

# Elisa H. Hamilton

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## Education

- 2018 - 2019** Emerson College, Boston, MA  
MA, Civic Media: Art and Practice
- 2003 - 2007** Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
BFA, Painting with Honors and Distinction
- 2001 - 2003** Long Island University, C.W. Post Campus, Brookville, NY  
Concentration in Theater

## Solo Exhibitions

- 2019** *Underline*, RSM Art Gallery, Bentley University, Waltham, MA
- 2016** *Lines and Vines*, Boston Children's Museum Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2013** *To the Heart of It*, FP3 Gallery, Boston, MA  
*An Apple A Day*, Factory 63, Boston, MA
- 2012** *Recent Works on Paper*, Center for the Arts Natick, Natick, MA  
*Happiness Lives Here*, Accidental Gallery, Boston, MA  
*Ordinary Bliss*, SoPas Gallery, South Pasadena, CA
- 2011** *Welcome*, Newton Free Library, Newton, MA  
*Homescapes*, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Boston, MA  
*Peering In*, The Mayor's Gallery, Boston City Hall, Boston, MA
- 2007** *Of Grateful Intentions*, Monroe C. Gutman Library, Harvard Graduate School of Education  
Cambridge, MA

## Grants & Awards

- 2019** Public Art Learning Fund Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts  
Cambridge Foundry Percent-for-Art Public Art Commission, City of Cambridge
- 2017** Boston's Best Creative Catalyst Award, Improper Bostonian
- 2016** Creative City Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts
- 2014** Honorable Mention, Boston Public Space Invitational, The Mayor's Office of  
New Urban Mechanics  
Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Channel Operations Board
- 2013** Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Channel Operations Board  
Vermont Studio Center Artist Grant, Johnson, VT
- 2012** Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, Fort Point Arts Community
- 2010** Fort Point Public Art Series Grant, New England Foundation for the Arts  
Haystack Mountain School Retreat Grant, Massachusetts College of Art and Design Alumni Assn.

## Projects & Residencies

- 2019** Curator, *Breakaway*, Crossings Gallery, Harvard Ed Portal, Allston, MA  
Fellow, Creative Community Fellows New England, 2019 Cohort  
Collaborating Artist, Sketch Model Summer Studio, Olin College of Engineering, Needham, MA  
Pack Our Bags, For Freedoms at the International Center for Photography, New York, NY  
Visiting Artist for Civic Media, The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds at Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA  
*Interactive Collective Drawing*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
*In collaboration with Sabrina Dorsainvil*
- 2018** *Drawn Together*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
*In collaboration with Graham Yeager*  
Dance Spot, Emerson College, Boston, MA  
Slideshow, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2017** Slideshow, Boston City Hall Plaza, presented by HUBweek and Now+There, Boston, MA  
Dance Spot, Temple Contemporary: Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
Community Legacy, MIT List Center for Visual Arts, Cambridge, MA  
Soundbox, Polly Thayer Starr Artist Project, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA  
Sound Lab, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2016** *Lemonade Stand*, Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain and Dorchester, MA, Funded by Creative City Grant  
*In collaboration with Silvia Lopez Chavez*  
Opening Our Doors Artist in Residence, Fenway Alliance, Boston, MA  
Traveling Artist in Residence, Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts, Jamaica Plain, MA  
Artist in Residence, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA
- 2015** Dance Spot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Donna Summer Memorial Roller Disco, City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA  
Dance Spot, Polly Thayer Starr Artist Project, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston MA
- 2014** *Silver Lining*, Fort Point, Boston, MA, Funded by Fort Point Art Series Grant  
Dance Spot, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Donna Summer Memorial Roller Disco, City Hall Plaza, Boston, MA  
Dance Spot, DeCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA  
*Spreading the Love*, Oberon Theater, Cambridge, MA
- 2013** *Story Lines*, Fort Point, Boston, MA, Funded by Fort Point Art Series Grant  
*In collaboration with Kate Gilbert*  
Dance Spot, Boston Arts Festival, Christopher Columbus Park, Boston, MA  
*Everyday Thanks*, Fort Point Arts Community, Boston, MA  
Vermont Studio Center Residency, Johnson, VT  
*I Heart Fort Point*, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Fort Point Arts Community, Boston, MA
- 2012** Dance Spot, Fort Point, Boston, MA, Funded by Fort Point Art Series Grant
- 2010** *Channeling Fort Point*, Fort Point, Boston, MA, Funded by Fort Point Art Series Grant  
*In collaboration with Andrew Edman*

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2020** *The Self Portrait*, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, NC
- 2019** *Where Do We Go From Here*, International Center for Photography, New York, NY  
*About Face*, Mazmanian Gallery, Framingham State University, Framingham, MA

- Not Just Us: Women Artists Speak Out for Social Justice, Dana Hall Art Gallery, Wellesley, MA
- 2018** Nine Moments for Now, Cooper Gallery of African and African American Art, Cambridge, MA  
Self-Composed, Aviary Gallery, Boston, MA  
Interstellar Sanctuary, Mills Gallery, Boston, MA  
Say Her Name: Watch Us Werk, VanDernoot Gallery, Cambridge MA  
How Do I Look?, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2017** Thrive, The Beehive, Boston, MA  
Habitation, Bakalar Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
South End Neighborhood Exhibition, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA  
Listen Hear, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
- 2016** Re: Development, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA  
In the Eye of the Beholder, Midway Gallery, Boston, MA  
Ordinary Matter, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA
- 2015** Fay Chandler Emerging Artist Exhibition, Scollay Square Gallery, City Hall, Boston, MA  
Fort Point Form, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA  
Bite, Nave Gallery, Somerville, MA  
Drawing the Line, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2014** Small Works, Made in Fort Point Cooperative, Boston, MA  
Parks and Recreation, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA  
From Life, Aviary Gallery, Jamaica Plain, MA
- 2013** Red, Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA  
Oh Snap, Fourth Wall Project, Boston, MA  
Still Life Lives, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA  
Road Trip, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA  
Still: Objects Observed, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2012** New Spins, Lincoln Arts Project, Waltham, MA  
Play Ball, Atlantic Wharf Gallery, Boston, MA  
Creative Couples, Atlantic Works Gallery, East Boston, MA  
That's A Fact: Young Gifted and Black, Bunker Hill Community College Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2011** A Feast for the Eyes, Art at 12 Gallery, Boston, MA  
Paper Chase 100, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston, MA  
Ladies First, 309 Hancock Gallery, Dorchester, MA
- 2010** Fort Point Showcase, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA  
Carry Out, MEME Gallery, Cambridge, MA  
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston, MA  
The Yellow Show, Boston Children's Museum Art Gallery, Boston, MA
- 2009** In the Round, Art at 12 Gallery, Boston MA  
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston MA  
Eat the Art, Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery, Boston MA  
A Fresh Approach, Library Arts Center, Newport NH
- 2008** Gathering, Drawing Room, Portland ME  
Open Studios Group Show, Fort Point Arts Community Gallery, Boston MA  
The Colors of the Americas, East Somerville Art Walk, Somerville MA

## Selected Speaking Engagements

- 2020** Guest Speaker, *Art and Entrepreneurship*, Olin College, Needham, MA
- 2019** Guest Speaker, *Elisa Hamilton: Creative Catalyst*, Company One Theater Bootcamp, Boston, MA  
Guest Speaker, *Participatory Mapping in Social Practice, Art and Design*, John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities, Brown University, Providence, RI  
Guest Speaker, *Amplifying Community Voices*, Citizen TALES, Boston, MA
- 2018** Guest Speaker, *The Expansive Everyday: Creating Shared Spaces for Inclusive Stories*, Salem State University, Salem, MA  
Keynote Speaker, Creative Exchange Arts Conference, West Barnstable, MA  
Guest Speaker, Senior Seminar: Art Life and Money, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA  
Guest Speaker, *Strategies for Public Engagement*, Cambridge Arts Council, Cambridge, MA  
Guest Speaker, *Building Trust with Communities*, Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts Jamaica Plain, MA  
Panelist, *Art and Activism*, Emerson College, Boston, MA
- 2017** Panelist, *Art, Sex and Democracy*, Catherine Bertulli Studio, Melrose, MA
- 2016** Panelist, *The Art of Sound*, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA

## Selected Bibliography

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- Cambridge Scout*, "Community Jukebox Chosen as Public Artwork for the Foundry," April 26, 2019
- New England Foundation for the Arts, *Creative City Impact Report*, April 2019
- Dig Boston*, "Now, Now, Now, Now, Now, Now, Now, Now, Now" November 29, 2018
- Emerson College Today* (online), "Artist Invites Public to Dance," Apr 30, 2018
- MIT CoLab, *Listening to the City Handbook*, April 2018
- Now + There Journal* (online), "Joy and Transgression: Reflections on Slideshow," Feb 2, 2018
- WBUR News (online), "The Photos That Helped Us Tell 2017's Stories," Dec 21, 2017
- Hyperallergic* (online), "Best of 2017: Our Top 20 Exhibitions Across the U.S.," Dec 21, 2017
- Now + There Journal* (online), "Holding A Story," Oct 10, 2017
- Take Magazine*, "Honoring Generous Lives," Oct 7, 2017
- Bay State Banner*, "Interactive MIT Exhibit Asks Students What They Leave Behind," Sept 15, 2017
- MIT Tech, "'Community Legacy' at the List," Sept 14, 2017
- 90.9 WBUR (radio), "Gardner Museum's 'Sound Lab' Offers Intimate Window Into Lives of Boston Teens," March 9, 2017
- Cityline WCBV 5* (television), "Listen Hear: The Art of Sound," Mar 6, 2017
- Boston Magazine*, "The Gardner Museum Is Opening a New Sound Art Exhibit," Mar 1, 2017
- Now + There Journal* (online), "Art in Service: Who is it for?," Aug 9, 2016
- The Boston Herald*, "Planting Ideas," July 24, 2016
- The Improper Bostonian*, "Market Values," Mar 16, 2016
- Now + There Journal* (online), "Waiting by the Light," Nov 20, 2015
- The Boston Globe*, "Fresh Paint, Fresh Ideas," Oct 19, 2013
- Pulse Magazine*, "Fitchburg Art Museum Brings Still Lives to the Surface," Oct 2, 2013
- Sentinel & Enterprise*, "Still Life is What You Make of It," Sept 21, 2013
- The Boston Globe*, "Arts To Do List" featured pick, Aug 13, 2013

Panorama, "Boston Accent: Elisa Hamilton," Nov 12, 2012  
Dig Boston, "Getting Ready for Dance Spot," Oct 17, 2012  
WGBH Arts (online), "Happiness Lives Here," June 5, 2012  
The South Pasadena Review, "Ordinary Bliss at SoPas Gallery," Feb 8, 2012  
GO Magazine, "Channeling the Arts," Sept 2011  
Boston.com (online), "City Hall Celebrates Black History Month," Feb 9, 2011  
The Watertown Tab, "Meet the Watertown Artist," Jan 28, 2011  
Artscope, "Centerfold Outtakes," Nov/Dec 2008  
The Boston Globe, "The Art of Drawing Neighbors Together," April 20, 2008

## **Service & Memberships**

**2013 - Present** Massachusetts College of Art and Design Board of Trustees  
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees  
Committee Chair, Academic and Student Affairs  
**2018 - 2019** President, Civic Media: Art and Practice Consortium, Emerson College  
**2016 - 2019** Member, United South End Artists  
**2008 - 2018** Member, Fort Point Arts Community  
**2016 - 2017** Neighborhood Salon Luminary, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum  
**2009 - 2013** Massachusetts College of Art and Design Alumni Leadership Council  
Chair, Alumni Leadership Council 2011-2013