







On behalf of University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and the 90,000 students we serve each year, let me say what an honor it is to host Steven Dobbin: Conceptualism to Meaning.

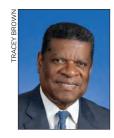
For more than 30 years, the UMUC Arts Program has supported our public mission of bringing affordable, quality education within reach for adult students in the workforce and military. In exhibitions such as this, in our gallery spaces, and in the halls of our administrative and academic headquarters in Adelphi and Largo, we are proud to showcase the talents of established and emerging artists, seeking always to introduce them to broader audiences, including our local and regional communities.

Steven Dobbin is one such artist. A Maryland native whose work is in private and public collections both nationally and internationally, he has taught in public and private art and special education programs for more than 20 years. His remarkable vision and creativity were first on display at UMUC as part of our 2nd Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition, and we are delighted to welcome him back for this more comprehensive exhibition.

Dobbin's work is sometimes stark, sometimes whimsical, but always intellectually stimulating. Perhaps most importantly, it challenges us to think—and see the world—in new and creative ways.

I hope that you enjoy this remarkable exhibition and the vision that informs it, and as always, I thank you for your continued support of the arts and our Arts Program in 2019 and beyond.

JAVIER MIYARES
PRESIDENT
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE



Over the past 41 years, the UMUC Arts Program has developed a tradition of showcasing creative works of art by some of the most talented emerging and established artists from across the country. In doing so, we have received more exhibition proposals than we can accommodate and earned a reputation as a prestigious gallery. With our latest exhibition, Steven Dobbin: Conceptualism to Meaning, we are pleased to continue this tradition.

Dobbin, a Maryland artist based in Frederick, creates thought-provoking works of art with found and discarded objects. Characterized as a sculptor, Dobbin works primarily in lead, copper, and steel with plaster and pigment, but he often incorporates wood and other mediums as well. Dobbin's creativity enables him to see the beauty in what many would see as junk. For example, he can paint a multitude of paint container lids—sometimes reshaping them—and arrange them in such a way that the finished work of art resembles a quilt. In other instances, he has burned paper or shaped steel to create abstract paintings or figurative images that invite viewers to provide their own interpretations. Many of his works reflect movement, such as his walking figures, or serve as social commentary, but they are all conceptual and contemporary.

Dobbin first came to the attention of the Arts Program when his 2012 work When Did They Stop Drawing the Battle Lines in Crayon? was included in the 2nd Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition (2013–2014). Art Advisory Board member Nina Dwyer introduced us to the artist about two years ago, and we began planning this exhibition to acquaint our audience with him as well. This exhibition provides us with the opportunity to expose our audience to the creative works of another accomplished Maryland artist and to support the artistic career of an artist whose works warrant an exhibition in the UMUC Arts Program Gallery.

Dobbin's works are in numerous private and public collections in the United States and the United Kingdom. He has shown his works in many solo and group exhibitions, including those at the BlackRock Center for the Arts, Silber Art Gallery at Goucher College, and Washington County Museum of Fine Arts (Maryland); Causey Contemporary (New York); and Monmouth Museum (New Jersey). The UMUC Arts Program is pleased to curate a show of the innovative works of Steven Dobbin in its exhibition space.

ERIC KEY
DIRECTOR, ARTS PROGRAM
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# ELEMENTS OF CONCEPTUALISM

Margaret Dowell, PhD
Adjunct Professor of Art, College of Southern Maryland

Steven Dobbin positions himself between art, design, commentary, and an unwavering commitment to his students, which penetrates a significant portion of his artwork.



Do Not Set Yourself on Fire, 2015, digital photo transfer on wood,  $72\times80\times2$  inches

## **BACKGROUND**

Dobbin grew up in Silver Spring, Maryland. Participation in sports encouraged his self-described competitive nature. Exposure to his maternal grandfather's artistic metal works made an aesthetic imprint on Dobbin's own work, as did the subsequent visuals derived from stocking shelves in a grocery store as a teen.

Dobbin's academic history includes an undergraduate stint at Ohio Wesleyan University and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Maryland, College Park in urban studies. He matriculated in the fine arts programs at Indiana University and the University of Southern California. At the George Washington University, he earned a Master of Arts in education, focusing on the severely emotionally disturbed adolescent population.

Dobbin's exhibition history includes galleries on both the East and West Coasts. For years he was represented by Causey Contemporary in New York. Living and working in Frederick County, Maryland, he cites his long association with the Artists Gallery there as most significant to his career.

#### THE GRID

Dobbin uses a grid, similar to one he used for stacking grocery store shelves, as a utilitarian structure to organize and aestheticize his artwork.

The grid has long been an ordering system for graphic designers, urban planners, architects, and manufacturers of technology products. In Western art, the grid has served as an emblem of modernism. Early 20th-century Dutch artist Piet Mondrian, one of the leading figures in the development of modern abstract art, created his experimental compositions using grids. Mid-20th-century conceptual artist Sol LeWitt utilized the grid as an underlying element of his minimalistic works, and Carl Andre followed, paying homage to the grid with his conceptual works. Today, Chuck Close continues to use the grid as a structure for transforming his photographs of people into optical mixture portrait paintings.

Dobbin understands the history of this simplified format in contemporary art. He often employs grids in his works, capitalizing on the power of the grid to capture and hold the viewer's attention. Once he has our attention, he proceeds with his visual commentary.

## **REPETITION**

The grid, of course, invites repetition, and Dobbin frequently utilizes this design element to enhance his subject matter to make it more visually accessible.

To thoroughly understand Dobbin's use of repeated imagery, one must understand his day job. After working for 15 years with severely emotionally disturbed adolescents, the artist now works with public school students who have been diagnosed as intellectually disabled. The repeated signs, symbols, and writings he incorporates into his grids are not just for casual viewers but also for his students.



An Awful Noise, 2019, digital photo transfer on wood, 67 x 75 x 2 inches

When an object is repeated, the viewer slows down to contemplate the object. By accumulating and repeating imagery, one can transform the mundane into something important. In the classroom, Dobbin constantly repeats mundane lessons necessary for learning life skills, and he brings this learning retention strategy into his art. For example, his work Do Not Set Yourself on Fire offers concrete visual clues about how to safely maneuver though one's environment. The information is provided through a mixture of shapes, symbols, and words that present data in ways that can be easily grasped. Dobbin uses his intellect and control of the language of art to manipulate these simplified elements until they become visually dynamic and important.

From early Islamic tile designs to Yayoi Kusama's popular installations today, artworks throughout the ages have demonstrated the power of repetition. In Islamic art, perfect geometric patterns represent the meaning and spiritual essence of things; it is believed one can find infinity in them. Fame came to

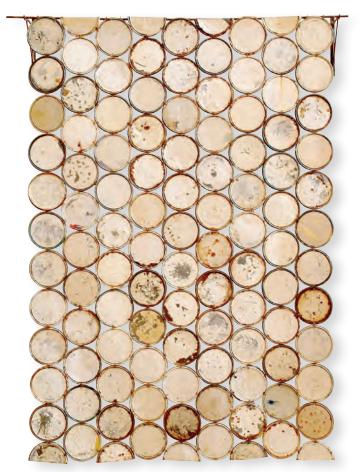
Andy Warhol for his pop art multiples of soup cans and of Marilyn Monroe, as it did later to Andy Goldsworthy for his site-specific land works. And Japan's Kusama became popular for her repetitive marks and shapes exploring compulsion and obsession.

Dobbin admits both aesthetic and literal obsessions with the multiples that show up in most of his pieces. He lays claim to these obsessions in his work I Repeat Myself, which is a blinking neon light that simply and cleverly spells out "I Repeat Myself."

## **SOCIAL COMMENTARY**

Most of Dobbin's work has an element of social commentary. Like many artists working today, he observes, ponders, and translates hot topics. These visual translations typically represent personal convictions and insights that serve to inform, critique, and raise awareness of our understanding of the world around us.

Art as social commentary often serves as a window to political discourse. With his work An Awful Noise, Dobbin jumps into the political conversations of 2019. Fond of watching political commentary on TV, he began to suspect from the images of the news reporters and commentators on MSNBC, CNN, and Fox that the negativity of the current news cycle is going to change the way politicians and the general public do business and conduct their lives. He started to visually examine the players, the "talking heads." He focused on their facial expressions,



Colors of Their Lives, 2011, paint can lids, paint, and metal, 72 x 48 inches

the tilt of their heads, the way their mouths formed words. In front of the television, he photographed them with his cell phone thousands of times. From those images, he selected 135 for the final work. The subjects include Frank Figliuzzi, Bill Maher, Nicole Wallace, Judy Woodruff, and others. Nonpolitical commentators include sportscasters Tony Kornheiser and Michael Wilbon. And an image of Robert Mueller is centrally located, just because.

Dobbin manipulated the photographed heads through a computer program until they became drawing-like. His initial photographs reflect reality; his "drawn" images lack that intimate, baggage-filled component, making it easier to digest his message of collective, unproductive noise.

## RECYCLING

Given today's environmental concerns, it is common for artists to recycle materials or repurpose trash. Recycling items in art is far from new. Louise Nevelson, one of Dobbin's favorite artists, created poetic reliefs from scrap wood in the 1950s. Also during this period, Robert Rauschenberg made some of his best work from trash (including a "combine" painting that included an old taxidermy goat and a used tire). A few years later, in 1961, the Museum of Modern Art in New York mounted an exhibition entitled The Art of Assemblage, solidifying the use of varied and recycled materials as a valid art process.

It is easy to recognize the formal aesthetic qualities of Dobbin's series made of old paint can lids. Color, shape, texture—it's all there, the beauty overriding any obvious narrative. But if we dig deeper, the materials contribute to a story. Paint can lids are clearly disposable and easily discarded. Dobbin makes a connection between this perception and the way many people perceive his students. Into the studio he carries his unwavering belief that his charges have worth, that they can be contributing members of our society. He turns his discarded paint can lids into visual quilts, giving them value and importance. For Dobbin, the metaphor could not be clearer—he is constantly working for his students, both in the classroom and in the studio.



Workingman Collective, 2019, steel, dimensions variable

### WORK

Work is necessary for economic survival. It also gives us the opportunity for social engagement and personal and professional growth.

Part of Dobbin's job as a teacher is to prepare his students for the work world. He understands that many of them will work as manual laborers, and he stresses that the dignity and importance of that labor rivals that of any other type of job. "Be present," he tells them. "Show up. Do a good job. Feel good about it."

Workingman Collective is a stunning work. A group of rusty metal silhouetted figures three feet tall are walking to work. They carry the tools of their trades: ladders, shovels, brooms. The figures are all easily recognizable as Dobbin. They exude strength, purpose, and a sense of self-worth. The visual message to his charges is clear: "If I can show up, you can too."

How does Dobbin work in his own studio? He walks his talk. He shows up daily, most often in the early morning hours. He does his best. He thinks a lot. He is earnest. He is productive. And, with a nod to his sports background, this highly original, creative, and cerebral artist embraces deadlines, his personal competition with time.

S T E V E N
D O B B I N



The Things They Carry 2017 steel and paint 21 x 7 feet



Primary Triad
2019
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32 x 56 inches



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Box Boy 2007 mixed media photograph 60 x 36 inches, box and steel base 60 x 12 x 12 inches



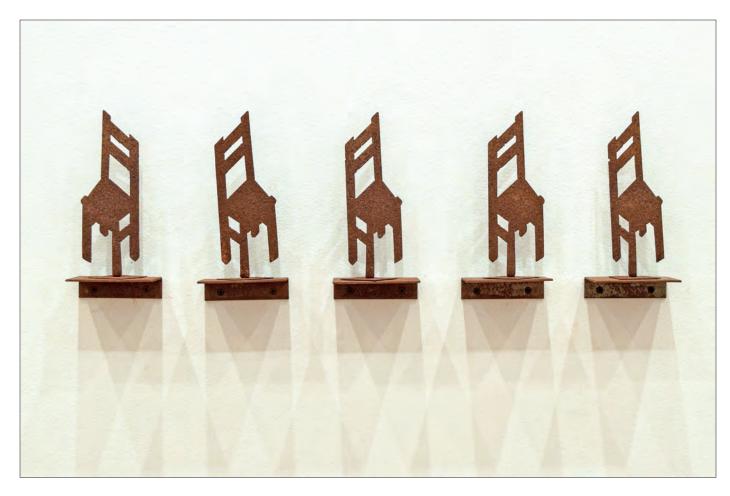
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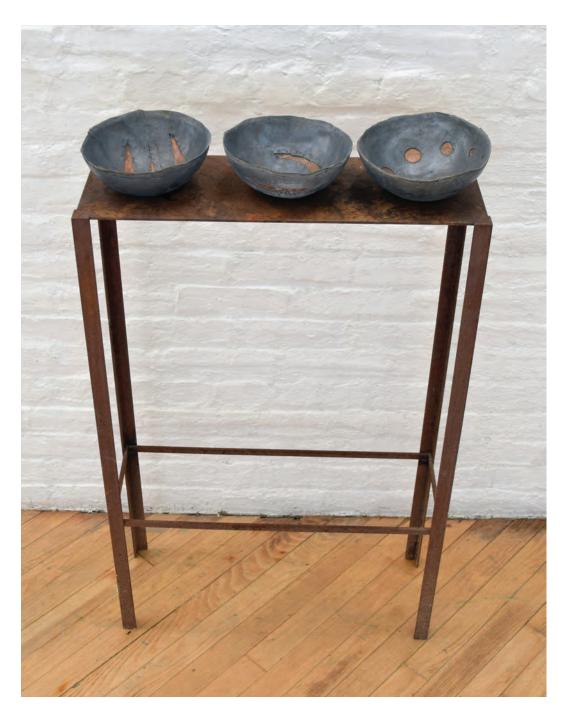
ABOVE: Descent (detail)

RIGHT:
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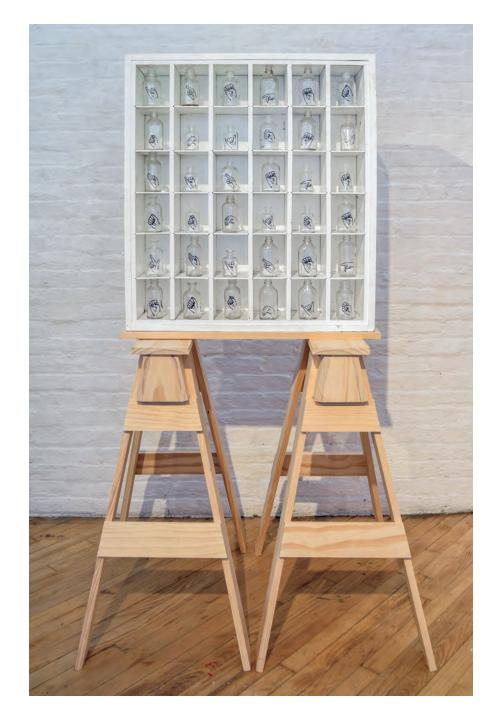


ABOVE: We Are Making Enemies Faster Than We Can Kill Them (detail)

LEFT: We Are Making Enemies Faster Than We Can Kill Them 2005 copper, plaster, and paint 60 x 30 inches



Don't Cry for Me 2007 mixed media 22 x 22 inches





ABOVE: When I Speak to People Who Are Deaf, I Repeat Myself (detail)

LEFT: When I Speak to People Who Are Deaf, I Repeat Myself 2013–19 mixed media 68 x 67 x 37 inches



Traveling Through the Dark 2003 bronze 48 x 48 x 48 inches



Remnants 2007 wood, paint, water, and rust 36 x 60 inches



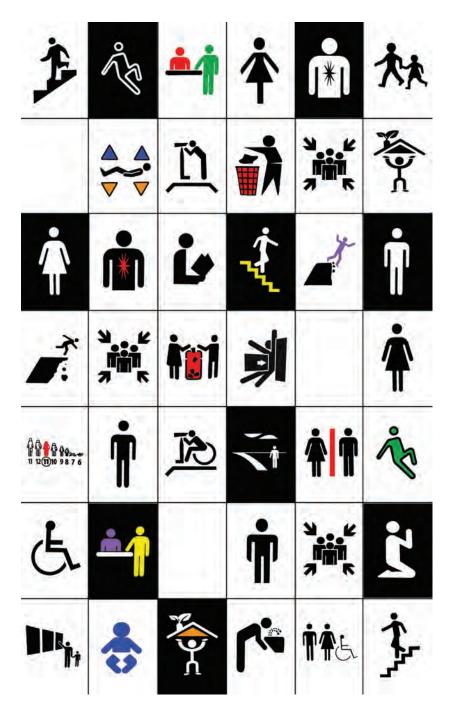
Legs 2016 mixed media 6 x 3 x 2 inches



Rusted Reclamation 2019 crushed paint cans, metal, and rust 37 x 34 inches



Reclamation Tapestry 2017 paint can lids, metal, and paint  $9 \times 6$  feet



Blue Baby 2013 digital print 52 x 33 inches



Defining the Void 1989 woven steel each piece 60 x 12 x 12 inches



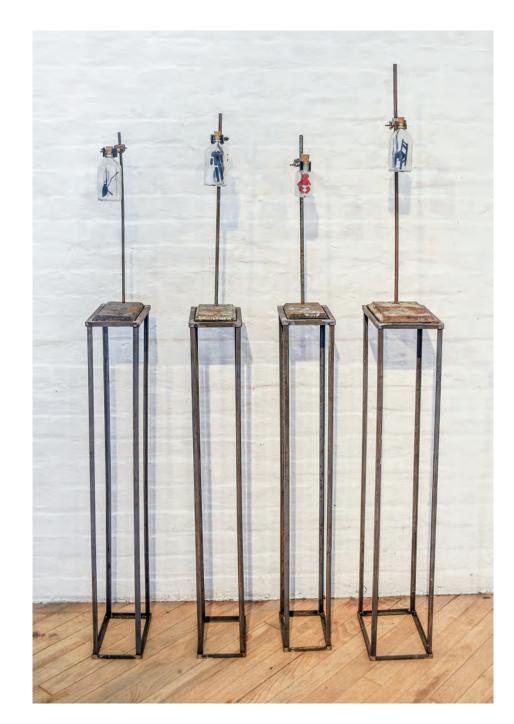
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Tally Series #1
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22 x 80 x 2 inches



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ABOVE: Specimen Taller (detail)

RIGHT: Specimen Taller 2017 mixed media 62 x 6 x 9 inches

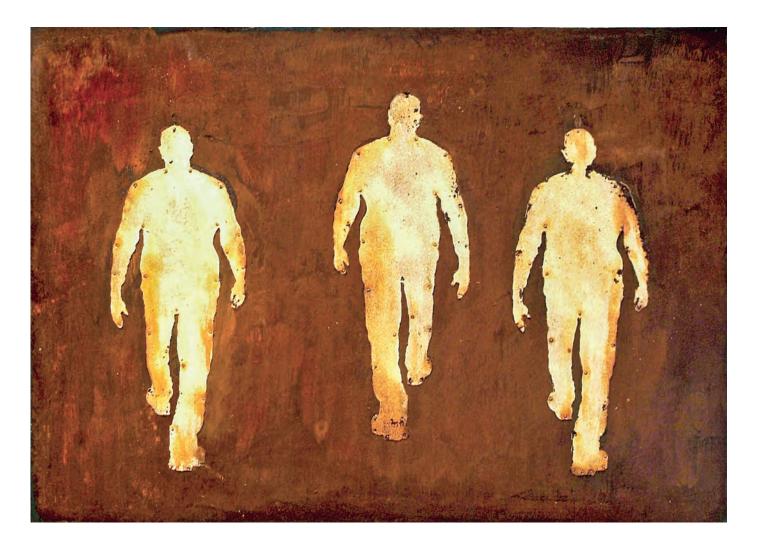






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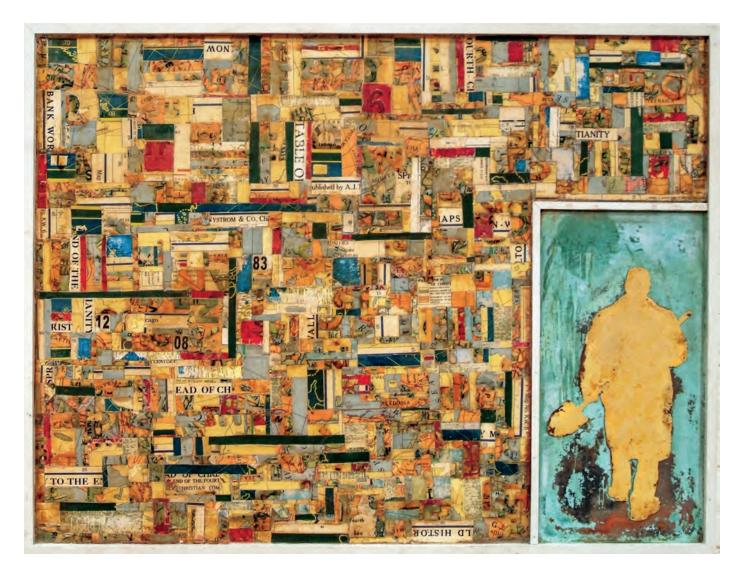
Walk Away #2 2007 steel and wood 29½ x 39½ inches



Motorcycle 2016 mixed media photograph  $4 \times 6$  inches, sculpture  $3\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2} \times 1$  inches



Piercing the Mundane 2007 aluminum, acid wash, and paint 40 x 40 inches



Bury Me with Christenberry 2007 mixed media 37½ x 48½ inches



ABOVE: Void Grouping 1 2019 steel dimensions variable

RIGHT: Void Grouping 2 2019 steel dimensions variable





Absence 1997 mixed media  $60 \times 12 \times 8$  inches



Your Move 2013 digital print 45 x 33 inches



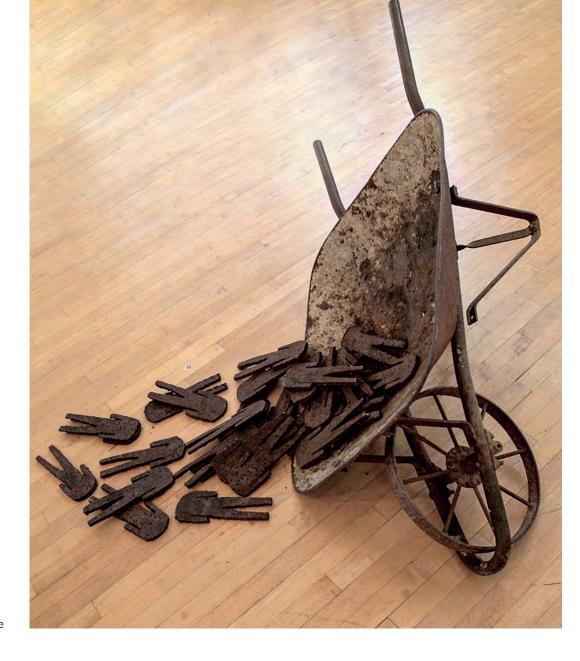
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lead sculpture and steel base
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Karl's Barrow 2000 found steel dimensions variable



ABOVE:
Hostage
2016
mixed media
7 x 65 x 1 inches

RIGHT: Hostage (detail)





Immigrant 2016 digital photo transfer on wood  $65 \times 51 \times 1$  inches



Little Steves 2011 wood and steel 5¾ x 6 x 4 feet



Broken
2015
glass jars, color transparencies,
and steel  $6 \times 6 \times 2$  inches



2016
timed, flashing neon sign
6½ x 38 x 4 inches

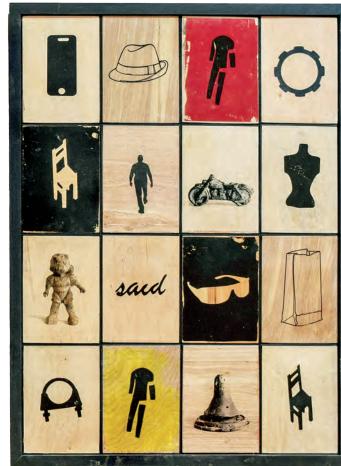


Sydney's Doll 2016 mixed media photograph 6 x 4 inches, sculpture 5 x 3 x 1 inches



Big Stick
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metal, copper, brass,
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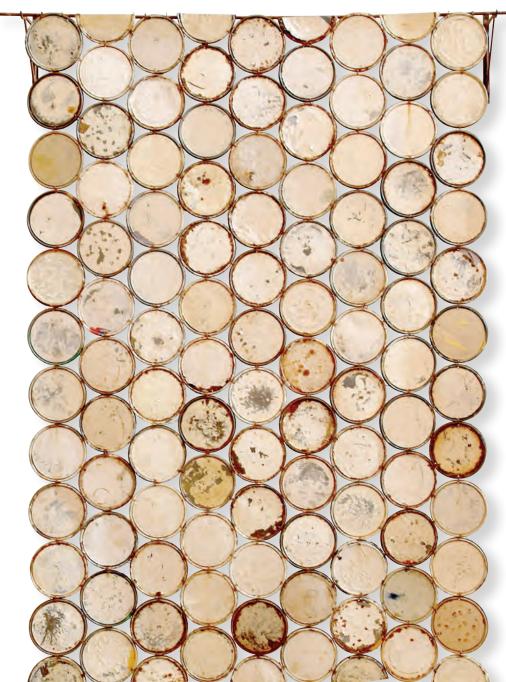




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Blind Faith and Broken Innocence 2019 Ovaltine cans and wood base 72 x 84 x 10 inches



Workingman Collective 2019 steel dimensions variable

# **ARTIST'S BIOGRAPHY**

EDUCATION		2003–10	Artists Gallery, Frederick, Maryland
1995	MA, The George Washington University	2002	Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art, Brooklyn, New York
	9 University of Southern California,	2001	Artists Gallery, Frederick, Maryland
1000 0	MFA program (sculpture)		Blue Elephant, Frederick, Maryland
1981–82	2 Indiana University, MFA program (ceramics)		Millennium Art Center, Washington, D.C.
1979	BA, University of Maryland, College Park	2000	Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art, Brooklyn, New York
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AWARDS		SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS	
2017	2nd Place, National Juried Exhibition,	2016	Tally, Causey Contemporary, Brooklyn, New York
	Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland	2014	Liminal Reclamations, SPRING/BREAK Art Show,
2012	3rd Place, Annual Juried Exhibition,		New York, New York
2009	Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland  Maryland State Arts Council Award for Excellence	2013	Broad Spectrum, Delaware Center for Contemporary Art, Wilmington, Delaware
2009	in Sculpture		
2004	Meredith Springer Award, Delaplaine Arts Center,		2nd Biennial Maryland Regional Juried Art Exhibition, UMUC
	Frederick, Maryland		PhysiogNONomy, The Gallery at Community
			College of Baltimore County Catonsville, Maryland
SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS			Towson Arts Collective 6th Anniversary Exhibition,
2017	l Repeat Myself, Silber Art Gallery,		Towson, Maryland
	Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland	2012	Big Metal, ARTDC, Hyattsville, Maryland
2016	Then & Now, Delaplaine Arts Center,		Boys and Their Toys, Causey Contemporary,
	Frederick, Maryland		Brooklyn, New York
2013	A Lot of Art Is Boring, Causey Contemporary,		ArtSelect, Frederick Arts Council Gallery,
	Brooklyn, New York		Frederick, Maryland
2012	Griffin Art Center, Frederick, Maryland		Retold, ARTDC, Hyattsville, Maryland
2012	Piercing the Mundane II, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland	2011	Towson Arts Collective 4th Anniversary Exhibition,
	Reclamation, BlackRock Center for the Arts,		Towson, Maryland
	Germantown, Maryland		Found/Seen/Made, Stevenson University, Baltimore, Maryland
2011	Impulse, Pulse Contemporary Art Fair,		Unit of Measure, Area 405, Baltimore, Maryland
	Los Angeles, California	2010	The Ordinary Expands, Silber Art Gallery,
	Piercing the Mundane, Causey Contemporary,	2010	Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland
	Brooklyn, New York		Art from Found Objects, Monmouth Museum,
2010	Reclamation, Variation II, Scott Center Gallery,		Lincroft, New Jersey
	Carroll Community College, Westminster, Maryland		ArtPrize, Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture
2009	Reclamation, Causey Contemporary,		Park, Grand Rapids, Michigan
2007	Brooklyn, New York		Towson Arts Collective 3rd Anniversary Exhibition,
2007	As I See It, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art, Brooklyn, New York		Towson, Maryland
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Steven Dobbin with his work Reclamation Variation #10 at Silber Art Gallery, Goucher College, Baltimore, Maryland

Annual Juried Exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center Frederick, Maryland Sculpture on the Green, Frederick, Maryland Mundanity, Salve Regina Gallery, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. Reverberation, Washington County Arts Council Gallery, Hagerstown, Maryland The Language of Objects, James Backus Gallery, Maryland State Arts Council, Baltimore, Maryland The Zipcode Show, Arlington, Virginia Annual Juried Exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland Reclaimed, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, Virginia Contained Space, Lustine Center, Hyattsville, Maryland

Recycled, Zenith Gallery, Washington, D.C.
Bridge Miami, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art,
Miami, Florida

2008 Five Elements, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art,
Brooklyn, New York

Collaborative Project, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland

2007 Bridge Chicago, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art, Chicago, Illinois

2006 Annual Juried Exhibition, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, Maryland Bridge Miami, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art,

OO5 Art LA, Santa Monica, California

Miami, Florida

Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Rockville, Maryland Summer Heat: Summer Salon of Artists, Ch'i Contemporary Fine Art, Brooklyn, New York

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Since 1978, UMUC has proudly shown works from a large collection of international and Maryland artists at its headquarters in Adelphi, Maryland, a few miles from the nation's capital. Through its Arts Program, the university provides a prestigious and wide-ranging forum for emerging and established artists and brings art to the community through special exhibitions and its own collections, which have grown to include more than 2,900 pieces of art.

Artworks are on display throughout the College Park Marriott Hotel & Conference Center at UMUC and the Administration Building in Adelphi as well as at the UMUC Academic Center at Largo. The main, lower-level gallery in Adelphi is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days a week, and the Leroy Merritt Center for the Art of Joseph Sheppard is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. seven days a week. More than 75,000 students, scholars, and visitors come to the Adelphi facilities each year. Exhibitions at the UMUC Academic Center at Largo are open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### ARTS PROGRAM MISSION STATEMENT

The UMUC Arts Program is dedicated to furthering the university's objectives by creating a dynamic environment in which our diverse constituents, including students and the general public, can study and learn from direct exposure to our art collections, exhibitions, and educational programs.

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FRONT COVER ARTWORK:

Reclamation Tapestry 2017

paint can lids, metal, and paint

9 x 6 feet

TITLE PAGE ARTWORK:

Walking Away

2007

mixed media

54 x 50 inches

BACK COVER ARTWORK:

Piercing the Mundane

2007

aluminum, acid wash, and paint

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