

MELANIE WEST

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Professional Summary

Emerging writer and artist with visibility. Has used bachelors degree in Studio Art to promote narratives stressing social justice. Maintains a presence through magazine and radio. Fortitude for writing is cemented by community work and teaching with organizations that aim to better conditions related to gender, race and class.

Education

Bachelor of Science: Studio Art

2014

Nazareth College - 4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

Publications

"Freedom and Imagery: A Discussion on Charlie Hebdo." *Red Wedge: Rekindling the Revolutionary Imagination*. Red Wedge Mag., 8 February 2015. <http://www.redwedgemagazine.com/interviews/freedom-and-imagery-a-discussion-on-charlie-hebdo>.

"A Subtlety, or the Question of Whether Blackness Can Have Body Sovereignty." *Red Wedge: Rekindling the Revolutionary Imagination*. Red Wedge Mag., 16 September 2014. <http://www.redwedgemagazine.com/essays/a-subtlety-or-the-question-of-whether-blackness-can-have-body-sovereignty>

Conferences

"Effacement in Political Cartoons and the Fight for Human Dignity." Presented paper at the PCA/ACA National Conference. Chicago Marriott Miracle Mile. 16 April 2014. Chicago, IL.

Radio

"Connections: New Wave of Feminism." *Connections with Evan Dawson*. NPR News&Talk. WXXI News. 19 Aug 2014. Rochester, NY.

Presentations

"Effacement in Political Cartoons and the Fight for Human Dignity." Presented paper at Cultural Investigations: Anthropological Studies of Imperialism in Undergraduate Research Forum. Nazareth College. 2013. Rochester, NY.

"Exploring the Politics of Afro-Textured Hair Workshop." Workshop presented at Partners for Learning Program. Nazareth College. 2013. Rochester, NY.

"Deconstructing the Other with 'Madame Butterfly and 'Dames At Sea.'" Presented paper at (Mis)Representation in American Media and the Politics of Gendered and Racialized Bodies Forum. Nazareth College. 2012. Rochester, NY.

"Exploring the Politics of Afro-Textured Hair Workshop." Workshop presented at Partners for Learning Program. Nazareth College. 2011. Rochester, NY.

Exhibitions

2014 *Nazareth Student Show*, Nazareth Art Center Gallery, Rochester, NY

2013 *Solo Exhibition; Representing Whom?: Art from an Anthropological Analysis*, Nazareth Art Center Seminar Room, Rochester, NY

2013 *Nazareth Student Show*, Nazareth Art Center Gallery, Rochester, NY

Commissions

2014 "#BringBackOurGirls." Syracuse Peace Council Newsletter. June Issue #835 Newsletter Cover. Syracuse, NY

2014 "Horizon's Logo." Horizons at Nazareth College Summer Enrichment Program. Designed Logo for t-shirts. Rochester, NY

2013 "Women's Rights Are Human Rights." Syracuse Peace Council Newsletter. March Issue #832 Newsletter Cover. Syracuse, NY

2013 "Horizon's Logo." Horizons at Nazareth College Summer Enrichment Program. Designed Logo for banner, t-shirts and postcards. Rochester, NY

2012 "Buying Brown Men." International Socialist Organization. Poster protesting Stop and Frisk and racial profiling. Chicago, IL

Awards

2014 Studio Artist of the Year. *Nazareth College Student Show*. Nazareth Art Center Gallery. Rochester, NY

Work History

Sales Associate 08/2013 to Current

TJMaxx – Pittsford Plaza, 3349 Monroe Ave, Rochester, NY 14618

Art Teacher 07/2014 to 08/2014

Horizons at Nazareth College Summer Enrichment Program – 4245 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618

Teaching Assistant for Third Grade 07/2013 to 08/2013

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