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EDUCATION

2007 Bachelor in Fine Arts Degree, Focus in Painting. Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO.

2006 Yale Norfolk School of Art Summer Residency, Yale University, Norfolk, CT.

MASTER CLASSES

2021 Painting Master Class with Steven Assael. Gateway Academy of Classical Art, St. Louis, MO.

2019 Painting Master Class with Victor Wang. Gateway Academy of Classical Art, St. Louis, MO.

2018 Painting Master Class with Julie Heffernan. Virginia Museum of Contemporary Art, Virginia Beach, VA.

2014 Painting Master Class with Vincent Desiderio. New York Academy of Art, New York, NY.

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2026 The Mothers in Me Will Meet You There. Centerpoint Gallery of Anthroposophy NYC, New York, NY.

2021 Living Resonance: Paintings by Nicole Cooper. Angad Arts Hotel, St. Louis, MO.

Pivotal: Recent Paintings by Nicole Cooper. Fontbonne University Fine Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

2019 Nicole Cooper: Interwoven. The William and Florence Schmidt Art Center, Belleville, IL.

2014 The Body in Bloom: Recent Paintings by Nicole Cooper. Space Architecture & Design, St. Louis, MO.

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 Open Studios, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) Arts Center Residency, Governors Island, NY, April–September 2026.

Earth in Balance: Artists Voices for the Planet. Interchurch Center, New York, NY.

unEarthed → reRooting. The Great Hall Gallery, First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, NY.

Breathe. Westbeth Gallery, New York, NY.

2025 Squares for the Circle. Gallery 198, Brooklyn, NY.

Biophilia: The Love of Nature. Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition, New York, NY.

Spring Opening. Climate Imaginarium, Governors Island, NY.

Inspiring Futures: 2025 Creative Climate Awards. Human Impacts Institute, New York, NY.

Our Fragile Moment. Hudson Guild Gallery, New York, NY.

Echo Locator. Field Projects, New York, NY.

2024 Faded Sea, The Great Hall Gallery, First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, NY.

Bounty, Verdant Art Collective, The Living Gallery, Brooklyn, NY.

Our Climate Imaginarium, Climate Imaginarium, Governors Island, NY.

2023 People & The Planet. Touchstone Gallery, Washington DC.

2022 Declaration. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

21 Years | 21 Artists. The William & Florence Schmidt Art Center, Belleville, IL.

What is Resilience? What's Next for Earth (online).

Small Works Invitational, Duane Reed Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

Salon des Refusés, Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, Wausau, WI.

Shifting Cultural Stories, What's Next for Earth, online exhibition.

Mujer. 33 Contemporary Art Gallery, Chicago, IL.

2021 Holiday Postcards. 33 Contemporary Art Gallery, Chicago, IL.

Art for Climate Change (digital). Platforme Planet Earth, Miami Beach, FL and Gallery 193, Paris, France.

Footprint. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

2020 Ethereal Epiphany. 33 Contemporary Art Gallery, Chicago, IL.

Punk Rock Art Show. 31 Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

Unus Mundus Art Open Studio. St. Louis, MO.

What a Relief Live Art-Making Fundraiser. Venture Café, St. Louis, MO.

Rock the Art Show. 31 Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

2019 Checkered Holiday Open Studio. Maplewood, MO.

Art St. Louis XXXV, The Exhibition. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Phantasmagoria II, presented by Warm Soda Magazine, Jacoby Arts Center, Alton, IL.

Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Wild@heART. Stone Soup Galleries, Chesterfield, MO.

Invitational Art Show. Cobblestone Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

Bevo Art Show. Bevo Improvement District, St. Louis, MO.

2018 Art is for Everyone. Erica Popp Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

Local Studio Sunday: Holiday Open House. Maplewood, MO.

Body Work. St. Charles Community College, St. Charles, MO.

Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Figures, Fables, and Fiction. COCA Millstone Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

Colorless. Foundry Art Centre, St. Charles, MO.

Wall Ball 2018. Third Degree Glass Factory, St. Louis, MO.

Open Theme Annual 2018, Webster Arts, St. Louis, MO.

2017 Holiday Open House. Maplewood, MO.

Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Looking Among Us, Cross Cultural Connections. Jewish Vocational Services, Kansas City, MO.

Elemental. Knox Gallery, Richmond Heights, MO.

Art at City Hall. Chesterfield City Hall, Chesterfield, MO.

4th Annual Living Mark. Verum Ultimum Art Gallery, Portland, OR.

33March. My SLArt, The Old Orchard Gallery, Webster Groves, MO.

10th Annual Human Form in Art. Hilliard Gallery, Kansas City, MO.

2016 Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Serendipity. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Flesh, Revealing a Passion for Paint. Verum Ultimum Art Gallery, Portland, OR.

Clearly Human II. St. Louis Artist's Guild, St. Louis, MO.

Creatures. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

2015 33 December. My SLArt, The Old Orchard Gallery, Webster Groves, MO.

Looking Among Us, Cross Cultural Connections. Missouri Immigrant & Refugee Advocates, St. Louis, MO.

Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Tranquility, Art St. Louis in partnership with Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

The Figure Observed. Space Architecture & Design, St. Louis, MO.

Contours of the Face. Clayton Fine Art Gallery, St. Louis, MO.

2014 Art St. Louis XXX, The Exhibition. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

Art, Wine, & Music. Town & Country Art Gallery, The City of Town & Country, MO.

2013 Open Studios STL. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO.

2012 Naughty Gras, Koken Art Factory, St. Louis, MO.

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2010 Articulated Vision. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

Blink. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO.

2007 Senior Thesis Exhibition. KCAI Gallery Space, Kansas City, MO.

BFA Exhibition. H&R Block Art Space, Kansas City, MO.

Reference Photo Exhibition. KCAI Dodge Painting Gallery, Kansas City, MO.

2006 Junior Painting Exhibition. Crossroads Gallery, Kansas City, MO.

Summer Program & Study Abroad Exhibition. KCAI Dodge Painting Gallery, Kansas City, MO.

Student Exhibition. Yale University Norfolk Gallery, Norfolk, CT

Miniature Show. KCAI Dodge Painting Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2005 Miniature Show. KCAI Dodge Painting Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2004 Student Art Exhibition. STLCC Meramec Gallery, Kirkwood, MO

Varsity Arts IX. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

2003 Student Art Exhibition. STLCC Meramec Gallery, Kirkwood, MO

PUBLIC ART

2018 Collaboration. Olive Boulevard “Ethnic Diversity” themed Bench Painting Project. City of University City, MO.

2015 Painting Assistant, “Art and Empowerment” Mural. Better Family Life, St. Louis, MO.

2014 Cakeway to the West. Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis, MO.

2004 Mural Designer and Director. Moonbeams: Simply Shaker and Companion Pieces Gift Shop, Kirkwood, MO.

AWARDS/GRANTS/RESIDENCIES

2026 Arts Center Residency. Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC), New York, NY.

Fall 2025 Winner. Homiens Art Prize, New York, NY. (view gallery >)

2025 People's Choice Award. Creative Climate Awards 2025, Human Impacts Institute, New York, NY.

2020 Artist Support Grant. Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis, MO.

2018 Artist Support Grant. Regional Arts Commission, St. Louis, MO.

2017 Best in Show. 33March, My SLArt, The Old Orchard Gallery, Webster Groves, MO.

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2006 Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship, Art Division of the 2006 Norfolk Summer School of Music and Art, Yale Univeristy, Norfolk, CT.

2005 KCAI Transfer Student Competitive Scholarship, Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO.

2003 STLCC Meramec Annual Competitive Scholarship, STLCC Meramec, Kirkwood, MO.

FILM & PODCASTS

2021 "Art for Climate Change: Unequivocable, Fragile, Hopeful." Directed by Juan Carlos Zaldivar, Premiere: Gallery 193, Paris, France, October 15.

"Sustainable Evolution with Nicole Cooper | Episode 34." Archives for Aliens by Unus Mundus Art, July 11, 2021. Web.

PRESS/PUBLICATIONS

2026 Gassel, Sarah. "Artist Nicole Cooper's Work Offers New Ways to Think About Climate" Chelsea News, August 18, 2026. (view >)

2025 Artists Talk on Art. "Artists on Climate Change." YouTube, April 24, 2025. (video>)

2023 Rapin, Katherine. "All Talk And, Yes, Action. Could Conversations About Climate Change be a Solution?" USA Today, August 19, 2023. (article >)

2022 "Nicole Cooper." Toska Zine, Issue #8, June 2022. Print. (view >)

2021 "Nicole Cooper." Hip Essence Online Video Magazine, October 24, 2021. Web.

"New Paintings at Fontbonne University Fine Art Gallery." USA Art News, February 7, 2021. Web.

2020 "Art Saint Louis Artist Q&A Series Four." Art St. Louis / Art Dialogue Blog, May 19, 2020. Web.

2019 Cooper, Nicole. "A Garden of Thought," All The Art Magazine – The Visual Art Quarterly of St. Louis, Summer 2019: 18-19. Print.

2018 Video Interview, "Figures, Fables, and Fiction: The Human Body on Display at COCA," HEC TV, 2018.

Beall, Dickson. "Creative Destruction at COCA," West End Word, Sept 7-20, 2018: 10. Print.

Beggs Jr., Bill. "Talk of the Towns: U City," Town & Style Magazine, October 24, 2018: 8. Print.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2026 ClimART Café & LMCC Studio Tour, The Art Center of Governors Island, New York, NY, July 25.

ClimART Café: unEarthed → reRooting, Climate Café NYC, Great Hall Gallery, New York, NY, January 18.

2025 ClimART Café: Our Fragile Moment, Climate Cafe NYC, Hudson Guild Gallery, New York, NY, March 29.

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2024 ClimART Café, Climate Cafe NYC, BioBAT Art Space, Brooklyn, NY, March 9.

2022 Visiting Artist Talk, St. Charles Community College, St. Charles, MO, May 2.

2021 Visiting Artist Talk, St. Charles Community College, St. Charles, MO, November 17.

Climate Circle Facilitator, All We Can Save Project, virtual, began September 28.

2020 Virtual Artist Talk, St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO. November 6.

2019 Visiting Artist Talk, St. Charles Community College, St. Charles, MO, April 1.

2018 Teaching Artist. Stroller Tour. Contemporary Art Museum, St. Louis, MO, June 9.

Visiting Artist Talk, St. Charles Community College, St. Charles, MO, March 28.

2017 Virtual Artist Talk, University of MO – Kansas City (UMKC), Kansas City, MO, October 19.

2016 Artist Talk, Serendipity. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, August 13.

Artist Talk, Creatures. Art St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, January 23.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 Curator, unEarthed → reRooting, New York Artist's Circle, New York, NY.

2025 Curator, Climate Imaginarium, Governors Island, NY.

2024 Curator, Climate Imaginarium, Governors Island, NY.

GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS

EcoArtSpace. Member since 2025.

New York Artist's Circle. Member since 2024.

Missouri Coalition for the Environment. Member 2019 - 2022.

Art St. Louis. Member 2014 - 2022.

St. Louis Drawing Initiative – Figure Drawing Group. Member 2008 – 2019.