

## CHERI BEN-IESAU

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### EDUCATION

Delgado Community College

**AAS in Architecture**

2019

University of Phoenix, New Orleans campus

**MBA**

2016

Western Illinois University

**B.A., General Studies**

1996

### ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

**Brush With Burden group opening and juried show**

2017

Ione Burden Conference Center, 4560 Essen Ln, Baton Rouge

**Group opening and show "Rivers"**

2017

Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**Group Opening and show "Murmurations"**

2015

Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**"Art of the Cocktail" opening and show**

2015

Coinciding with New Orleans' Cocktail Festival, Guest curator Cheryl Ann Grace  
Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**"Wanderlust" Opening and show**

2014

Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**Ogden Museum Contemporary juried show**

2013

Inclusion in the 2013 curated show at LSU Ogden Museum of Southern Art

**Group Opening and show**

2011

Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**"Contemplation" opening and show**

2009

Ariodante contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia Street, New Orleans

**"Moody Women" opening and show**

2008

Ariodante Contemporary Crafts Gallery, 535 Julia S, New Orleans

### RELATED EXPERIENCE

Hurricane Katrina memorial mural

**Designer, creator**

2005 – 2006

Created a mural at USCG Station New Orleans, worked with USCG Public Affairs to have it dedicated in a ceremony on the one-year anniversary of the storm by DHS Secretary Chertoff.

Taro leaves mural

**Designer, creator**

2004

Created a mural for a private residence that was approximately 20X24 feet. The design had to complement the modern design and incorporate the colors used in the residence. It required use of scaffolding and was completed in two days including set up.

New Orleans Veterans Hospital

**Inclusion in permanent art collection**

2015

Two works purchased by VA for permanent display in the VA Hospital's new facility.

Art with a Heart

**Donations**

**2008 – 2016**

Annually donate art for PFLAG scholarship auction, donation for NoAids task force auction, and % of proceeds from shows have gone to Methodist Children's Home, PFLAG, and Houston Beagle Rescue.

IN THE NEWS

*"The Will to Fight on"*

Coast Guard Heartland Blog

2012

*"Moody Women' move ambitious painter"*

Times Picayune, R. A. Vargas

2008

*"Coast Guard Honors responders to Hurricane Katrina"*

Professional Mariner Magazine, J. Snyder

2007

*"African Americans in Coast Guard History"*

[http://www.uscg.mil/history/uscghist/African\\_American\\_Chronology.asp](http://www.uscg.mil/history/uscghist/African_American_Chronology.asp)

1989

*"Fresh Art in the Big Easy"*

<http://www.jooyounpaek.com/?p=454>

n.d.

INTERESTS

Cycling- raced competitively, sponsored

Gardening

Writing- published "The Long September" (2015), currently working on a biography "Farewell to Egypt".

MEMBERSHIPS

Rivertown Arts Council, Kenner, Louisiana

Past member of Coast Guard Art Program (COGAP).