

# abisola oni

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## Education

**Bachelor of Arts**, Honours Visual Culture, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

- Minor in Fine Arts Studio Practice.
- Society of Fine Arts, Co-President and Production Lead.
- Languages spoken: English (Primary), French (Intermediate proficiency).

## Artistic Practice

- 2022 *Subdued Archive*. Video screening, in Performance for Camera Workshop with Rah Eleh, hosted by FADO, Toronto, ON, December 2022.
- 2022 *Subdued Archive*. Video screening, in Advanced Topics in Expanded Media Exhibition, at The Artery in the University of Waterloo, Waterloo ON, December 2022.
- 2022 *Reflection*. Video screening, "This Horizon Line is Bent at the Waist," curated by [Lauren Prousky](#), at Apollo Cinema, Kitchener, ON, September 2022.
- 2022 *Reflection*. Video screening, in "Power of Art," hosted by City of Brampton Performing Arts, Brampton, ON, June 2022.

## Curatorial and Public Programming

- 2023 Co-curator, *Disembody*. UW Fine Arts Exhibition. Homer Watson Gallery, Kitchener, ON.
- 2022 Guest Curator, Video screening for *The Truck Guys* by Lauren Fournier. University of Waterloo Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON. December 6, 2022.
- 2022 Curator, *Ties That Bind*. UW Fine Arts Exhibition in The Artery at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. November 10 to 18, 2022.
- 2022 Curator, *Previously On...* UW Fine Arts Exhibition in The Artery at the University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. October 18 to October 27, 2022.
- 2022 Moderator and curator, *BEING+ Art Talk*. Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, ON, [Link](#). Public program for *BEING+* for Propeller Art Gallery and Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, ON. February 1, 2022.
- 2022 Guest Curator, *BEING+*. Propeller Art Gallery and Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, ON. January-February 2022.

## Published Catalogue Essays and Selected Academic Writing

- 2022 "Power to The People: Video Art in a Mass Media Context." Curatorial essay for the undergraduate thesis project at the University of Waterloo, 17 pages. Waterloo, ON. December 2022.
- 2022 "Visions of Black Identity." Catalogue essay for "Voices" group exhibition at Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON. September 2022.
- 2022 "Personal Space." Catalogue essay based on an art education project in "Confined" group exhibition at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, Waterloo, ON. January 2022.
- 2022 "BEING+." Curatorial text and catalogue editor. January 2022.
- 2021 "Bertina Lopes on Social Suffering." Research report for Global Modernisms course instructed by Dr. Amin Alsaden, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. December 2021.

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## **Selected Positions Held**

- 2023 Project Coordinator, Black and Free at Ken Seiling Regional Waterloo Museum, Kitchener, ON.
- 2022 Gallery Events Coordinator, University of Waterloo Art Gallery, Waterloo, ON.
- 2022 Programming Support, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, ON.
- 2022 Performing Arts Intern, City of Brampton, Brampton, ON.
- 2022 Studio Assistant for Magdolene Dykstra, Kitchener, ON.
- 2021-22 Guest Curator, Toronto Outdoor Art Fair, Toronto, ON.
- 2020-22 Library Assistant, University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON. Positions held: Collections Management, Library Space and Delivery Services at Dana Porter Library and Davis Centre Library, Library Assistant at Musagetes Architecture Library)

## **Professional Service**

- 2023 Board member, Pleasure Dome, Toronto, ON, 2023-present.
- 2022 Volunteer, Gallery 1313 with Philip Anderson, Toronto, ON.
- 2022 Intern, Contemporary Art Forum Kitchener + Area with Caitlin Sutherland, Kitchener, ON.
- 2021-22 Intern, Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery with Dr. Denis Longchamps, Waterloo, ON.

## **Scholarships, Grants, and Awards**

- 2022 University of Waterloo Faculty of Arts, *Arts Endowment Fund* for "Disembody."
- 2022 University of Waterloo, *Visual Culture Award*.
- 2022 University of Waterloo and Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery, *Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery Volunteerism Award*.
- 2021 Toronto Outdoor Art Fair and Flavio Belli, *Flavio Belli Emerging Curator Award*.
- 2019 University of Waterloo, *University of Waterloo Merit Scholarship*.