



**S H E R R I L L R O L A N D**

1984 Born in Asheville, NC  
Lives and works in Durham, NC

**EDUCATION**

2018 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, MA  
2017 MFA, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC  
2009 Manchester Metropolitan University Manchester, UK  
2009 BFA, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

2025 *The Turning Away From*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York

2024 *Processing Systems: Numbers by Sherrill Roland*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC  
*Processing Systems: Bonding by Sherrill Roland*, Ackland Art Museum, Chapel Hill, NC

2023 *do without, do within*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, Los Angeles

2022 *Sugar, Water, Lemon Squeeze*, Asheville Art Museum, Asheville, NC  
*Fenced Waves*, The Foster Gallery, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI (two-person show)  
*Sherrill Roland: The Odds*, Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), Winston-Salem, NC  
*Hindsight Bias*, Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York

2019 *Inertia*, Shirley Fiterman Art Center, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York  
*The Jumpsuit Project DC*, Maria & Alberto de la Cruz Gallery, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

2018 *The Jumpsuit Project presents ArtFor(us)*, ARTSpace, Raleigh, NC

2017 *The Jumpsuit Project- Hollywood*, LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions), Los Angeles  
*The Jumpsuit Project (3-day Residency)*, Brooklyn Public Library (Central Library), Brooklyn, NY  
*The Jumpsuit Project presents After The Wake-Up*, Greensboro Project Space, Greensboro, NC

2016 *The Jumpsuit Project (Year-Long)*, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 *Beyond Utility*, The Museum at FIT, New York
- 2025 *The Arrested Image: Identity Through the Lens of Law Enforcement*, curated by Sophie Landres, The Dorsky at SUNY New Paltz, NY  
*Collective Gestures: Building Community through Practice*, The Center for Art and Advocacy, Brooklyn, NY  
*/ˈhintər.lænd/*; UNCG, Gatewood Gallery, Greensboro, NC
- 2024 *Celebrating the 1858 Prize for Southern Contemporary Art*, Gibbes Museum of Art, St, Charleston, SC  
*Out of the Ordinary: Uncommon Materials, Marks, and Matrices*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles  
*Makeshift Memorials, Small Revolutions*, KADIST, San Francisco  
*Seeing Through Stone*, San José Museum of Art, CA  
*Seeing through Stone*, Institute of the Arts and Science, University of California Santa Cruz, CA  
*For What It's Worth: Value Systems in Art since 1960*, curated by Thomas Feulmer & Lisa Le Feuvre, The Warehouse, Dallas  
*No Justice Without Love*, The Gund, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH
- 2023 *Free Association: New Acquisitions in Context*, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA  
*Destabilizing Systems*, curated by Thomas Feulmer, The Warehouse, Dallas  
*Love & Anarchy*, Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC  
*No Justice Without Love*, curated by Daisy Desrosiers, Ford Foundation, New York  
*JUSTICE*, Science Gallery, Emory University, Atlanta
- 2022 *Open Storage: 25 Years of Collecting*, curated by Allan Schwartzman, The Warehouse, Dallas
- 2021 *Fail*, The Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans  
*Reckoning and Resilience: North Carolina Art Now*, Nasher Museum of Art, Duke University, Durham, NC  
*I AM A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD*, curated by Kate Averett and Alice Sebrell, Black Mountain College Museum and Arts Center, Asheville, NC
- 2020 *Barring Freedom*, San Jose Museum Art, San Jose, CA  
*Deliberate Acts: Art & Incarceration*, The Vanderbilt Department of Art and Space 204, Memphis, TN  
*South Arts State Fellows exhibition for South Arts*, Bo Bartlett Center, Columbus, GA  
*North Carolina Annual Artists Juried Exhibition*, CAM Raleigh, NC  
*Walls Turned Sideways: Artists Confront the American Justice System*, Tufts University Art Galleries, Medford, MA
- 2019 *Citizen: Artists Investigate Civic Liberties*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice Art Gallery, New York  
*... and justice for all*, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC  
*Harlem: In Situ*, Addison Gallery of American Art, Andover, MA  
*The O.G. Experience*, HBO Exhibition, 545 W 24th Street, New York

*Distance*, Dorsky Gallery, Long Island City, NY

2018 *On the Inside Out*, Richmond Center for Visual Arts, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI  
*Walls Turned Sideways: Artists Confront the American Justice System*, CAM Houston, Houston  
*Black Blooded*, The New Gallery of Modern Art, Charlotte, NC

2017 *Fictions*, Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
*2017 MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Weatherspoon Art Museum, Greensboro, NC

## **PERFORMANCES**

2020 *The Jumpsuit Project*, Right of Return x Represent Justice Experience, Eastern State Penitentiary, Philadelphia

2019 *The Jumpsuit Project DC*, Maria & Alberto de la Cruz Gallery, Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
*Future IDs at Alcatraz*, Alcatraz Island, San Francisco  
*The Jumpsuit Project*, North Carolina Museum of History, Raleigh, NC

2018 *For Freedoms Town Hall: Freedom of Worship*, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland, Cleveland, OH  
*For Freedoms Town Hall: Freedom of Worship*, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH  
*Shadows of the Prison*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
*A Night of Philosophy and Ideas*, Brooklyn Public Library, New York

## **PANEL DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES**

2020 *Charlotte Mecklenburg Library's Engage 2020 Art and Activism series*, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Charlotte, NC  
*Symposium Bridges: Walls Turned*, Tufts University Art Galleries, Medford, MA  
*The Jumpsuit Project*, MLK JR Remembering the Dream, Living the Legacy, and Continuing the Journey, Longwood University, Farmville, VA

2019 *Open Engagement--Emergent Futures: State of the Field*, Chapel Hill, Durham & Greensboro, NC  
*Locked Up and Pushed Out*, Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts + Culture, Charlotte, NC  
*Stimulus: The Artist's Role in the Community*, McColl Center for Art + Innovation, Charlotte, NC  
Youth Detention Center, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, Charlotte, NC  
*14th Annual CUNY BMI Conference: Restorative Justice Education: We Are ALL Justice Involved*, Borough of Manhattan Community College, New York  
*Social Science: Crime, Punishment, Race, and Marginalization*, Governor's School West at High Point University, High Point, NC  
*Harlem: In Situ*, Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy, Andover, MA  
*The Jumpsuit Project*, North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC  
*Just or Justice? The African American Male and the American Justice System*, Greenlaw Hall, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill,

Chapel Hill, NC  
*Culture in a Changing America Symposium*, Park Avenue Armory,  
New York City  
*ArtNow: Performance, Art, and Technology*, Monmouth University,  
West Long Branch, NJ  
*Southern Constellations Convergence*, Art + the Law: How the Arts  
Can Shift Policy, Elsewhere Museum, Greensboro, NC

2018  
*Artist, Advocate, Survivor*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh School  
of Law, Pittsburgh, PA  
*Shadows of the Prison*, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
*Prisons: Education & Reentry*, University of Michigan, Law February  
Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI  
*A Night of Philosophy & Ideas*, Brooklyn Public Library (Central  
Library), Brooklyn, NY  
*The Jumpsuit Project*, Mott Haven Academy Charter School, Bronx,  
NY  
*The Jumpsuit Project*, Woods Charter School, Chapel Hill, NC

### **FELLOWSHIPS, RESIDENCES, AWARDS and SCHOLARSHIP**

2025 USA Fellowship, United States Artists

2023 1858 Prize for Contemporary Southern Art, The Gibbes Museum of Art  
Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship

2021 Civil Rights Corp Artist In Residence  
Hambidge Residency  
Creative Capital Awardee

2020 Art for Justice Grantee  
South Arts Southern Grand Prize Winner & State Fellowship  
Betsy Sykes Award Winner, "North Carolina Annual Artists Juried  
Exhibition," CAM Raleigh, NC  
Wake County District Attorney's Office, Raleigh, NC  
Jo Ann Williams Fellowship Residency, Anchorlight Studios Raleigh, NC

2019 McColl Center for Art + Innovation Residency, Charlotte, NC  
Fountainhead Residency, Miami  
Rights to Return Fellowship, SOZE Agency, New York

2018 Post- MFA Fellow in Documentary Arts, Duke University, Durham, NC  
Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, MA

2017 OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles  
Brooklyn Public Library (Central Library), Brooklyn, NY  
Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award, University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro, Greensboro, NC  
Winner of the Greensboro Picnic (Partners In City, Neighbors In Community),  
Elsewhere Museum, Greensboro, NC

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North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC  
Studio Museum in Harlem, New York  
The Warehouse, Dallas, TX  
Weatherspoon Art Museum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC