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Education

- 2014 Tulane University - School of Architecture
M.Arch
- 2011 University of Massachusetts Amherst
BFA Architecture & Design, Minor Building Construction Technology

Experience

- 03.19 — Present Collaborative Design Project Manager
Albert & Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design, Tulane University School of Architecture
- 06.14 — Present Owner
josecottoCREATIVE
- 09.17 — 09.18 Design Director
Arts Council New Orleans
- 08.15 — 09.17 Associate Director, Place + Education
Arts Council New Orleans
- 07.14 — 08.15 Director of Idea Lab
St. Martin's Episcopal School
- 05.13 — 05.14 Public Interest Design Fellow
Tulane City Center, Tulane University School of Architecture

Teaching

- Spring 2018 — Present Public Interest Design Seminar, Design + Build Studio
Tulane School of Architecture
- 08.14 — 06.15 Co-created and co-facilitated design thinking projects for pre-k — 12 students across subjects
St. Martin's Episcopal School

Awards

- 2016 AIA Gulf States, Award of Merit, Architecture - L.O.O.P. Pavilion*
- 2014 AIA New Orleans, Award of Merit, Divine Detail - L.O.O.P. Pavilion*

Selected Grants

- 2018 Enjoy Duncan, Arts Council New Orleans
Funded by Southwest Airlines' Heart of the Community
- 2016 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd Bus Stops, Arts Council New Orleans
Funded with support from ioby
- 2015 Youth Solutions, Arts Council New Orleans
Funded by ArtPlace America
- 2014 Youth Solutions Curriculum Development, Arts Council New Orleans
Funded by NEA Our Town



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International Projects & Exhibitions

2019 Cultivating History, Documenting Dreams — Portrait series and exhibition at Salzburg Global Seminar (*Austria*)

Domestic Projects & Exhibitions

- 2023 SEEING BLACK—*Photography In New Orleans 1840 and Beyond* — multimedia PROJECT chronicling and celebrating the history, influence, and performative aesthetic of Black photography in New Orleans*
- 2022 I Know a Place — Antenna Louisiana Open Call Group Show*
- 2021 Prospect 5: *Yesterday we said tomorrow* — Official photographer for the fifth edition of Prospect New Orleans, a citywide art exhibition
Sugar Roots Farm Pavilion — Design + Build project with community partner*
The Atmosp(HERE) of Space — Visual census of Central City, New Orleans documenting changes in the built environment, the policies, politics, and practices that make way for change, and social and cultural responses by residents*
- 2020 Water Is Not A Game — Interactive exhibition focused on experiences, challenges, and opportunities around living with water in New Orleans*
Dear Ma, I’m Home — Solo photography exhibition of select works from 2018 - 2020
Cultivating History, Documenting Dreams — Pop-up portrait series at “Woke Dreams” in collaboration with Contemporary Arts Center, New Orleans
- 2019 FARMacia — Engagement, design, and build for community wellness hub*
new. | we are monumental. — Temporary public art installation*
- 2018 Enjoy Duncan — Placemaking & community engagement for public park in New Orleans CBD
- 2017 Ephemera Obscura — Exhibition organized by the Contemporary Arts Center featuring over 30 regional artists*
- 2015 — 2018 LUNA Fete — Light and technology public art festival*
- 2013 — 2017 Youth Solutions — Youth development program with design + build curriculum*
1000 Stories — Community storytelling and public art installation
If These Buildings Could Talk — Interactive art installation at 1601 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard.
It’s LIT! — 6 week paid design + build internship with 4 high school students — designed and fabricated a mobile classroom and snoball stand for local youth writing organization
This Place — Neighborhood storytelling and archiving project
Oretha Castle Haley Blvd Bus Stops — 8 week paid design + build internship with 6 high school students — designed and fabricated 2 prototypes for bus stop seating
- 2015 & 2016 COLORFUL HUMANITY — Solo photography exhibition of images from Vietnam
- 2014 New Orleans Photo Alliance Members’ Exhibition — Group photography exhibit*
The Shop — Solo photography exhibition of barbershops in New Orleans
- 2013 — 2014 Bayou Road — Neighborhood planning & promotional merchant brochure*
L9 Vision Coalition, Holy Cross — Community-driven planning process for former school site*
- 2013 L.O.O.P. Pavilion – Design + Build project with community partner*
1 in 6 — Graphic advocacy campaign around mental wellness*
- 2012 Pyramid Resource Wellness Institute — Design + Build project with community partner*

Professional & Civic Activities

- 2022 Joan Mitchell Center, Artist in Residence (Fall 2022)
A Studio in the Woods, Artist in Residence (January)
NEH Summer Institute for Higher Education Faculty, *Towards a People’s History of Landscape: Part 1: Black & Indigenous Histories of the Nation’s Capital*
- 2020 — Present City of New Orleans Percent for Art Committee
- 2019 — 2021 Friends of Lafitte Greenway’s Arts Advisory Committee
- 2018 Salzburg Global Seminar, Cultural Innovators Fellow
- 2013 — 2018 Design Future Student Leadership Forum
- 2014 — 2017 National Organization of Minority Architects, Project Pipeline

* denotes collaborative efforts

