

Michael Dela Dika

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Education

University of Delaware

Masters of Fine Art (MFA)

Newark, Delaware

Aug. 2019 – Present

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

Bachelor of Art - Industrial Art

Kumasi, Ghana

Aug. 2013 - May 2017

Residencies & Workshops

Penland School of Art and Craft

North Carolina, 2021

Workshops

Clay Workshop Instructor – Upcoming 9/20/21

Delaware Contemporary, DE

Publications /Press & Talks

- Minori Thorpe & **Michael Dela Dika** “Raku Waterproof Vase” Mansfield ceramics (Dec,2020). *In Review*
- **Dika, M. D.** & Agyei, E. O. (2018). *Museum Engagement in Ghana. Cross-Currents: An International Peer-Reviewed Journal on Humanities & Social Sciences*, 4(6), Pp 139-145 [/link](#)
- Gbologah, L., Hou, Y., Gaveh, E.A., **Dika, M. D.** & kwakwukume, P.S., (2019). “Sustainable ceramic hive for beekeeping in West Africa: structural design and materials aspects for mass production” | [Link](#) |
- Agyei, E.O, **Dika, M. D.**, Donkor, K. & Howard, E. K. (2019) “Facial Expression in Conceptual Ceramic Art”. *International Journal of Art and Design (Accepted to be published)*
- **Elsewhere MFA Show** - https://issuu.com/bdeering/docs/udmfa2021-intercat_issuu

Visiting Artist / lecture

- Creative Vision Factory – Wilmington -Delaware
- East Tennessee State University – Johnson city, TN
- Delaware State University (Forthcoming) Dover, DE
- University of Delaware (Forthcoming) Newark , DE

Talks

- Ceramic throwdown with Curator- Tia- Santana of Delaware Contemporary, DE
- On Air Unapologetic Conversation Delaware Contemporary {[link](#) }
- First Friday Artist Conversation – Delaware Contemporary

Shows/ Exhibitions

- 2021- “IDA Virtual Exhibition, juried, IDA: International Design and Art Journal- Turkey
- 2021- Annual Show – Newark Artists Alliance, Newark, DE
- 2021- 11th Annual Clay International Exhibition- Workhouse Art Center, VA
- 2021- Penland Gallery, North Carolina
- 2021- Unapologetic Conversation of Hair and Nonconformity- The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
- 2021- Elsewhere MFA show – The Delaware Contemporary, Wilmington, DE
- 2021-Infrastructure- FATE members virtual exhibition- Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2021- Greatest Student Exhibition- The In Art Gallery, Edwardsville, Illinois.
- 2021- Figure it out- Newark Art Alliance, Newark, Delaware
- 2019- Last Blood- MFA group Show Recitation Hall, Newark Delaware
- 2017 & 2016- Tractech Student Exhibition – Opoku ware Museum -Kumasi, Ghana

Professional Experience

Instructor-Graduate Teaching Assistant

ART 295 / ART 295- 01
University of Delaware

Newark, Delaware
Aug, 2019 -Present

Studio Assistant

University of Delaware

Newark, Delaware
Aug. 2019 – Dec,2020

Visual Art Teacher Part-Time

Infant Jesus Christi Lumen School

Kumasi, Ghana
Dec. 2018 - July 2019

Teaching Assistant

Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology- TCC

Kumasi, Ghana
Sept. 2017 - Aug. 2018

Intern - Gallery Assistant

Center for Arts & National Culture

Accra, Ghana
May 2015 - Aug 2015

Co-Founder

COD- Consult (Start- Up) Company

Accra, Ghana
Dec. 2014 - Aug. 2016

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS

College of Art and Science Graduate Travel Research Grant Award	2021
Penland School of Art Full Vision Residency Scholarship	2021
Harvard Ceramics Workshop Scholarship -	2021
Recipient of the Magness Fellowship Award – UD, Delaware	2021
Graduate Student Government Senate - Fine Arts Representative -UD, Delaware	2020-2022
Full Tuition Scholarship University of Delaware	2019
Project Coordinator - community visual art program-Infant Jesus school, Gh	2019
College deputy Chairperson /Organizer - TRATECH Exhibition – KNUST	2016- 2017
Student Academic Board Chairman - Faculty Of Art – KNUST	2016- 2017
Awarded - Second place at the TRATECH exhibition – KNUST	2016
Vice President - Ceramic Students Association - Faculty Of Art – KNUST	2015-2016