

VCFA MFA in Visual Art  
Residency Schedule  
Summer 2014

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Dalida Maria Benfield **CH 204**

Michelle Dizon (Co-Chair) **CH 413**

Ashley Hunt **CH 402**

Luis Jacob **CH 403B**

Sowon Kwon **CH 208**

Lana Lin **CH 205**

Michael Minelli **Noble Annex 1**

Mario Ontiveros **CH 416**

Humberto Ramirez **Noble Reading Room**

Dont Rhine (Co-Chair) **CH 420**

Jolene Rickard **CH 410**

Marie Shurkus **CH 418**

Cauleen Smith **Noble Conference Room**

Faith Wilding **CH 206**

**Artist-in-Residence/Office:**

Viet Le

**Alumni Assistants:**

Leah Grimaldi ('10)

Kristen Humbarger ('99)

James Long ('02)

**VCFA Bookstore & Mailroom:** The VCFA Store will daily from 9am-5pm with extended hours on August 1st, The VCFA Store and Mailroom is located in College Hall 102. Cash, personal checks, and credit cards are welcome.

**Gary Library:**

Daily – 8am-8pm

**NECI Dewey Café Hours:**

Please note that Dewey Café opens and closes precisely at the times listed, and you will not be able to enter if you arrive earlier or later.

Daily dining hours in Dewey Café are as follows:

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
7:30am-8:30am	11:30am-1:00pm	5:00pm-7:00pm

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**DAY 1**  
**THURSDAY JULY 24TH**

- 10:30-1:00     **FACULTY MEETING.** Noble Reading Room
- 11:00-3:00     **NEW STUDENT CHECK-IN:** Pick up your Residency Packet and keys. Dewey  
**NEW STUDENT ARTWORK TO CAMPUS:** New students unload artwork. Alumni/ae Assistants will be available to help. Alumni Hall *Students should not hang work at this time*
- 3:00-3:30     **NEW STUDENT CAMPUS TOUR.** Meet in front of Dewey
- 3:30-5:00     **ORIENTATION:** New student orientation with Danielle, Sabrina, and faculty co-chairs. CH 206
- 5:00-9:00     **RETURNING STUDENT CHECK-IN:** Dewey Hall
- 5:30-6:30     **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 7:00-9:00     **INSTALLATION OF NEW STUDENT ARTWORK.** Alumni Hall

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DAY 2  
FRIDAY JULY 25TH**



- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall.
- 8:15-9:45      **NEW STUDENT MEETING:** New students meet with Danielle to go over the residency schedule. CH 206
- 9:00-11:00      **RETURNING STUDENT CHECK-IN:** Dewey Hall
- 10:00-1:00      **FACULTY WALKTHROUGH OF NEW STUDENT WORK FOLLOWED BY MEETING:** Noble Reading Room for meeting.
- 10:30 - 3:30      **INSTALLATION OF RETURNING-STUDENT SHOWS:** Meet with Exhibition Coordinator, Sumru Tekin and Alumni Assistants at 10:30am sharp to begin installations of the exhibition. Alumni Hall
- 11:00-12:00      **NEW STUDENT LIBRARY ORIENTATION.** Gary Library
- 12:00-1:00      **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 1:00-2:00      **TECHNICAL REHEARSAL FOR SOUND/VIDEO FEST.** All students showing work in the Sound/Video Fest should meet with Matt Page in the Chapel.
- 2:00-3:15      **NEW STUDENT/FACULTY GATHERING:** Slide/Digital presentations by new students, viewed by the full faculty, followed by Guidance Committees' meeting with new students. Lounge, Noble Hall.
- 2:00-3:00      **GRADUATING STUDENT MEETING.** Meet with Danielle, Sumru and Alumni Assistants to organize for exhibition installation and sign up for critiques. VCFA Gallery
- 3:30-5:30      **FULL STUDENT ORIENTATION:** With faculty, staff and students. Noble Lounge
- 5:30-6:30      **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall.
- 5:30-7:00      **HOSPITALITY HOURS.** Do you have everything you need to be comfortable? Stop by the Hospitality Office in Dewey Hall, during this time if you have hospitality needs. You can also drop off dorm requests at the Hospitality Office (box on door) or email [hospitality@vcfa.edu](mailto:hospitality@vcfa.edu)  
Hospitality Office, Dewey Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
- 6:10-6:25      **SIGN-UP TIME FOR 4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER STUDENTS:** Sign up for two faculty and two guest critiques. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hallway, College Hall
- 6:30-6:45      **SIGN-UP TIME FOR 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER STUDENTS:** Sign-up for a private critique with Artist-in-Residence, Viet Le, an additional faculty critique, and two guest critiques. (Meet on Sunday at 12:45pm in the Cafeteria to schedule your critique with a graduate.)  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Floor Hallway, College Hall
- 6:50-7:05      **SIGN-UP TIME FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER STUDENTS:** Sign-up for an a faculty and three guest critiques at this time. Sign-up for a 10-minute meeting with one of the co-chairs regarding Artist-Teacher selection. 1st Floor Hallway, College Hall

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7:10-7:25 **SIGN-UP TIME FOR NEW STUDENTS:** You have been pre-assigned to a critique with a faculty member and a guest. Sign-up for two guest critiques at this time, as well as a 10-minute meeting with one of the co-chairs regarding Artist-Teacher selection. Meet on Sunday in the Cafeteria to schedule your critique with a graduating student. 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hallway, College Hall

7:30-10:00 **SOUND AND VIDEO FEST.** Non-Graduating student video/film/performance presentations by students working exclusively in these media. All students and faculty are expected to attend. Chapel

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**DAY 3  
SATURDAY JULY 26TH**

- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 9:00-10:30    **ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE LECTURE:** *Returns and Global Turns.* With Viet Le. Chapel
- 10:45-1:30    **FACULTY WALKTHROUGH (REVIEW PREPARATION).** Students should not be in the ARK during this time.
- 10:45-12:15   **STUDENT SLIDE PRESENTATIONS:** See slide presentation handout for who shows when and where. CH #204, 205, 206, 208, Noble Lounge, Library Annex.
- 12:15-1:00    **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 2:00-3:30     **CRITIQUES WITH FACULTY** ARK
- 4:00-5:30     **CRITIQUES WITH FACULTY** ARK
- 5:30-6:30     **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 7:00-8:30     **OPENING OF STUDENT EXHIBITIONS.** See performance schedule for details. Light refreshments will be served. Alumni Hall
- 8:30-9:30     **STUDENT PERFORMANCES.** See Performance Schedule for details. Chapel

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**DAY 4**  
**SUNDAY JULY 27TH**

- 9:00-12:00     **REVIEWS (2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER WITH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE, FINAL YEAR AND CANDIDACY – SEE ASSIGNED DAYS AND TIMES) ARK**
- 11:00-12:00     **NEW STUDENTS MEET WITH DONT RHINE AND DANIELLE ON ARTIST-TEACHERS. CH 416**
- 12:00-1:00     **LUNCH: Cafeteria, Dewey Hall**
- 12:45-1:00     **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER STUDENTS MEET TO SCHEDULE YOUR CRITIQUE WITH A GRADUATE:** All 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> semester students must attend this lunch period. Graduating students will schedule their critique with you. Please refer to *Graduate Critiques of 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Students* (in packet) for who crits whom. Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 1:00-3:30     **RETURNING GROUPS:** Students meet to present their Visual Culture projects.
- Dalida Benfield's returning group will be overseen by Sowon Kwon meet in CH 208  
Michelle Dizon's returning group will be overseen by Luis Jacob, meet in CH 403B  
Ashley Hunt's returning group will be overseen by Michael Minelli, meet in Noble Annex 1  
Luis Jacob's returning group will be overseen by Lana Lin, meet in CH 205  
Sowon Kwon's returning group will be overseen by Cauleen Smith, meet in Noble Conference Room  
Michael Minelli's returning group will be overseen by Humberto Ramirez , meet in Noble Reading Room  
Mario Ontiveros' returning group will be overseen by Mario Ontiveros, meet in CH 416  
Humberto Ramirez's group will be overseen by Ashley Hunt, meet in CH 402  
Dont Rhine's group will be overseen by Luis Jacob, meet in CH 403B  
Marie Shurkus' returning group will be overseen by Marie Shurkus/Jolene Rickard, meet in CH 418  
Cauleen Smith's group will be overseen by Dalida Benfield, meet in CH 204  
Faith Wilding's returning group will be overseen by Faith Wilding, meet in CH 206  
Sune Woods' returning group will be overseen by Michelle Dizon, meet in CH 413
- 4:00-5:30     **RESEARCHING & WRITING YOUR VC PROJECT WORKSHOP.** All new students should attend this first semester workshop. CH 206
- 4:00-5:30     **ART/LIFE STRATEGIES (FORMERLY KNOWN AS EXIT STRATEGIES).** A workshop for graduating students with Ashley Hunt. Dewey Lounge.
- 5:30-6:30     **DINNER: Cafeteria, Dewey Hall**
- 7:00-8:30     **FACULTY LECTURE.** *Untimely Thoughts on War and Exile.* With Lana Lin. Noble Lounge
- 9:00-10:00     **GRADUATING STUDENT PRESENTATION.** *Insistence & Possibility.* With Mark Read. Chapel

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**DAY 5**

**MONDAY JULY 28TH**

- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 9:00-12:00    **REVIEWS (2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER WITH GUIDANCE COMMITTEE, FINAL YEAR AND CANDIDACY – SEE ASSIGNED DAYS AND TIMES) ARK**
- 10:00-11:00   **NEW STUDENTS MEET WITH SABRINA.** To go over program forms and semester calendar. CH 418
- 12:00-1:00    **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 12:00-1:00    **CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MEETING WITH CO-CHAIRS/PROGRAM DIRECTOR.** Dewey Lounge
- 1:00-3:00      **RESEARCH GROUPS (note you will have two research groups during this time – see your individual schedule for details):**
- Dalida Benfield’s research group will meet in CH 204  
Sowon Kwon’s research group will meet in CH 208  
Lana Lin’s research group will meet in CH 205  
Michael Minelli’s research group will meet in Noble Annex 1  
Mario Ontiveros’ research group will meet in CH 416  
Humberto Ramirez’s research group will meet in Noble Reading Room  
Jolene Rickard’s research group will meet in CH 410  
Marie Shurkus’ research group will meet in CH 418  
Cauleen Smith’s research group will meet in Noble Conference Room  
Faith Wilding’s research group will meet in CH 206
- 3:15-4:45      **FACULTY LECTURE.** *Avanzada*. With Humberto Ramirez. Noble Lounge
- 5:00-6:00      **GRADUATING STUDENT PEFORMANCE.** With Naomi Ramirez.  
Taplin Auditorium at Christ Church Episcopal, State Street, Montpelier
- 6:00-7:00      **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 7:30-9:00      **OPENING OF GRADUATING STUDENT EXHIBITION:** All students are expected to attend. VCFA Gallery

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DAY 6  
**TUESDAY, JULY 29TH**



**Visual Culture Proposal forms and Candidacy and Final Year Student Review Notes are due in the Program Office by 10:00 am. Please use the new automated forms on the portal.**

**Who Works With Whom list will be posted outside of the Program Offices after 9:00pm**

- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall.
- 9:00-10:30    **FACULTY LECTURE.** *Sharon Hayes: What's Love Got To Do With It.*  
With Marie Shurkus. Noble Lounge
- 10:45-12:15   **CRITIQUES** (see Critique Schedule for details). ARK
- 10:45-12:15   **GRADUATE REVIEWS.** VCFA Gallery
- 12:30-1:30    **FACULTY WALK-THROUGH OF GRADUATE SHOWS:** At this time, the  
Gallery is only open to faculty and staff. VCFA Gallery
- 12:15-1:00    **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 12:30-1:30    **STUDENT MEETING:** bring lunches upstairs. Dewey Lounge
- 12:30-9:00    **FACULTY LUNCH AND MEETING:** #416 College Hall
- 1:00-9:00     **STUDENTS should not be in College Hall #416 or the program offices.**  
Faculty assignments will be posted in the Program office after 9pm.
- 1:45-5:30     **CRITIQUES** (see Critique Schedule for details). ARK
- 3:30-4:30     **GRADUATES TO ALUMNI OFFICE.** A reception for grads. CH 403
- 5:30 -6:30    **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 5:30-6:30     **LINEN EXCHANGE.** Dewey Hall
- 8:00-10:00    **7 MINUTE MAX:** An open time for student presentations. DVD, VCR,  
microphone and projector will be available. Sign up in 1st Floor Hallway,  
College Hall. Chapel, College Hall



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DAY 7  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 30TH**



- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 9:00-12:00    **SYMPOSIUM.** With Nathalie Bikoro, Beatriz Santiago Munoz and Viet Le. Chapel.
- 12:15-1:00    **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 1:00-3:00      **NEW GROUP MEETINGS:** With Faculty to plan Visual Culture Projects.
- Dalida Benfield's group will meet in CH 204  
Luis Jacob's group will meet in CH 403B  
Sowon Kwon's group will meet in CH 208  
Lana Lin's group will meet in CH 205  
Michael Minelli's group will meet in Noble Annex 1  
Mario Ontiveros' group will meet in CH 416  
Humberto Ramirez's group will meet in Noble Reading Room  
Dont Rhine's group will meet in CH 420  
Jolene Rickard's group will meet in CH 410  
Marie Shurkus' group will meet in CH 418  
Cauleen Smith's group will meet in Noble Conference Room  
Faith Wilding's group will meet in CH 206
- 1:30-2:30      **GRADUATION REHEARSAL.** Graduates meet with Danielle, Sabrina and Alumni Assistants to rehearse for Friday night's graduation ceremony. Chapel
- 3:30-5:00      **CRITIQUES** (see Critique Schedule for details). ARK
- 3:30-5:00      **GRAD REVIEWS.** VCFA Gallery
- 3:30-4:30      **4<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER EXHIBITION MEETING.** Meet with Faculty Chairs, Danielle and Sumru to begin planning for winter residency. CH 208
- 5:30-6:30      **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 7:00-9:15      **GRADUATE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS:** Graduating students present slides spanning their enrollment in the MFA program. See Graduate Slide Presentations for detailed information about locations. All students must attend.
- 9:30-10:00    **TOURMALINE.** Visiting critter, Derek Stroup, reads from his new book, Tourmaline, and examines his process from writing/design to budget to Kickstarter to finding a printer to distribution. Noble Lounge

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DAY 8  
THURSDAY, JULY 31**



- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST.**
- 9:00-10:45    **PROGRAM SYMPOSIUM FORUM.** Noble Lounge
- 11:00-12:30   **CRITIQUES**
- 11:15-1:30    **FACULTY MEETING.** Dewey Lounge
- 12:00-1:00    **LUNCH**
- 1:00-2:30     **CRITIQUES**
- 1:45-2:45     **CELEBRATION GATHERING FOR GRADUATES AND FACULTY.** Dewey Lounge.
- 3:00-5:45     **NEW GROUP MEETINGS:** With Faculty to plan Visual Culture Projects.
- Dalida Benfield's group will meet in CH 204  
                 Luis Jacob's group will meet in CH 403B  
                 Sowon Kwon's group will meet in CH 208  
                 Lana Lin's group will meet in CH 205  
                 Michael Minelli's group will meet in Noble Annex 1  
                 Mario Ontiveros' group will meet in CH 416  
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                 Jolene Rickard's group will meet in CH 410  
                 Marie Shurkus' group will meet in CH 418  
                 Cauleen Smith's group will meet in Noble Conference Room  
                 Faith Wilding's group will meet in CH 206
- 6:00-7:00      **DINNER ON THE GREEN.** Wood fired pizza by Woodbelly (includes options for gluten free, vegetarian and vegan). Non-alcoholic drinks provided otherwise, BYOB.
- 8:00-12:00    **DANCE.** Hosted by the Summer 2014 graduating class. Free drinks 8-9pm. BYOB after 9pm. Noble Conference Room.

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**DAY 9  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**

- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 9:00-12:15    **CRITIQUES**
- 9:30-10:30    **4<sup>TH</sup> SEMESTER STUDENTS MEET TO FINALIZE EXHIBITION SPACE.** With Sumru Tekin. VCFA Gallery
- 10:00-1:00    **FACULTY MEETING/LUNCH:** Lounge, Dewey Hall
- 11:00-12:00   **STUDENT MEETING WITH VCFA PRESIDENT AND ACADEMIC DEAN.**  
Meet with Tom Greene and Matt Monk for an informal discussion. CH 206
- 12:00-1:00    **LUNCH:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 1:30-3:30      **EXHIBITION WORKSHOP.** With Sowon Kwon and Michael Minelli. Meet in front of the ARK
- 1:30-3:30      **CRITICAL READING WORKSHOP:** With faculty members Dalida Benfield and Luis Jacob. *New students required. Advance reading assigned.* CH 208
- 5:00-6:00      **DINNER:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 6:00-7:30      **GRADUATION CEREMONY:** All students, Faculty and guests. Chapel, College Hall
- 7:30-8:30      **RECEPTION and FINAL VIEWING OF GRADUATE EXHIBITIONS:** Join the graduates for a reception and a final viewing of their one-person exhibitions. With champagne toast and desserts. VCFA Art Gallery
- 9:00-10:30     **BEGIN BREAKDOWN OF ALL STUDENT SHOWS:** All Exhibition Spaces

**DAY 10  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 2**

- 7:30-8:30      **BREAKFAST:** Cafeteria, Dewey Hall
- 8:00-10:00     **BREAKDOWN OF ALL STUDENT SHOWS MUST BE DONE BY 10AM**
- 10:00am        **EVERYONE MUST CHECK OUT OF THEIR DORM ROOM BY 10AM.**  
**Remember to turn in your keys!**
- 10:00-12:30    **FACULTY MEETING:** #416 College Hall

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**Gary Memorial Library**, (802) 828-8747

Any 4 digit extension can be dialed from an outside phone by adding 828 to the beginning.  
Any # beginning with 828 can be dialed from a campus phone by dialing only the last 4 digits.

**There is a copy-machine for use in the Library. Computers (both Macs and PC's) are available for student use in the Gary Library and near the program offices in College Hall. Between 8pm and 8am call Campus Safety (x8888) for access.**

Artist-Teacher resumes, student bibliographies and all process papers are kept in #418, College Hall.

**MEDICAL ATTENTION:** Central Vermont Hospital - 371-4100. Directions: Down E. State St. to the center of downtown. At the traffic light, go left, thru town and over bridge. Turn left at light onto Rt. 2. At next light (green bridge on left) go right up Berlin St, about two miles. Turn left at top of hill as blue hospital sign directs. CVH is on your left.

**NECI DINING ROOM:** See schedule for meal times. If you have FOOD ALLERGIES, talk directly to a CHEF, not the students. ***Please use take-out containers sparingly as we are***

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***charged for each take-out item used. Please bring your own beverage containers instead of paper cups*** – we appreciate your help in containing costs for the program. And, NECI does not allow utensils, cups, trays, etc. to leave the dining room.

**PARKING: There is a ban on overnight parking during the winter on city streets.** Your car will be towed if left overnight on the street! VCFA lots require temporary permits for overnight parking. See your folder or come to the program office #416 CH for your permit.