YALE UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY AND ARTSPACE NEW HAVEN ANNOUNCE 2021 HAPPY AND BOB DORAN CONNECTICUT ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE Awardees

Five Connecticut-based artists awarded financial support, other resources, and a group exhibition

June 23, 2021, New Haven, Conn.—The Yale University Art Gallery and Artspace New Haven are pleased to announce five awardees of the 2021 Happy and Bob Doran Connecticut Artist-in-Residence Program. These early to mid-career artists from Connecticut’s vibrant creative community will participate in a yearlong residency culminating in a group exhibition at Artspace in late spring 2022. The program offers support and community to the artists, each of whom will receive a financial award and other benefits.

A panel of Connecticut-based arts professionals reviewed nearly 100 applications to the residency before selecting the following awardees:

Leonard Galmon
Leonard Galmon was born in 1996 in New Orleans and lives and works in New Haven. He received his B.A. in Art, with a concentration in Painting, from Yale University in 2019. His work combines portraiture and urban landscape to explore subversive forces such as the boundaries drawn around people and ideas in American society.

Ruby Gonzalez Hernandez
Ruby Gonzalez Hernandez is an Indigenous Oaxacan artist born on Quinnipiac land. As a lens-based artist, she uses photography as a tool in printmaking and other media to dissect and find language for religious exploitation, spiritual salvation, and redemption.

Allison Minto
Allison Minto is a Connecticut-based artist and educator. She holds an M.F.A. in Photography from the Yale School of Art and a B.A. in Journalism from Buffalo State College, New York. In her work, she uses field research and photography to take on themes around African American archives, family, history, memory, preservation, and maintenance.

Julia Rooney
Julia Rooney is a visual artist and arts educator. Though rooted in painting, her practice often bridges other disciplines, including writing and collaborative, community-based projects. She holds an M.F.A. in Painting and Printmaking from the Yale School of Art and a B.A. in Visual and Environmental Studies from Harvard College, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Recent solo exhibitions include @SomeHighTide (Arts+Leisure, New York), Sections (Real Eyes Gallery, Adams, Massachusetts), paper paper (Kopeikin Gallery, Los Angeles), and Doubles (Chashama, Brooklyn).
Joseph Smolinski
Joseph Smolinski is an artist living and working in New Haven. He received his B.F.A. from the University of Wisconsin and his M.F.A. from the University of Connecticut, Storrs, and he is currently a Senior Lecturer of Art at the University of New Haven. He is a recipient of the Connecticut Commission of the Arts 2012 Artist Fellowship and a 2012 Artist Resource Trust Grant from the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. In 2014 he was the Menakka and Essel Bailey Distinguished Visiting Scholar in the College of the Environment at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

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Yale University Art Gallery
Founded in 1832, the Yale University Art Gallery is the oldest college art museum in America. Today, it is a center for teaching, learning, and scholarship and a preeminent cultural asset for Yale University, the wider academic community, and the public. The museum collects, preserves, studies, and presents art in all media, from all regions of the globe and across time, with a collection numbering nearly 300,000 objects.

Yale University Art Gallery General Information
The Yale University Art Gallery is located at 1111 Chapel Street, New Haven, Connecticut. The museum is currently open on a limited basis in accordance with the University’s COVID-19 protocols: Fridays, 3:00–7:00 pm; Saturdays and Sundays, 12:00–4:00 pm. Visitors may reserve free timed tickets on the Gallery’s website. A limited number of walk-up tickets are available daily on a first-come-first-serve basis. For general information, please call 203.432.0600 or visit the website at artgallery.yale.edu.

Artspace New Haven
Artspace New Haven is a nonprofit organization championing the visual arts. Founded in 1987 by artists, we center community-building and education while providing a platform to present the work of visual artists. Artspace’s exhibition and commissioning programs encourage experimentation and civic discourse while fostering appreciation for the vital role artists play in improving our community.
Artspace New Haven General Information
Artspace New Haven is located at 50 Orange Street, New Haven, Connecticut. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 12:00-6:00 pm. Free and open to the public. For general information, please call 203.772.2709 or visit the website at artspacenewhaven.org.

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