

## GILDA SNOWDEN

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### EDUCATION:

- 1979 Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan-----M.F.A.; Painting  
1978 Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan-----M.A.; Painting  
1977 Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan-----B.F.A; Advertising Design /Painting

### PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

Interim Chair, Fine Arts Department COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES

Professor COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES 1985-present

Adjunct Instructor Center for Creative Studies/College of Art & Design. (1981-85)

Visiting Artist/Lecturer OmniArts In Education (1994-present)

Gallery Director, DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE (1987--present);

Writer, Midmarch Arts Press; Dialogue (Columbus); Artpapers (Atlanta); Ground Up (Detroit); Detroit Focus Quarterly; New Art Examiner, Chicago, Il; The Griot (NCA)

1979-1985 Wayne State Univ. Dept of Art and Art History---Instr. of Painting, Drawing, Design

1985-1986 Feigenson Gallery---Assistant

1983-1984 Willis Gallery---Gallery Director/Curator

### EXHIBITIONS (One Person Exhibitions)

2008/2009 FLORA URBANA: NEW PAINTINGS Sherry Washington Gallery

2006 ABSTRACTIONS OF LIFE: NEW PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS Sherry Washington Gallery [JUNE/SEPT]

2003 THE LORCA SHOW Cass Café, Detroit, Michigan. December 2002 March 2003.

GILDA SNOWDEN.DETROIT.ART---Sherry Washington Gallery Aug 17-September 28th

2002 SORCERY: Paintings By Gilda Snowden ---Saginaw Museum of Art, Saginaw, Michigan

RECENT PAINTINGS--- University Liggett Grosse Pointe, Michigan

2000-01 GILDA SNOWDEN---ABSTRACT MEMOIRS Sherry Washington Gallery [Sept.18—Jan 30 2001]

'SCAPES, STORMS, SELF PORTRAITS--- Detroit Repertory Theatre Gallery [June]

1999 RECENT WORKS---Mirek Gallery Site Online [Internet Exhibition] September 1-December 31]

1998 GILDA SNOWDEN--Painting and Drawings Intermezzo Ristorante, Detroit, MI [Sept-Nov]

1996 City Albums & Altars Detroit Repertory Theatre Gallery--Detroit, MI (May 16/June 23)

1994 Recent Works GMI Engineering & Management Institute--Flint, MI (Jan. 14-Feb. 16)

1993 Abstract Realities Sherry Washington Gallery, Detroit, MI (Sept. 30-Feb. 15, 1994)

Tornados---Kendall College of Art & Design, Grand Rapids, MI (Nov.10 1993-Jan. 3 1994))

Recent Paintings---Washtenaw Community College, Ann Arbor, MI (Sept. 27-Oct 30)

City Albums---Mott Community College, Flint, MI (March 1-20)

1988 Gilda Snowden--New Works Broadway Gallery, Detroit MI. (September)

1987 Paint Creek Center for the Arts, Rochester, MI

1985 Works on Paper: 55 Peterboro Gallery, Detroit, MI

- 1984 Recent Work: Detroit Council for the Arts
- 1983 Detroit Repertory Theatre Gallery: Bruce Millan, Artistic Director  
•Birmingham Unitarian Church, Birmingham, Michigan
- 1982 ...till Human Voices Wake Us: Detroit Artists' Market Other Space in Hudson's Downtown---
- 1981 Recent Work:Willis Gallery: Patricia Soderberg, Director

## EXHIBITIONS (Two Person Exhibitions)

- 2004 FOCUS ON FACULTY: GILDA SNOWDEN, TOM PHARDEL SABBATICAL EXHIBITION  
[Jan-April] COLLEGE FOR CREATIVE STUDIES, DETROIT, MICHIGAN
- 1998 CARLOS DIAZ & GILDA SNOWDEN Oasis Gallery , Marquette, MI. Sept.29--Oct.31.
- 1995 OUT OF SIGHT, OUT OF MIND:Carlos Diaz & Gilda Snowden Center Galleries---CCS [Sept. 29-Nov.4]
- 1992 GILDA SNOWDEN--LISA SPINDLER Summer Series at O.K.Harris/ David Klein Galleries--  
Birmingham, MI (July 28-Aug.8)
- 1990 SIGNATURE IMAGES: Michael Luchs & Gilda Snowden  
Detroit Institute of Arts , Detroit, Michigan (Sept-Nov.) Jan Van Der Marck, curator (catalog)
- GILDA SNOWDEN--YOLANDA SHARPE Mark Masuoka Gallery, Las Vegas, Nev. (Sept-Nov.)
- 1984 GILDA SNOWDEN - CHRIS WHITTEY: Michigan Gallery
- 1977 TWO BLACK WOMEN: STEPHANIE CRAWFORD & GILDA SNOWDEN, Artist Guild of Detroit Gallery

## EXHIBITIONS (Selected Group Exhibitions)

- 2010 MOTOR CITY REVUE SISSON GALLERY University of Michigan, Dearborn January/March  
BOOK ART EXHIBITION, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY Rochester, Michigan
- 2009 MICHIGAN MASTERS Kresge Art Museum, Lansing, Michigan. [upcoming, May, 2009] April Kingsley,  
curator.  
WINTER TRIUMPH Sherry Washington Gallery
- MICHIGAN AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS ALL MEDIA EXHIBITION INVITATIONAL  
Greater Flint Arts Council, Flint, Michigan Feb. 13 - March 06, 2009
- NATIONAL BLACK FINE ART EXHIBITION 7 West 34th St, New York, NY.
- 2008 DETROIT: WORKS ON PAPER BRANDYWINE PRINTMAKING WORKSHOP PHILADELPHIA, PA  
FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 30  
JRainey Gallery 10th Anniversary Group Exhibition—October/November
- 2007 EIGHT DAYS IN JUNE----MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART DETROIT with Detroit Opera Theatre.  
ZEITGEIST 10TH ANNIVERSARY FUN RAZOR, ART EXTRAVAGANZA & TOTAL SENSORY FREAK OUT  
FRIDAY JULY 6, 7P - 12M ZEITGEIST GALLERY, DETROIT
- A SPRING HAPPENING Next Step Studio Gallery Ferndale, Michigan
- PERSONAL ABSTRACTION---Zeitgeist Gallery
- MOTT COMM COLLEGE GROUP SHOW- curated by Lester Johnson
- NATIONAL BLACK FINE ARTS EXHIBITION Puck Building New York, NY
- 2006 GROUP EXHIBITION: NEAL DAVIS GALLERY, Royal Oak, Mi.  
GROUP EXHIBITION: DELL PRYOR GALLERY, Detroit, Mi.  
URBAN ART EXPERIMENTS- THE TOY SHOW Sponsored by The Banana Lab

THE WILLIS REVISITED Detroit Artists Market, September/October

CCS AT 100: Centennial Faculty Exhibition Part 2 College For Creative Studies, Detroit, Michigan

DETROIT ALL STARS OF ART--Cass Café

NATIONAL BLACK FINE ARTS EXHIBITION Puck Building New York, NY

WHAT IS ART Wayne County Community College Gallery, Detroit, MI

2005 MICHIGAN MASTER PAINTERS Delta College Gallery, Midland, Michigan

GALLERY ARTISTS Sherry Washington Gallery, Detroit

NATIONAL BLACK FINE ARTS EXHIBITION / Dell Pryor Galleries New York, NY [February]

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BART GROUP SHOW [Black Artists Researching Trends] Pontiac Art Center, Pontiac, Michigan

2004 REVERBERATIONS Klemm Gallery/Adrian College Adrian, Michigan.

SELF PORTRAITS Sherry Washington Gallery Detroit, Michigan

TENTH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION Metropolitan Center for the Arts Detroit, Michigan [May/June]

23RD ANNUAL MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION March 9/ April 9,  
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Birmingham, Michigan

WINTER SOLSTICE Sherry Washington Gallery Detroit Michigan

NATIONAL BLACK FINE ARTS EXHIBITION / Dell Pryor Galleries New York, NY [February]

GROUP EXHIBITION Dell Pryor Galleries Detroit, Michigan

RECENT ACQUISITIONS SINCE 2000 / GRAPHIC DEPARTMENT DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS  
SCHWARTZ GRAPHIC GALLERIES JANUARY/MAY

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS

2009 Kresge Art In Detroit Artist Fellowship

Nominee, Joan Mitchell Award

2004 NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ARTISTS VISION & EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS AWARD

2001 ALAIN LOCKE AWARD Friends of African & African American Art/Detroit Institute of Arts

2001 Finalist---Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Fellowship

2000 Creative Artist Grant, Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs [Painting]

1999 Travel Research Grant, CCS/CAD Research in Contemporary Art / New York City

1996 Creative Artist Grant, Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs [Sculpture]  
New Initiative for the Arts (NIFTA) exhibition award[10th Anniversary Exhibition]

1994 New Initiative for the Arts (NIFTA) exhibition award[Assemblage Sculpture]

1992 Nominee, Arts Foundation of Michigan Award

1991 New Forms Regional Grant---Randolph Street Gallery (NEA) Chicago (Sculpture/Book)

•Nominee, Awards in the Visual Arts 11 (SECCA / NEA)

1990 Michigan Council for the Arts Individual Artists Grant (Painting)

•ArtsMidwest NEA Regional Fellowship (Works on Paper)

•Tannahill Faculty Grant---Center For Creative Studies (Assemblage research)

- 1989 New Initiative for the Arts (NIFTA) exhibition award
- 1988 Michigan Council for the Arts Individual Artists Grant (Sculpture)  
 •New Initiative for the Arts (NIFTA) exhibition award
- 1986 Nominee, Awards in the Visual Arts 6 (SECCA / NEA)
- 1985 Michigan Council for the Arts Individual Artists Grant (Painting)
- 1982 Michigan Council for the Arts Individual Artists Grant (Painting)

## **MUSEUM and CORPORATE COLLECTIONS**

Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan	Neiman-Marcus Corp., Troy, MI; Las Vegas, Nevada
Ameritech Co., Detroit, Michigan	Neiman Marcus Corp., Dallas, Texas; Scottsdale, Arizona
Dayton Hudson Corp., Detroit, Michigan	Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan
United American Healthcare Corp., Detroit, MI	Dykema Gossett, Detroit, Michigan
The Art Center Of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, MI	Gilreath Corp., Howell, Michigan
Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan	Post/Newsweek Corp., WDIV-4 /Detroit, MI
Beatrice Foods/Mrs. Loida Lewis	Wellness Corporation
Detroit Receiving Hospital	Mayor Dennis Archer and the Honorable Trudy D. Archer
Harman/Becker Corp., Farmington Hills, MI	Wayne County Council for Arts, History, & the Humanities
Detroit Public School System	COMPUWARE CORP., Detroit, Michigan

## **COMMISSIONS**

- 2007 UNIVERSITY CULTURAL CENTER ASSOCIATION /Detroit Festival of the Arts
- 2002, 2003 Detroit Public Schools
- 1999 Detroit Free Press /Flagstar Bank International Marathon
- 1998 DETROIT: HOMAGE TO A NEW MILLENIUM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD CORPORATION
- 1983 GO 4 THE ARTS Commission WDIV-TV CHANNEL 4- POST/NEWSWEEK CORPORATION.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

KARA WALKER: YES, NO? an anthology published by MIDMARCH ARTS PRESS. Cynthia Navaretta, Howardena Pindell, Editors. ESSAY written by Snowden.

TREASURES FROM THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS edited by Graham Beal, Director. 2007

WORKSPACES AND STUDIOS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS Dennis L. Forbes [November 2008]

THE HEALING WORK OF ART--DETROIT RECEIVING HOSPITAL COLLECTION Ellen Wilt 2007

STUDIOS AND WORKPLACES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ARTISTS Dennis L. Forbes [November 2008]

CREATING THEIR OWN IMAGE:THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN ARTISTS

Lisa Farrington Oxford University Press (January 30, 2005) # ISBN: 019516721X

Blue Cross/Blue Shield Corporate Collection BCBS of Michigan [2003]

DISPATCH DETROIT Vol.4 Poetry & Prose Anthology; Christine Monhollen, publisher: DoorJambPress  
 Cover Art and images in the book. June 2000

ART CONNECTIONS---LEVEL 1 SRA McGraw/Hill Publishers [Art Textbook for K-6]  
 reproduction of MONUMENT, (collection of Detroit Institute of Arts)

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN PAINTING--A CHINESE VIEW Jilin Fine Arts Publishing House  
 Changchun, China. September 1999 Xhang Jue Xie, editor. [G. Snowden, Associate Editor]

CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN DRAWING--A CHINESE VIEW Jilin Fine Arts Publishing House, Changchun, China. March 1998 Xhang Jue Xie, editor. [G. Snowden, Associate Editor]

COLLECTING AFRICAN AMERICAN ART Ms. Halima Taha, author. McGraw/Hill Publishers. December 1998 [reproduction of *Sorcerer*, pg. 128]

NARRATIVES OF AFRICAN AMERICAN ART & IDENTITY book accompanying the exhibition. Univ. of Maryland Press. David Driskell, author/ editor. September 1998

FLAT-FOOTED TRUTHS Patricia Bell-Scott, author. Norton Press,publishers. June 1998

MICHIGAN: A STATE GUIDE Various Authors. Children's Press, a subsidiary of Grolier Press

ST.JAMES GUIDE TO BLACK ARTISTS Thomas Riggs, Editor, Preface by Howard Dodson. Published in association with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture St.James Press/an Imprint of Gale Research Sept. 1997

DIRECTORY OF MICHIGAN ARTISTS 1997 Edition Marilyn Fosburg July 1997

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: A Visitors' Guide Detroit Institute of Arts & Wayne State University Press. Edited by Julia P. Henshaw. Oct. 1995 Pgs. 308, 319.

GUMBO YA YA: Anthology of Contemporary African-American Women Artists Various authors;Introduction by Leslie King-Hammond; Foreword by bell hooks.Essay on Snowden by Jan VanDerMarck. Midmarch Arts Press. Feb. 1995

MANUAL 1993-1994--ART IN GENERAL Art In General Gallery, Issue #2. New York, New York. *Gathering Medicine Exhibiton /Coast to Coast*. Essay, Sonia L. Lopez; Snowden artist statement reproduction of *Album: Fetish For Nadine* [in memory of Nadine DeLawrence]

CALLALOO--AJournal of African-American and African Arts and Letters, Vol. 17, No.2.Spring, 1994. Published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.Sponsored by the Univ. of Virginia. Editor: Charles H. Rowell.Cover art by Gilda Snowden, "Self In Storm No. 15".

THE NINETIES--Moving Forward, Reaching Back/ A Multicultural Odyssey (Focus on Coast To Coast: National Women Artists Of Color) IKON #12/13 April 1992

MY SOUL LOOKS BACK, 'LESS I FORGET D.Winbush Riley Harper/Collins, 1993. Anthology of quotes on various subjects; G.Snowden, pg.28 (on Art), pg. 260 (on autobiography)

THE ART OF BLACK AMERICAN WOMEN: Works of Twenty-Four Artists of the Twentieth Century Robert Henkes. McFarland & Company, Publishers (June 1993)

### MEDIA (Film & Television):

- 2007 DESTINATION: MGM GRAND/DETROIT WDIV-TV CHANNEL 4  
The artist is featured in the studio discussing the work acquired for the hotel.
- 2005 IN THE FRAME--African American Art WTVS CH 56 DETROIT Feb 12, 2005 Detroit Institute of Arts  
Snowden discussing the works of Beaufort Delaney, Hughie Lee-Smith, and William T. Williams
- ARTBEAT WTVS CH 56 DETROIT February 12, 2005 Robert Maniscalco, interview program
- 2003 ARTBEAT WTVS CH 56 DETROIT October 11, 2003 Robert Maniscalco, interview program
- INSIDE ART WMTV5 Grosse Pointe, Michigan July 17, 2003
- 2000 LEGENDARY LIVES: A Black History Month Feature Cavalier Pictures WJBK-TV2, Detroit.
- 1997 NAOMI LONG MADGETT: A POET'S VOICE a documentary film on the work of Naomi Long Madgett Produced by Kathy Vander, Vander Film Company
- 1994 THE FUTURE OF MEMORY a documentary film on the evolution of WOMEN OF ALGIERS,

an installation by Patrick Ireland. Produced by Nancy Jones & Joel Silvers.

- 1993 COLTRANE IN A CADILLAC Episode 3 Tiger Aspec Productions, London, England.  
Television series starring Robbie Coltrane documenting his travels across America in a vintage Cadillac, and the people he meets along the way [Detroit: Gilda Snowden in the Detroit Institute of Arts--Rivera Court]
- ABSTRACT REALITIES Sherry Washington Gallery September 1993. Rendall Thomas, Producer.
- 1988 FIFTEEN BLACK ARTISTS Detroit Black Journal Dec. 9 1988 WTVS-Ch 56;  
Edsel Reid, prod.(video avail.) National Conference of Artists [Michigan Chapter]