



**KARYN OLIVIER**

1968 Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago  
Lives and works in Philadelphia

**Education**

1989 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
2001 Master of Fine Arts, Ceramics, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI

**Solo Exhibitions**

2026 Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD), Detroit (forthcoming)  
*I Didn't Do It Alone (wt)*, Milwaukee, WI (commission) (forthcoming)

2025 *Her Luxuriant Soil*, Bethel Burying Ground, Philadelphia (permanent installation)

2024 *Off the Wall: Karyn Olivier*, Rice University, Houston (site-specific installation)  
Dinah Memorial, Stenton Park, Philadelphia (permanent installation)

2023 *How A Home Is Made*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York  
*Karyn Olivier: Seep*, List Gallery, Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

2022 *Approach*, Newark Airport, Terminal A (permanent installation)  
*Karyn Olivier*, The Delaware Contemporary, The Platform Gallery, Wilmington, DE

2021 *At the Intersection of Two Faults*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York

2020 *Everything That's Alive Moves*, Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia [traveled to: University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY]

2019 Stockton University Art Gallery, *When I See It*, Stockton University, Galloway, NJ  
*Because Time In This Place Does Not Obey An Order*, Le Murate Progetti Arte Contemporanea, Florence, Italy  
*School is Out*, Philadelphia Percent for Art, Philadelphia (commission)  
*Silence is a Fence for Wisdom*, Arte in Memoria Biennale 10, Rome, Italy (commission)

2018 *Karyn Olivier*, Lehigh University Art Galleries and Teaching Museum, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA  
*Have a Seat*, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA (permanent public commission)  
*Witness*, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY (permanent public commission)

2015 *Tetherball Monument*, New York City Percent for Art, New York (commission)  
*Lat and Long*, Fresh Window Gallery, Brooklyn  
*Free Library at Caribbean Corner*, Third Space Art Projects, Toronto, Ontario

- 2014 *Eye Around Matter*, Marso Galería Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City
- 2009 *Inbound: Houston*, Creative Capital Grant, Houston  
*Road Signs*, Moores Opera House, University of Houston, Houston (video premiere and live performance)
- 2007 *A Closer Look*, Laumeier Sculpture Park, St. Louis, MO (catalogue)
- 2006 *Factory Installed*, Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh (catalogue)
- 2005 *Time to go home*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas  
*Winter hung to dry*, Women and their Work Gallery, Austin
- 2004 *Billboard Project*, Dupree Sculpture Park, Houston
- 2003 *Bench (seating for one)*, Feldman Gallery, Pacific Northwest College of Art, Portland
- 2002 *Round 16*, Project Row Houses, Houston

### **Group Exhibitions**

- 2025 *No Room No Vacancy*, Historic Hampton House, Miami  
*Off the Wall: Karyn Olivier*, Rice University, Houston  
 Vox Populi, Philadelphia
- 2024 *Flow States — LA TRIENAL 2024*, El Museo del Barrio, New York  
*Black Like That: Our Lives as Living Praxis*, Temple Contemporary, Philadelphia  
 Malta Biennale, Malta  
*Even Better Than The Real Thing*, Whitney Biennial, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*Prospect.6: the future is present, the harbinger is home*, New Orleans  
*Insulaphilia*, Malta Biennale, Valletta, Malta
- 2023 *Karyn Olivier: Seep*, List Gallery, Swarthmore College, PA
- 2022 Documenta 15, Kassel, Germany  
*SET IT OFF*, Parrish Art Museum, Water Mill, NY  
*Revival: Materials and Monumental Forms*, ICA Watershed, Boston
- 2021 *IRL*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York  
*Marking Monuments*, University of South Florida Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
- 2019 *Silence is a Fence for Wisdom*, Arte in Memoria Biennale 10, Rome  
*Δx (Displacement)*, American Academy in Rome Gallery, Rome  
*Emanation 2019*, Museum of American Glass, Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center, Millville, NJ
- 2017 *The Battle is Joined*, Mural Arts/Monument Lab, Vernon Park, Philadelphia (commission)  
*The Expanded Caribbean: Contemporary Photography at the Crossroads*, Leonard Pearlstein Gallery, Drexel University, Philadelphia  
*Politics of Dreams*, Propos d'Europe in collaboration with Hippocrène Foundation, Paris (catalo)  
 No Commission Art Fair, The Dean Collection, Miami

- 2016 *Dialogue*, Marso Galería Arte Contemporáneo, Mexico City  
*The Condition of Place*, Woodmere Art Museum, Philadelphia
- 2015 *Drifting in Daylight*, Creative Time, Central Park, New York  
*Particle*, Ronald Feldman Gallery, New York  
*Archive Bound*, The Center for Book Arts, New York  
*Dartmouth Alumni in the Arts Biennial*, Nearburg Gallery, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
- 2014 *How the Light Gets In: Recent Work by Seven Former Core Fellows*, Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston  
*Roth*, Rosenwald-Wolf Gallery, University of the Arts, Philadelphia  
*In Plain Sight*, The ARC, Third Annual Art of Transformation, Miami  
*Volume I: Downtown Edition*, BRIC Arts, BRIC Biennial, Brooklyn  
*Begin where you are*, Icebox, Crane Arts, Philadelphia  
*flashBlack*, Fogelman Galleries of Contemporary Art, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN  
*Confluence: Shifting Perspectives of the Caribbean*, Art in Transit, Toronto, Ontario  
*Exchange Rates—Don't Talk to Strangers*, Fresh Window Gallery, Brooklyn
- 2013 *Stocked*, Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS; traveling to Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, Scottsdale, AZ and the University of Wyoming Art Museum, Laramie, WY (catalogue)
- 2012 *Magical Visions: 10 Contemporary African American Artists*, University of Delaware Museum, Newark, DE (catalogue)  
*NEXT Generation*, Contemporary Wing, Washington, D.C. (catalogue)
- 2011 *Who Runs the Space Now?*, Ecoh Galeria, Mexico City (catalogue)  
*A Brooklyn Salon*, Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn (catalogue)
- 2010 *International Photography Exhibition*, World Festival of Black Arts and Cultures, Dakar, Senegal  
*The Production of Space*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
*BITE: A Street Inspired Art and Fashion Exhibition*, Third Streaming, New York  
*Balancing Act: Works by Miriam Cabessa, Gary Komarin and Karyn Olivier*, Hendershot Gallery, New York (catalogue)
- 2009 *Make Room: Karyn Olivier, Amanda Ross-Ho, Lisa Segal*, Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, Atlanta  
*Carnival Within*, Uferhallen, Berlin  
*30 Seconds off an Inch*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, (catalogue),  
*Rockstone and Bootheel: Contemporary West Indian Art*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT (catalogue)  
*Collected*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
*The Mood Back Home*, Momenta Gallery, Brooklyn
- 2008 Gwangju Biennial, Gwangju, Korea  
*Learning by Doing: 25 Years of the Core Program*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston (catalogue)
- 2007 *Black Light/White Noise*, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, Houston, (catalogue)  
*Mas' From Process to Procession*, Rotunda Gallery, Brooklyn

- 2006 *Trace*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York  
*Quid Pro Quo*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York (catalogue)  
*Insight Out*, Wanås Foundation, Knislinge, Sweden, (catalogue)  
*Busan Biennale*, Busan, Korea (catalogue)  
*Making Do*, curated by Robert Storr, Yale School of Art Gallery, Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2005 *Frequency*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York (catalogue)  
*You are Here*, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX  
*Greater New York 2005*, MoMA P.S.1, Long Island City, NY (catalogue)  
*Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art since 1970*, Contemporary Art Museum, Houston (catalogue)
- 2004 *Three Attempts at Longevity*, Triple Candie, New York  
*Emerging Artists Fellowship Exhibition*, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, NY (catalogue)  
*In Practice Series*, SculptureCenter, Long Island City, NY  
*2004 Houston Area Exhibition*, University of Houston Art Museum, Houston (catalogue)  
*The 18th Rosen Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition*, Turchin Center for the Visual Arts, Boone, NC (catalogue)  
*African American Art from the Permanent Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston
- 2003 *Sweet Dreams*, curated by Franklin Sirmans, Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN  
*Core 2003 Exhibition*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Glassell School of Art, Houston
- 2002 *Core 2002 Exhibition*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Glassell School of Art, Houston

### Reviews and Publication

- 2025 Huete. Betsy, "Karyn Olivier's Elusive Art Bears Witness to Hidden Histories", *Artnews*, April 2, 2025.
- 2024 Tanzilo. Bobby, "City selects Karyn Olivier work for installation at Vel R. Phillips Plaza", *On Milwaukee*, October 7, 2024.  
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- 2023 "Justine Kurland, Karyn Olivier, Good Trouble", *Musee*, Jun. 30, 2023.
- 2022 Sheets. Hilaire M, "Art Tells New Jersey Stories at Newark's New Terminal A", *The New York Times*, November 14, 2022 [online, print]  
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- 2021 Valentine. Vitoria L, "On View: 'Karyn Olivier: At the Intersection of Two Faults' at Tanya Bonakdar Gallery in New York", *Culture Type*, July 1, 2021 [online]  
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- Gainesville, FL (chapter contribution)  
*Atmospheres of Projection: Environments of Art and Screen Media*. Text by Giuliana Bruno, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, MA  
*Arte in Memoria*. Edited by Adachiara Zevi
- 2020
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*Culture as Catalyst: Conversations at the Tang Museum to Spark Change*. Edited by Isolde Brielmaier, Tang Museum, Saratoga Springs, NY (essay contribution)  
*Everything is Relevant: Writings on Art and Life 1991-2018*. Text by Ken Lum, Concordia University Press, Montreal (catalogue)  
 Monument Lab Bulletin, May edition (text contribution)
- 2019
- Beckenstein. Joyce, "Emanation 2019", *The Brooklyn Rail*, July 2019 [online]  
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*The Battles of Germantown: Effective Public History in America*. Text by David W. Young, Temple University Press, Philadelphia (catalogue)  
*Craft Capital: Philadelphia's Cultures of Making*. Edited by Glenn Adamson, Schiffer Publishing, Atglen, PA (catalogue)
- 2018
- Anderson. Nick, "Some saw a University of Kentucky mural as racially offensive. Here's the school's solution", *The Washington Post*, August 24, 2018 [online]  
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- 2017 "Philadelphia public art project ponders meaning behind monuments," *PBS News Hour*, October 9, 2017 [online]  
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- 2016 Newhall. Edith, "Woodmere Annual show: A vast art portrait of the city", *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 3, 2016 [online]
- 2015 Johnson. Ken, "Please Touch the Art and 'Drifting in Daylight,' Outdoor Art at the Parks," *New York Times*, May 21, 2015 [online]  
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 "Metro Morning with Matt Galloway" Interview, *CBC Radio (Toronto's NPR Station)*, February 24, 2015 [online]
- 2015 Inbound Houston, with essays by Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts, Paul Ramirez Jonas and Nuit Banai  
*Don't Talk to Strangers*, Ed. by Nicola Ruffo and Sandino Scheidegger, Kodoji Press, Baden (catalogue)
- 2014 Brainard. Carey, "Interview with Karyn Olivier", *Yale Radio (WYBC)*, 2014
- 2013 Stamey. Emily, "Stocked: Contemporary Art from the Grocery Aisles", *Ulrich Museum of Arts* (catalogue)
- 2012 *Imagine Art: In Nature at Wanås*, *Wanås foundation*, *Wachtmeister*, Marika  
*The Art Life - on Creativity and Career*, Edited by Stuart Horodner.  
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*Magical Visions*, Text by Morrison. Keith, University of Delaware Museum

- (catalogue)  
*Progeny*, Text by Brooks. Kalia, Contemporary Wing (catalogue)  
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- 2011 Cozier. Christopher, "Space is never inactive", Ecoh Galeria/Neue Galerie (catalogue)
- 2010 *Rockstone and Bootheel: Contemporary West Indian Art*, Edited by Kristina Newman-Scott and Yona Backer (catalogue)  
 Tancons. Claire, "Carnival and the Artistic Contract", *Nka Journal of Contemporary African Art*, Winter 2010 [print]  
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- 2009 Genocchio. Benjamin, "Colorful, Witty, Noisy: A West Indies Melange", *The New York Times*, December 4, 2009 [online]  
 Russ. Sabine and Volk. Gregory, "Carnival Within: An Exhibition Made in America" (catalogue)  
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 McClintock, Diana, "Karyn Olivier + Amanda Ross-Ho + Lisa Sigal", *Art Papers*, May/June, 2009 [online]
- 2008 *Whitney Museum of American Art at Altria 25 years*, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York (catalogue)  
*Core: Artists and Critics in Residence*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston (catalogue)  
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 R.C. Baker, "The Gang's all Here", *The Village Voice*, September 14, 2007 [online]
- 2006 Johnson. Ken, "Trace", *The New York Times*, August 18, 2006 [online]  
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 Volk. Gregory, "Quid Pro Quo", *The Studio Museum in Harlem*, New York (catalogue)  
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- 2005 Eeley. Peter, "Greater New York", *Frieze*, Issue 91, May 2005 [print]  
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*Double Consciousness: Black Conceptual Art since 1970*, Contemporary Art Museum (catalogue)  
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- 2004 The Art Museum of the University of Houston, Houston Area Exhibition, 2004 (catalogue)  
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- 2003 Pugh. Clifford, "Is Houston Hip? UK mag thinks so", *Houston Chronicle*, November 23, 2003 [online]  
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- 2002 Relyea. Lane, "Interview with Karyn Olivier", Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Core Program (catalogue)

### Lecture and Panels

- 2020 Studio Arts College International, Lecture (online), Florence, Italy
- 2019 Bibliotheca Hertziana and the American Academy, "A Difficult Heritage: The Afterlife of Fascist-Era Architecture, Monuments, and Works of Art in Italy Conference", Presenter, Rome, Italy  
 American Academy, Shop Talk Series, Public lecture, Rome, Italy  
 Syracuse University Florence, Public Lecture, Florence, Italy  
 Studio Arts College International, Keynote MFA Commencement Speaker, Florence, Italy  
 Colorado State University, Scott Artist Series, Fort Collins, CO  
 Pitzer College, Visiting Artist Lecture, Claremont, CA  
 University of Arts, Artist Talk, Philadelphia  
 Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Visiting Artist Program, Philadelphia  
 Temple University Rome, Public lecture, Rome
- 2018 Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, Accelerator Series: Memory and Monuments, Saratoga Springs, NY  
 Lehigh University, Zoellner Arts Center, Public Lecture, "Practice", Bethlehem, PA  
 Colby College Museum of Art, "Space for Conversation" Series, Waterville, ME  
 University of Kentucky, Public Lecture, Lexington, Kentucky  
 Stockton University, Monuments: A Panel Discussion, Galloway, NJ  
 Rutgers University at Camden, Visiting Artist Series, Public Lecture, Camden, NJ  
 Vermont Studio Center, Visiting Artist Program, guest critic and lecturer, Johnson, VT  
 La Salle University, Public Lecture, Philadelphia
- 2017 University of the Arts, Monument Exchange Conversation with Sharon Hayes and Karyn Olivier, Philadelphia  
 Kent State University, Visiting Artist Program, Kent, Ohio  
 University of the Arts, Visiting Critic, Philadelphia

- Lehigh University, Public Lecture, Bethlehem, PA  
 Pearlstein Gallery, Drexel University, Panel Discussion: What Does it Mean to be Caribbean?, Philadelphia
- 2016 Ox-Bow School of Art and Artists' Residency, Visiting Artist Program, Saugatuck, MI  
 Pacific Northwest College of Art, Visiting Critic, Portland  
 Lewis and Clark College, Public Lecture, Portland  
 University of Oregon, Visiting Artist Lecture Series and critic, Eugene, OR
- 2015 MICA, The Mount Royal School of Art (graduate program), Visiting Critic and Public Lecture, Baltimore  
 MICA, Rinehart School of Sculpture (graduate program), Visiting Critic, Baltimore  
 Ontario College of Art and Design, Public Lecture and Visiting Critic, Toronto, Ontario  
 Shenkar College of Engineering, Design and Art, Public Lecture and Master Class, Tel Aviv, Israel  
 York University, Public Lecture, Toronto, Ontario  
 NURTUREart, Public Lecture, Brooklyn
- 2014 Kansas City Art Institute, Lecture Series and Visiting Critic, Kansas City, MO  
 Dartmouth College, Alumni Lecture Series, Hanover, NH  
 Moore College of Art, Fine Arts Lecture Series, Philadelphia  
 University of Pennsylvania, Visiting Critic, Philadelphia
- 2013 Dei Centre for Contemporary African Art, Public Lecture, Accra, Ghana  
 Royal Institute of Art, Artist Talk, Stockholm, Sweden  
 Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Glassell School of Art Booker Lowe Lecture, Houston
- 2012 National Endowment for the Arts, Adjudicator, Visual Arts Panel, Washington, D.C.  
 Cannonball, Residency Advisory Committee, Miami
- 2011 Boston Museum School, Visiting Artists Series— Eight Sculptors, Boston  
 Detroit Institute of Arts, Public Lecture, Detroit, MI  
 Southern Illinois University, Visiting Artist/Juror, Edwardsville, IL
- 2010 National Endowment for the Arts, Adjudicator, Visual Arts Panel, Washington, D.C.
- 2009 Yale University School of Art, Visiting Artist Lecture Series, New Haven, CT  
 University of Pennsylvania, Penn Design Visiting Artist Lecture Series, Philadelphia  
 Maine College of Art, Visiting Critic, Portland, ME
- 2008 Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Visiting Artist Lecture Series, Core Program, Houston  
 Vassar College, The Agnes Rindge Claflin Lecture series, Poughkeepsie, NY  
 University of the Arts, Summer Lecture Series, Philadelphia  
 Maine College of Art, MFA Summer Visiting Artist Series, Portland, ME
- 2006 The Studio Museum of Harlem, Gallery Talk, New York  
 Cranbrook Academy of Art, Visiting Artist Series, Bloomfield Hills, MI  
 Bard College, Visiting Artist Lecture, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- 2005 Museum of Modern Art, "Conversations with Contemporary Artists," New York

## **Residencies**

2023 Casa Wabi Residency, Oaxaca, Mexico  
 2020 Recycled Artist in Residency, Philadelphia, PA  
 2018 Horger Artist in Residence, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA  
 2011 Salina Art Center, Salina, Kansas  
 2009 The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Center for the Arts, University of Houston, Houston  
 2005-2006 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
 2004-2005 The Marie Walsh Sharpe Foundation Space Program, New York  
 2001-2003 Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Core Program, Houston, Texas  
 2000 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, Maine

### **Awards, Fellowships and Grants**

2025 USA Fellowship, United States Artists  
 2024 Ellsworth Kelly Award, Museum of Contemporary Art Detroit (MOCAD)  
 2020 Anonymous Was a Woman Award nomination  
 Arts and Letters Award in Art, American Academy of Arts and Letters  
 2019 Pew Fellow, Pew Center for Arts and Heritage  
 2018 The Rome Prize, The American Academy in Rome  
 2014 Harpo Foundation Grant  
 2013 The Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant  
 2011 New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) Award  
 2010 William H Johnson Prize  
 2009 William H Johnson Prize—Finalist prize  
 2007 The Joan Mitchell Foundation Grant Award  
 The John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship  
 Art Matters Grant  
 2005 Creative Capital Grant  
 2004 Emerging Artists Fellowship, Socrates Sculpture Park, Long Island City, New York  
 2003 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Award, (catalogue)  
 Cultural Arts Council of Houston and Harris County, Individual Artist Grant

### **Permanent Collections**

Fundación Otazu, Navarra, Spain  
 Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston  
 The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York

### **Teaching**

2006-present Temple University, Tyler School of Art and Architecture, Philadelphia, Sculpture Professor  
 2005-2007 Bard College, Milton Avery Graduate School of the Art, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY  
 2003-2006 Sculpture Faculty University of Houston, School of Art, Houston  
 Assistant Sculpture Professor and Ceramics Department Head