

## POPS PETERSON

### Curriculum Vitae

#### Multimedia Presentations and Public Speaking

[Berkshires International Film Festival](#) – Onstage host and interviewer for filmmakers of “Memories of Love Returned,” “The Makings of Curtis Mayfield,” and “Acts of Reparations” 2025

[Artist Talk with Pops Peterson](#) – Art in the Berkshires series at Sohn Fine Art, May 2025

[Making of a Protest Artist](#) – UC Riverside, February 2025

[Portraits of Freedom](#) - Loma Vista Middle School, February 2025

[Berkshires International Film Festival](#) – Onstage host and interviewer for filmmakers of “Food and Country” and “Invisible Beauty” 2023

***Making of a Protest Artist*** – Kimball Farms Life Care Community September 2022

[Reinventing Rockwell](#) – [The Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute](#), July 2022

***Making of a Protest Artist*** – Otis Town Hall, May 2022

***A Fireside Chat with Jamie Williamson and Pops Peterson*** – Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference (Zoom presentation) April 2022

***Portraits of Freedom*** – Taconic High School, Pittsfield, MA March 2022

***Portraits of Freedom*** – Crosby Elementary School, Pittsfield, MA March 2022

***Portraits of Freedom*** – Spencertown Academy, Spencertown NY, January 2022

***Reinventing Rockwell***-- Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, January 2022

[On Belonging](#) – One-on-one Zoom interview with Very Reverend Dean Richard Lawson, Dean of Saint John’s Cathedral in Denver, Colorado. October, 2021

***Reinventing Rockwell*** – Zoom presentation at The New School with Michelle Beck, September 2021

***The Making of a Protest Artist*** – Multimedia presentation at Monterey Library, Monterey MA, June 2021

***From Reinventing Rockwell to Protest Artist Art Omi Webinar***, June 2021

[The Making of a Protest Artist Webinar](#) – Presented by IS183, (now called “Berkshire Arts Center”) April 2021

***New York Edge*** - Talk with at-risk youth for encouragement and inspiration, Norman Rockwell Museum and Zoom April, 2021

***[New Pathways Social Justice Conference: Scholarship & Arts in Action](#)*** with Angela Davis Featured Speaker –2020,

***Norman Rockwell Museum Gala*** featured artist, October, 2020

***The Making of a Protest Artist***, Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference, Springfield, MA (October 1, 2020)

***A Conversation with Timothy Standring, Stephanie Plunkett and Pops Peterson***, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO (July 20, 2020)

***[The Making of a Protest Artist, The Foundry, West Stockbridge](#)***, MA (January 24, 2020)

***Reinventing Rockwell, An Evening with Pops Peterson***, Spencertown Academy, Spencertown, NY 2019

***Reinventing Rockwell***, The Hartford School of the Arts (May 22, 2019)

***Reinventing Rockwell***, New Haven High School of the Arts (May, 16, 2019)

***Arts & Civil Rights***, 12th Annual Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference (May 6, 2019)

***[Rockwell Revisited and the Four Freedoms, Henry Ford Museum](#)*** Detroit MI, Panelist with Laurie Norton Moffatt ,October 2018 (2018)

***Reinventing Rockwell***, The Lenox Club, Lenox, MA (March 13, 2018)

***[Breaking Barriers](#)***, Juror Speech at [The Massachusetts State House](#) by the Massachusetts Office on Disability 2017

***Arts and Civil Rights – Van Der Zee to Rockwell and Beyond***, Norman Rockwell Museum (August 6, 2016)

***[Reinventing Rockwell, Norman Rockwell Museum](#)***, Stockbridge, MA (July 30, 2015)

## **Exhibitions**

**US Embassy of Luxembourg**, Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, September 2025-2028. Two paintings to be installed in the Embassy' public spaces. Tiffany Williams, curator, Art in Embassies (AIE).

**[Off the Streets](#)** featured artist in exhibition of works by Pittsfield Muralists, February 2025

**Construct Designer Showhouse at Cassilis Farm** - Featured artist, New Marlborough MA, May, 2024

**TSL Fly on the Canvas Exhibition**, Featured Artist, Hudson NY April, 2024

**Reinventing Rockwell and Beyond – State House of Massachusetts**, June-October 2023

**Solidarity**, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA (October 2020 – January 2021)

**“Walk with Her” Mural** – monumental mural installation on College Way, Pittsfield, MA featured in The Berkshire Eagle and Berkshire Landscapes.

**Rockwell Revisited**, Solo exhibition, Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA (October 2020 – May 2021)

**VIRTUAL PROGRAM: Art for Justice** - Greenburger Center for Social and Criminal Justice and Norman Rockwell Museum, April 2021.

***Reimagining Freedom, Denver Art Museum***, Denver, CO (2019 - 2020) “Freedom from What?” featured on solo wall.

***Enduring Ideals: Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms***, Georgetown University (April 2019)

***Rockwell Revisited and the Four Freedoms***, Henry Ford Museum (October 13, 2018 – January 13, 2019)

***Reimagining the Four Freedoms: Contemporary Artists Speak*** Hunter College’s Casa Lally in New York, August 3, 2018

**Press for Progress**, Colonial Theatre, Pittsfield, MA Featured Artist (March 8 – April 29, 2018)

***Enduring Ideals: Rockwell, Roosevelt & the Four Freedoms***, The Roosevelt House (2018)

**Breaking Barriers**, The Massachusetts State House presented by the Massachusetts Office on Disability, Boston, MA—Featured artist and Jurist (2017)

**Four Freedoms March, Protest Demonstration**, Pittsfield, MA (January 7, 2017)

**Slide Luck**, Stonover Farm, Lenox, MA (July 19, 2015)

***Mythological Pittsfield***, permanent installation in Hotel on North, Pittsfield, MA (2015 – Present)

***Reinventing Rockwell***, Pop-up exhibition at Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, MA (July 30, 2015)

**Reinventing Rockwell**, Sohn Fine Art, Lenox, MA (February - March 2015)

**The Gallery at Stonover Farm**, Lenox MA – featured artist 2013-2014

**New Frontiers in Pop Art**, Lauren Clarke Gallery, Great Barrington, MA (July 12 – August 31, 2014)

**Artists Evolved**, Studio 34 Gallery, New York, NY (November 2013)

**Berkshires Photography Exhibition** – Sohn Fine Art 2013

## **Press**

**NYVT Media** – Profiled in feature about winning the Top Five Changemaker Award – May 2025

**The Artful Mind** featured artist in the Photography Issue, 2025.

**WHDY-TV Boston News** (NPR New England Public Television) News feature, 2022

**Berkshire Landscapes** – “Walk with Her” Cover feature story 2022

**Columbia College Today** – Featured writer on “Take Five” column, October 2021

**Boston Globe** – *Do Norman Rockwell paintings carry an urgent message for the 21st-Century America?* (October 22, 2020)

**NPR – Off the Path: From New York to Boston** Feature Interview, November 2020

**CBS Sunday Morning** - “Reinventing the Four Freedoms” with Anna Werner (September 2, 2018)

**The New York Times** – *Reimagining Normal Rockwell’s America* (November 25, 2018)

**Boston ABC Affiliate WCVB-TV – Chronicle** (August, 2018)

**Berkshire Record** - Feature profile by Christopher McDermott (March 23-29, 2018)

**The Berkshire Edge** – *Pops Peterson: Art as a Force For Social Change* by Hannah Van Sickle. (March, 31, 2018)

**Nonprofit Center of the Berkshires** – Honoree of the 2018 Berkshire Nonprofit Awards (2018)

**Berkshire Magazine** – *The Art of It: Freedom From What?* (May, 2018)

**The Berkshire Eagle** – *#PressForProgress* by Hannah Van Sickle (March 9, 2018)

[Huffington Post – A Very Norman Rockwell Holiday at the Red Lion Inn](#) by Madeline Weinfield (December 20, 2017)

[The Berkshire Edge – A rave review of Reinventing Rockwell by Scott Chrtistianson and Tamar Gordon](#)

**NBC NewsChannel 13 Albany** – Reinventing Rockwell feature interviews by Dan Brazille on NBC affiliate, WNYT's (March 7, 2015)

[The Artful Mind – Cover story](#) (February, 2015)

[Berkshire Magazine – Modern Rockwell](#) (August, 2015)

[Berkshire Week/Shires of Vermont](#) – *A New Runaway: Remaking Normal* Rockwell by Kate Abbott (March 5-11, 2015)

**NBC NewsChannel 13 Albany** - Pops Peterson interviewed by anchor, Dan Brazille (July 12, 2014)

[Rural Intelligence– The Rural We: Maurice Pops Peterson](#) (Jun 27, 2014)

[Heirloom Meals Podcast](#) - With host Carole Murko (broadcast on NPR and on Stitcher Radio)

**The Artful Mind** – *New Frontiers in Pop Art* (July, 2014)

[Profiles: Creators at Work](#) Video feature interview by Judy Seaman, CTSB-TV, Berkshire County, MA 2014

## **PUBLICATIONS / BLOGS**

**Goethe Institute, Frankfurt, Germany** – Poster image for the conference “[The Liberalism of Fear in Times of Democratic Distrust](#)”, November 2024

**Bavarian Institute for School Quality and Educational Research** – “Freedom from What?” featured in educational materials.

[Simon and Schuster – Rereading America](#) – *Freedom from What? Included for discussion* (2017)

**Advice Blog** – *Come to Papa* <http://come-to-papa.com> (2013 - 2014)

## **AWARDS / HONORS**

**Top Five Changemakers Award** – Voted Top 5 Changemaker for Columbia County by Capital Region Independent Media, May 2025

**Westside Legends Trophy** – Wall Mural Award from Westside Legends, 2021

**MCAD Artist in Residence** – First Artist-in-Residence of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination 2015

**Governor's Citation** – For [Breaking Barriers art exhibition at State House of Massachusetts](#), raising awareness of how people in the disabled community can overcome barriers and stigma, 2023

**Advancement of Civil Rights Award** – 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeast Fair Housing and Civil Rights Conference, 2015x

## **EDUCATION**

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – BA, Class of 1973

HIGH SCHOOL OF MUSIC AND ART – Art major, Class of 1969

PRATT INSTITUTE – Studio classes, 1969