

M I C H E L D R O G E

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EDUCATION

MFA | Maine College of Art & Design | Portland, ME

BA | Oberlin College | Oberlin, OH

Graphic Arts Certification Program | The Cooper Union | NY, NY

TEACHING

2022-Bates College | Visiting Assistant Professor in Art and Visual Culture - Foundation Drawing, Art & Social Practice, Printmaking, Painting

2020-2022 University of Maine at Farmington | Visiting Assistant Professor - Print and Activism

2017-2022 Vermont College of Fine Art | MFA Program | Montpelier, VT - Visiting Artist, Lecturer, Studio Professor

2011-2021 Maine College of Art | Portland, ME

Visiting Assistant Professor - Printmaking, Foundations

2011-2016 Southern Maine Community College | South Portland, ME
Adjunct Assistant Professor - Printmaking, Drawing

2009-2010 Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
Continuing Studies Faculty - Pre-College Faculty

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2022 Bright Fathoms | University of Maine | Orono, ME

2021 All the Light Below | Cove Street Arts | Portland ME

2020 Michel Droke Deep Sea | The Maine Jewish Museum | Portland, ME (upcoming 2020) 2019
Michel Droke: Art in the Capitol | Augusta ME

2019 Native and Endangered Plants: Maine Audubon Society | Falmouth, ME 2019

Michel Droke: Hiraeth | University of Maine | Machias, ME

2018 Michel Droke; Remembering Tomorrow Press Hotel | Portland, ME

2018 Michel Droke Paintings and Drawings | LA Arts Center | Lewiston, Maine

2017 Michel Droke: Hiraeth | Frank Brockman Gallery | Brunswick, ME

2017 Michel Droke | Elizabeth Moss Galleries | Falmouth, ME

2016 Michel Droke: Nocturnes University of Maine | Farmington, ME

2015 Michel Droke: Tiny Catastrophes | June Fitzpatrick Gallery | Portland, ME 2014

Michel Droke: Chaos | Sacarrappa Artists Collective | Westbrook, ME

TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

2024 Michel Droke and Carlos Hiller | University of Costa Rica | San Jose Costa Rica

2021 Farm Tools Project | Emery Center | Farmington ME

2020 Farm Tools Project | Maine Farmland Trust | Belfast ME

2019 Life and Times: Photographic Approaches to Nature | University of Maine at Farmington 2018

Michel Droke & Marci Spier: Day Trip | Frank Brockman Gallery | Brunswick, ME

2015 Michel Droke/Michael Shaunessey | Gould Academy | Bethel, ME
2011 Michel Droke & Rob Lacht | Harlow Gallery | Hallowell, ME

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2025 Envision Resilience: Shifting Tides & Evolving Landscapes | Space Gallery| Portland, ME
2025 For the Love of Art | Gallery Artists| Triangle Gallery |Rockland, ME
2024 Roots and Wings | Seven Collective| Triangle Gallery | Rockland ME
2023 Frost Museum | Miami, FLA | Artist at Sea Exhibition with Nautilus and Schmidt Ocean Institute
2023 Art Basel | Miami FLA| Artist-At_ Sea Exhibition | Schmidt Ocean Institute, Nautilus, and Unesco
2024 The Field Museum | Unseen Oceans | Chicago, IL
2024 Beyond Midnight | A Multimedia Collaboration with Michel Droke, Asha Tamirisa, Carolina Gonzalez Valencia and Tristan Koepke | Bates College | Lewiston, ME
2024 Transitions | L.C. Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2020 To Unravel the Bind | ICA at MECA | Portland ME
2019 10,000 Hours | Speedwell Projects | Portland, ME
2019 Cove Street Arts | Inaugural Exhibition Spotlight Artist | Portland ME
2019 Rolling Acres Farm First Three Years | Fiore Foundation | Jefferson, ME
2019 Atmospheric Water | LC Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2019 River Arts Gallery | Damariscotta, ME
2019 Maine Farmland Trust Gallery | Belfast, ME
2019 Alumni Exhibition | Joseph Fiore Foundation | Jefferson, ME
2019 SOAG: Exhibition of Members | Ithaca, NY
2019 Man Made: A State of Nature | Greenhut Galleries | Portland, ME
2018 Anthropocenic | Bates College Museum of Art | Lewiston, ME
2018 Water Bear Confabulum | University of Maine | Farmington, ME
2017 Maine Woods | L.C. Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2016 Finale June | Fitzpatrick Gallery | Portland, ME
2015 Absence & Presence | Curry College Gallery |Milton, MA
2015 Summer Salon | June Fitzpatrick Gallery | Portland, ME
2014 September Salon | June Fitzpatrick Gallery | Portland, ME
2014 Sea Smoke| Lewis Gallery PPL | Portland, ME
2014 Appearances | Provincetown Conservation Association | Provincetown, MA
2014 Maine Nights: Clear Skies | LC Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2013 Artplatz | Czech Republic | Minsk, Belarus
2013 SMCC Faculty Exhibition | Rose Contemporary Fine Art Gallery | Portland, ME
2012 Humanity In Nature | L.C.Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2012 Portes | Space Gallery | Portland, ME
2012 Portes | Mytilene Public Theater | Mytilene, Greece
2012 Wet Paint | Zhou B. Gallery | Chicago, IL
2011 Drawing from The Collection | L.C. Bates Museum | Hinckley, ME
2011 Joan Mitchell Award Recipients Exhibition | Cue Art Foundation | NY,
2011 Audition | Aucocisco Gallery | Portland ME
2011 Visual Poetry | Lewis Gallery, Portland Public Library | Portland, ME
2010 MFA Thesis Exhibition | ICA Maine College of Art | Portland, ME
2010 Boston Young Contemporaries | Boston University | Boston, MA
2008 Members Exhibition | The Ink Shop Printmaker | Ithaca, NY
2007 Invitational | Smithy-Pioneer Gallery | Cooperstown, NY
2007 Invitational | Mad Art Gallery | Hamilton, NY

2006 Group Juried Exhibition | The Ninth Street Gallery | Washington, DC
1996-2000 Annual Member Exhibition | State of The Art Gallery | Ithaca, NY

GRANTS / AWARDS

2025 Mellon Foundation | Project Pericles Civic Engagement Teaching Fellowship
2024 Mellon Foundation | Project Pericles Civic Engagement Teaching Fellowship
2024 Community Engaged Learning Project Grant | Bates College
2023 Community Engaged Learning Project Grant | Bates College
2023 Learning Associates Grant | Bates College | Visiting Scholars
2022 Bates College Faculty Development Fund Grant | OctoOdyssey | Deep Sea Research
2020 Maine Arts Commission | Project Grant
2019 Kindling Fund Grant | Farm Tools Project
2016 Maine Arts Commission | Project Grant
2011 Maine Arts Commission | Good Idea Grant
2010 Joan Mitchell Foundation | MFA Grant
2009 Albert K. Murray Grant | Fine Arts Scholarship
2009 Maine College of Art | Scholarly Merit Award
2010 Maine College of Art | Scholarly Merit Award
2010 Dean's Scholarship | Maine College of Art

RESIDENCIES / FELLOWSHIPS

2026 Joan Mitchell Foundation | Artist Residency | New Orleans June-July
2025 Maine Environmental Artist Residency | Seguinland Institute | Maine
2025 Surfpoint Foundation Residency | July 2025
2024 OSCRI Conference | San Jose Costa Rica | Exhibition and Presentation
2024 Ocean Sciences Conference | New Orleans, LA | Art and Science Presentation
2023 Frost Museum | Miami, FLA | Meet the Artist Talk and Panel Discussion
2023 Schmidt Ocean Institute | Artist-at-Sea | Octopus Odyssey Expedition
2023 Michel Droke | Artist Talk | University of Maine Orono
2022 Cove Street Arts | Portland ME Michel Droke and Beth Orcutt
2021 Ellis- Beauregard Foundation Residency | May 2021
2019 Lincoln Theatre | Artist Talk | Damariscotta Maine
2019 Bates College Museum of Art | Anthropocenic | Panel on Sea Level Rise
2018 Fiore Foundation Fellowship/Residency | Jefferson, ME
2018 Tides Institute | Fellowship/Residency | Eastport, ME
2017 Vermont College of Fine Arts | Visiting Artist /Graduate Teacher | Montpelier, VT
2017 Vermont College of Fine Arts | MFA Program | Artist Teacher | Montpelier, VT
2017 Stephen Pace House Residency Stonington, ME
2017 WMPG Interviewed by Andy Versoza | Artist Spotlight
2017 Wesleyan University | Environmental Art Program | Interviewed by Ariel
Garber 2016 ICA at MECA | Michel Droke and Doug Varone | Collaboration
2016 White Head Island Residency | White Head Island, CA
2016 Vermont College of Fine Arts | MFA Program | Artist Teacher | Montpelier, VT
2015 Portland Museum of Art | Panelist | Communicating Climate Change
2014, 2015 Southern Graphics Council | International Member
2014 Saltonstall Foundation | Winter Residency
2013 Saltonstall Foundation | Winter Residency
2013 Vermont Studio Center Fellowship
2004-2014 The Ink Shop Printmaking Studio | Member

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

2024 Beyond Midnight | A Multimedia Collaboration with Michel Droege, Asha Tamirisa, Carolina Gonzalez Valencia, and Tristan Koepke | Bates College | Lewiston, ME

2017 Field Guide Project / Conservation Posters | Maine Audubon Society | Falmouth, ME 2017

Seven-Artists Collective | Harlow Gallery | Hallowell, ME

2016 In This Realm: Five Artists Explore Identity and Transformation ICA | Portland, ME

2016 Seven-Artists Collective | Zero Station Gallery | Portland, ME

2000-2006 Ithaca Bakery, Ithaca, NY | Branding, Designer and Curator

PRINTMAKING/DESIGN

1995-2006 Braus and Mehaffey In-House artist and designer | Ithaca, NY 1988-

1995 Jon Reis Photography| Studio Manager | Ithaca, NY

1980-1985 Styria Studios | New York, NY

Master Printer | Etching and Lithography collaboration / editioning with Donald Judd, Robert Rauschenberg, Robert Morris, Alex Katz, Larry Rivers

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMITTEES

2024 Maine Gun Safety Coalition | Student poster mural and Testimonies

2023 Local Food Local Places | Poster Mural |Lisbon Street | Lewiston ME

2019 Maine Audubon Society | Native Plants | year-long cyanotype project 2017

Maine Audubon Society | Field Guide Project | Conservation Posters 2017

Visiting Artist Committee | Maine College of Art

2017 Diversity Committee | Maine College of Art

2016 Visiting Artist Committee | Maine College of Art

2016 Diversity Committee | Maine College of Art

2016 Maine Audubon Society | Conservation Poster Project

2015 Island Institute | Climate Change & Maine Island Communities

2014 Island Institute | Climate Change & Maine Island Communities

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2023 | Schmidt Ocean Institute | <https://schmidtocean.org/cruise-log-post/art-science-with-octopus-odyssey/>

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2023 | Substack | Elyse Hauser
<https://notesfromthedeep.substack.com/p/the-sublime-beauty-and-also-terror>

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2021 | Little, Carl | Records of Existence: “Marks and Tracks” at the L.C. Bates Museum - The Maine Arts Journal: The UMVA Quarterly <https://maineartsjournal.com/carl-little-records-of-existence-marks->

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2020 Michel Droke and Sarah Loftus: Farm Tools Project

<https://www.pressherald.com/2020/01/14/space-gallery-awards-grants-to-15-art-projects-aimed-at-change/>

2019 Cove St. Arts | A Game Changer for Greenhut Owners

<https://www.pressherald.com/2019/07/14/art-review-cove-street-gallery-a-game-changer-for-Greenhut-owners/>

2018 Low, Bill | Michel Droke Paintings and Drawings at LA Arts In Lewiston Maine

<http://www.sunjournal.com/la-arts-gallery-to-exhibit-works-by-michel-droke/>

2019 Kany, Dan | Cove Street: Game Changer for Green Hut Owners Portland Press Herald

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2017 Kany, Dan | Differing Styles But Painters Start a Conversation About Van Gogh: Michel Droke, Liz Hoag and John Knight. 10/1/17

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2017 The Maine Journal of Conservation and Sustainability: SPIRE

2017 Michel Droke | Tiny Catastrophes. 2017

2015 Kany, Daniel | Michel Droke Show Invites You to Feel for Yourself The Portland Press Herald 4/12/2015

2015 Konau, Britta | It All Adds Up: Michel Droke's Tiny Catastrophes Matter | The Portland Phoenix 4/15/2015

2014 Kany, Dan | Sea Smoke at the Portland Public Library | The Portland Press Herald 5/25/2014

2012 Kany, Dan | At L.C.Bates Romantics Run Happily Amok | The Portland Press Herald

2011 Shaw, Cameron | The Work of Jon Lee, Cobi Moules, Eric Kniss, Ashley Shellhaus and Michel Droke Catalogue for the Cue Art Foundation 6/1/2011

2010 Schroeder, Nicholas | Thesis Defense | The Boston Phoenix 5/26/10

2010 Schroeder, Nicholas | A Cornucopia of Art at Aucosico | The Portland Phoenix 11/2/10