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An All-Star Line-up to Learn From: SNU MFA-IA Announces Winter Faculty

Winter 2021 residency faculty and upcoming residency deadline

[INCLINE VILLAGE, NV, December 4, 2020 —] January 4–16, 2021, will mark the next winter session of the low-residency MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts program at Sierra Nevada University. The program welcomes back visiting artists as faculty members to teach within our program.

SNU MFA-IA winter 2021 residency faculty: [Ashley Stull Meyers](#) / [Ayanah Moor](#) / [Gabie Strong](#) / [Joseph DeLappe](#) / [Kara Q. Smith](#) / [Macon Reed](#)
 There are a few spots still available to start in Winter 2021. Please get in touch with [Julia Schwadron](#) immediately should you have an interest in attending this winter. [The priority deadline for summer 2021 residency: Apply by February 28, 2021.](#)

Returning Artist Faculty

[Ayanah Moor](#)'s cross-disciplinary projects explore the way popular culture is an articulation of our desires, our fears, our fantasies. According to Ayanah, "I am intrigued by the social constructs of race, just as I am intrigued by gender and sexuality. In my work, I often play upon notions that we think of as fixed, to invite new definitions." Ayanah lives and works in Chicago.



[Eulogy for the Dyke Bar](#), Macon Reed

Based in NY, [Macon Reed](#) works in sculpture, installation, video, radio documentary, painting, and participatory projects. Macon describes the work as "motivated by human relationships within evolving queer and intersectional feminist frameworks; my projects recognize that aesthetic form and social engagement are not mutually exclusive but rather deeply intertwined."

[Joseph DeLappe](#) is the Professor of Games and Tactical Media at Abertay University in Dundee, Scotland, where he relocated early in 2017 after 23 years directing the Digital Media program at the University of Nevada, Reno. A native San Franciscan, he has been working with electronic and new media since 1983. Exploring online gaming performance, sculpture, and electromechanical installation, DeLappe's work has been shown throughout the United States and abroad.

A Solid and Growing Artist Community

Sierra Nevada University invites prospective students to join their growing community of artists and thinkers. With rolling admissions, students will complete their MFA in five consecutive residencies regardless of the semester in which they enter.

This winter 2021, the MFA-IA program will continue to innovate a virtual model consisting of an intensive 12-day remote residency, carefully designed to resemble the traditional, 10-day, on-campus residencies for which the program is known. These residencies occur during summer and winter sessions over 2.5 years. Students work in their home studios during the fall and spring semesters and continue relationships with faculty mentors and colleagues remotely through online seminars and other contact points. While in Tahoe, students have the opportunity to explore ideas about site and location, both literally and figuratively, both through experimental practices and long-term projects.

"The summer 2020 virtual residency was a huge success. Current students and faculty participated from a variety of locations, across media and discourses. A vital and compelling cross-disciplinary community is forming and growing. Faculty for the program includes a rotating list of prestigious Visiting Artists, made up of working artists and teachers from across the country and current members of the SNU Fine Arts Faculty," notes Julia Schwadron, Assistant Program Director.

Visiting Artist Lectures: [Rodney Ewing](#) / [Walter Kitundu](#)

About Sierra Nevada University's MFA-IA

Sierra Nevada University is a small, liberal arts college, located three blocks from Lake Tahoe, within a national forest, on an easily accessible campus in Incline Village, NV. The low-residency [MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts](#) is a locus for creative problem solving, fostered by creative thinking with an emphasis on community. The experience and exploration of embodied place are central to this distinctive program, encouraging students' multi-dimensional relationship with their environment both in the Tahoe Basin and within their communities.

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Image: [Eulogy for the Dyke Bar](#), Macon Reed

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