

# CAMERON PATRICIA DOWNEY

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## EDUCATION

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**Columbia University**, Columbia College, New York, NY

Graduated May 2021

Double concentration in Visual Arts and Environmental Science ❖ GPA: 3.6

## HONORS + TITLES

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McKinsey Diverse Young Leaders Scholar (2017) ❖ Senior Award for Social Justice (2017) ❖ Dartmouth Community Impact Award (2016) ❖ Kim Shulman Courage Award (2015) ❖ Poetry Out Loud State Champion (2015)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Juxtaposition Arts**, Minneapolis, MN

February 2023- Present

*Artist in Instructional and Curatorial Residence*

- ❖ Work with and lead Northside youth apprentices through local and national artmaking commissions
- ❖ Curate artist talks and activations for apprentice engagement

**Walker Art Center**, Minneapolis, MN

August 2022- Present

*Mediatheque Artist In Residence*

- ❖ Curate online programming as well as direct in-person open sessions geared towards young BIPOC artists in the Twin Cities

**Youthprise**, Minneapolis, MN

September 2021- Present

*Grants Manager*

- ❖ Designed, managed and facilitated the creation of youth-centered grants

**First Avenue Productions**, Minneapolis, MN

June 2018- Oct 2021

*Administrative Assistant*

- ❖ Managed schedules and organized meetings for the CEO of one of the nation's most prestigious independently owned music venues
- ❖ Proposed and undertook projects pertaining to marketing plans, a 50th-anniversary celebration and recent federal lobbying efforts with NIVA

**Petrucci Family Foundation**, New York, NY

May 2020- December 2020

*Transcriptionist Intern*

- ❖ Aided in the organizing and recording of several Zoom Salon talks highlighting Black artists across disciplines
- ❖ Transcribed, edited and formatted the written archives of these events

**North News**, Minneapolis, MN

May 2020- August 2020

*Intern reporter*

- ❖ Pitched, wrote and edited local and national stories for print and digital publication
- ❖ Interviewed community leaders and edited video spotlighting their service to the community

**Communities For Environmental Justice**

May 2021- August 2021

*Intern*

- ❖ Crafted and publicized research on environmental realities for low-income and BIPOC neighborhoods in Minneapolis
- ❖ Provided support and planning for direct action against polluting companies in Minneapolis' vulnerable communities

**Juxtaposition Arts**, Minneapolis, MN

June 2012- July 2019

*Youth Arts Apprentice*

- ❖ Acted as a youth leader in the Contemporary Arts and Tactical Urbanism labs
- ❖ Crafted strategies for community engagement and improvement; organized various workshops at the intersection of public health and art
- ❖ Created solo and collaborative works for 4 gallery shows: including an annual showcasing of said artworks
- ❖ Collaborated in the painting of 2 public murals in North Minneapolis

## CREATIVE WORK

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**Freelance Interdisciplinary Artist**

*Independent work*

Fall 2015- Present

- ❖ Presented multi-media work in various group exhibitions at galleries and museums in New York City, Minneapolis, Chicago and Berlin
- ❖ Directed and edited an experimental short film, *Hymn of Dust*, in collaboration with 3 other emerging artists

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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**Columbia University NCAA Division 1 Varsity Track & Field**

Fall 2017- May 2021

*Captain*

- ❖ Dedicated 20 hours per week to practice, conditioning, team-building and track meets while balancing a full course load
- ❖ School record holder in the discus throw

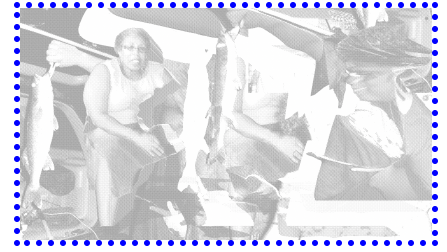
## SKILLS + INTERESTS

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- ❖ Computer: Proficient with Microsoft Office suite, Adobe suite and internet research.
- ❖ Language: Proficient in Mandarin Chinese, Spanish

## Exhibitions, Residencies + Curatorial Undertakings

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Midway Contemporary Art solo exhibition\* - 2023  
Museum of Contemporary Art Santa Barbara solo exhibition\* - 2023  
*Lord Split Me Open*, Hair+Nails solo exhibition - 2023  
Carolyn Glasoe Bailey Foundation Art Prize Recipient - 2023  
Walker Art Center Mediatheque, Artist in Residence, Minneapolis MN - 2022  
Second Shift Studio Space, Artist In Residence, St. Paul MN - 2022  
*In The River*, Midway Contemporary Gallery Off-Site, St. Paul MN - 2022  
*Intersections*, Engage Projects Gallery, Chicago - 2021-2022  
*Wild Frictions: The Politics and Poetics of Interruption*, Kunstraum Kreuzberg, Berlin Germany - 2021  
*The Human Scale*, Rochester Art Center, Rochester MN - 2021  
*Three Things Last Forever*, Hair and Nails Gallery, Minneapolis MN - 2020  
Curator and exhibiting artist, *Holding Space*, Hair and Nails Gallery, Minneapolis MN - 2020  
*FUTURE FUTURE*, Hair and Nails Gallery, Minneapolis MN - 2020  
Elam School of Art, Auckland New Zealand - 2019  
*H+N at 9 Herkimer Pl*, Brooklyn NY - 2019  
*Convergence*, Convergence Space Gallery, Manhattan NY - 2018  
*These Streets Weren't Paved For Tenderness*, 25 East Gallery, Manhattan NY - 2018  
Assistant Curator, *Recourse: With Notes From Black Wall Street*, Juxtaposition Arts, Minneapolis MN - 2018  
Assisting curator and artist, *Relics: An Investigation of Black August*, Juxtaposition Arts, Minneapolis MN - 2017  
*A Choice of Weapons*, Mill City Museum, Minneapolis MN - 2014  
[\(forthcoming\\*\)](#)