
Meanderings | Steuben Gallery, Pratt Institute | New York, NY
[queerphoria] | Queer Metalsmiths, New York City Jewelry Week | New York, NY
Slippery Space[s], MFA Thesis | Samuel Dorsky Museum | New Paltz, NY
Fuller Craft Biennial | Fuller Craft Museum | Brockton, MA
Anthology: Memphis Art Through the Ages | Tone Gallery | Memphis, TN
Forging our Own Path: New Ornament in the African Diaspora | Adorned Spaces, SNAG Conference | Providence, RI
2021 *Insight/Onsite* | Historic Huguenot Street | New Paltz, NY
Hearts + Flowers | Brooklyn Metal Works | Brooklyn, NY
Outside the Lines | Monique Rancourt Artisan Gallery | Waltham, MA
Hopefully Tomorrow | Brockway Center for Arts and Technology | Brockway PA
Artificial Intelligems | Munich Jewellery Week | Virtual
2020 *Multifaceted: Art Jewelry in the South* | Westobou Art Gallery | Augusta, GA
Mad for Hoops | Gallery 2052 | Chicago, IL
Denizen | New York City Jewelry Week | Virtual

Residencies

2023 Artist and Educator in Residence | Montserrat College of Art | Beverly, MA
The Studios at MASS MoCA | MASS MoCA | North Adams, MA (*upcoming*)
2021 Penland Winter Residency | Penland School of Craft | Penland, NC
2011 Dean's Council Residency | Memphis College of Art | Memphis, TN

Awards + Scholarships

2023 Full Fellowship for The Studios at MASS MoCA | MASS MoCA | North Adams, MA
2022 *Kilmt02 New Talent Award* | Nominee
Thayer Fellowship | State University of New York, Rockefeller Institute of Government | New Paltz, NY

Awards + Scholarships cont'd

	<i>Penland Winter Residency Fellowship</i> Penland School of Craft Penland, NC
	<i>David and Sara Walton Metal Thesis Grant</i> State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
	<i>Research and Creative Projects Grant</i> State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
2020 - 22	<i>Sojourner Truth Fellowship</i> State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
2020	<i>Here We Are</i> New York City Jewelry Week New York, NY
	<i>Development Work-study Scholarship</i> Penland School of Craft Penland, NC
	<i>Arts Accelerator Grant</i> Arts Memphis Memphis, TN
2019	<i>Windgate Scholarship</i> Penland School of Craft Penland, NC
	<i>Work-study Scholarship</i> Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Deer Isle, ME
2018	<i>Work-study Scholarship</i> Penland School of Craft Penland, NC
	<i>Scholarship</i> Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Deer Isle, ME
2011 - 12	<i>Work-study Scholarship</i> Haystack Mountain School of Crafts Deer Isle, ME
	<i>Alumni Travel Fellowship</i> Memphis College of Art Memphis, TN
2010	<i>Myrtle Powell-Bowld Travel Fellowship</i> Memphis College of Art Memphis, TN
2008 - 09	<i>J.R. Hyde Scholars Scholarship</i> Memphis College of Art Memphis, TN
2007 - 11	<i>Portfolio Merit Scholarship</i> Memphis College of Art Memphis, TN

Lectures + Panels

2023	<i>Artist Lecture</i> Rhode Island School of Design Providence, RI
2022	<i>Identity Adorned: The Intersection of Jewelry and Queerness</i> Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY
	<i>Craft in the African Diaspora</i> Haystack Online Programming Virtual
2021	<i>Enamel + Jewelry</i> Metalwerx Spring Symposium Virtual
2020	<i>Spotlight Artist</i> Seattle Metals Guild Symposium Seattle, WA
	<i>Cultural Appropriation and Appreciation in the Arts</i> Organized by Sylvie Alusitz and Mickey Mariash, hosted by SUNY New Paltz Virtual

Teaching Experience

2023	<i>Artist and Educator in Residence</i> Montserrat College of Art Beverly, MA
	<i>Adjunct Professor in Metal</i> State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
2022	<i>Adjunct Professor in Metal</i> State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
	<i>Instructor of Record</i> Introduction to Metal State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
2021	<i>Instructor of Record</i> Introduction to Metal State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> Basic Metal with Lynn Batchelder State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY
2020	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> Basic Metal with Lynn Batchelder State University of New York at New Paltz New Paltz, NY

Teaching Experience cont'd

2011-17 *Community Education Instructor* | Introduction to Metalsmithing | Memphis College of Art | Memphis, TN

Workshops

2023 *Repurposing Heirloom Jewelry* | Snow Farm - The New England Craft Program | Williamsburg, MA
Hollow Fabrication Intensive | Touchstone Center for Craft | Farmington, PA
Forged Flatware | Peter's Valley School of Craft | Sandyston, NJ
Teen Takeover with Crafting the Future | Appalachian Center for Craft | Smithville, TN
Metalsmiths + Bakers, Unite! | Penland School of Craft
Mark Making on Enamel | University of Arkansas, Little Rock | Little Rock, AR

2022 *Forged + Fabricated* | Haystack Mountain School of Crafts | Deer Isle, ME
Hollow Fabrication | Snow Farm - The New England Craft Program | Williamsburg, MA

2021 *Intro to Metal Fabrication* | Snow Farm - The New England Craft Program | Williamsburg, MA

Professional Experience

2023 *Bench Jeweler* | Judi Powers Jewelry | Athens, NY
Project Coordinator | Wingate Craft Fellowship at State University of New York at New Paltz | New York, NY

2015 - 21 *Owner + Maker* | Funlola Coker Jewelry | Memphis, TN

2008 - 19 *Volunteer* | Repair Days | National Ornamental Metal Museum | Memphis, TN

2011 - 15 *Artist Assistant, Mould-making Technician R&D Dept* | Avery Outdoors | Memphis, TN

2010 - 11 *Intern* | Blacksmith shop | National Ornamental Metal Museum | Memphis, TN

2009 -10 *Metal Studio Monitor* | Memphis College of Art | Memphis, TN

Initiatives + Curatorial Projects

2022 *Black Metalsmith Database* | Ongoing Project
Material Synthesis | Guest juror

Publications

2023 *Ask About Us, Funlola Coker* | Metalsmith Magazine
{queer}+{metals}, Rebekah Frank | Journal of Modern Craft
[queerphoria], Ashley Callahan | Ornament Magazine, Vol. 43, No. 3, p. 42 | Feb 2023 | [link](#)

2022 *New Talent 2022* | Klimt02 | [link](#)

2021 *Linked Connection* | Current Obsession Magazine | March 2021
On Offer, Stephen KP | Art Jewelry Forum | Nov 2021
Moving Beyond Acknowledgement: Systemic Barriers for Black American Metalsmiths, Velina Robinson
Glass | Metalsmith Magazine, Vol. 41, No. 2, p. 48