

SUMMER COLEMAN

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EDUCATION

1998 – 2008

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Studio Arts & Design | University of Illinois at Chicago

WORK EXPERIENCE

2001 – Present / Freelance Designer | Chicago, IL

Collaborate with clients to create brand vision, strategy, and designs that meet deadlines and other creative requirements. Developing brand and marketing strategies for valued clients in my community.

- Wild Yams
- Bronzeville Winery / The Silver Room
- Hazel Crest Arts Center / Latent Design
- Greater Chatham Initiative 79th Street Corridor : Mahalia's Mile

2017 – 2019 / Brand Manager | Boombox, Latent Design | Chicago, IL

Develop marketing and advertising strategies Creating lasting impressions. Developing and overseeing advertising and marketing design. Attending events leaving a positive impression with consumers and vendors thereby improving product awareness..

- Englewood
- Chatham
- Wicker Park

2016 – 2017 / Design Intern | 3RST | Chicago, IL

Personal assistant to Rick Valicenti. Developed projects and lead community events that engaged the intersection of art, design and public work

- Video Editing
- Make Love | Moving Design
- Graphic Design

AWARDS

2024

Ox-Bow

Hold Space Grant Recipient

Wild Yams

Seed Recidency Program

2022

Prada Group Dorchester Industries

Experimental Design Lab

2016

Society of Typographic Arts |

100 Typographic Arts Award

PUBLICATIONS

- Reader I <https://chicagoreader.com/visual-arts/craft-work-maker-art/summer-coleman/>
 - <https://id.iit.edu/people/summer-coleman/>
 - <https://id.iit.edu/design-as-activism/design-as-activismschedule-2024/>
 - Explore Elmhurst I <https://exploreelmhurst.com/event/a-lovesupreme%3A-mccormick-house-reimagined/272/>
 - Happening Next I <https://happeningnext.com/event/a-lovesupreme-opening-celebration-eid3a0b23jqfl>
 - Medium I <https://pkeenani1.medium.com/in-a-love-supremenorman-teague-reimagines-the-future-of-design-from-a-blackand-brown-perspective-f025005fd689>
 - Elmhurst TV I <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AaC1jVUooC4>
 - Tank Magazine / Volume 10 / Issue 17 / Autumn 2023
 - The Daily Herald I <https://www.dailyherald.com/20240117/submitted-content/elmhurst-art-museum-announcesprograms-for-norman-teagues-a-love-supreme/>
 - Vouge, Jeremy Lewis, April 7, 2022
 - Prada and Theaster Gates Partner to Celebrate and Mentor Designers of Color
 - Block Club Chicago, Maxwell Evans, Apr 6, 2022
 - Design Has Been So Narrow for So Long': Artist Theaster Gates on His Unique Partnership With Prada
 - These 14 Creators Are Part of Prada-backed Experimental Design Lab WWD (Womens Wear Daily), Tara Donaldson, April 5, 2022
 - Theaster Gates' Experimental Design Lab hopes to amplify emerging artists, designers' work to develop a nexus of creative energy on the South Sided; Chicago Tribune, Darcel Rockett, Aug 10, 2022
 - GDUSA as a responsible designer to watch out for. <https://gdusa.com/features/responsible/summer-Summer-Coleman-Greer>
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LECTURES

2025

Design Museum of Chicago - Auxillary Board
Design By: Graphic Design Building — and
sustaining — a creative career in design.

2024

Design as Activism
Collaboration Across Collective Networks
Institute of Design at Illinois Tech

2024

Elmhurst Arts Museum
Norman Teague / A Love Supreme
McCormick House Reimagined

2024

Recycled Modern / Neak Imprints
Die Wurzel / Listening and activation performance
conversation

2021

CHI DCASE / Bronzeville ARTrepreneur Series
Episode 3 / The work doesn't always speak for
itself / Branding and Marketing for Creatives

2021

Congresswoman Kelly's Small Business Economic
Development Advisory Committee Webinar /
Branding and Website Webinar

EXHIBITIONS

2025

OH ARTS Foundation
Black History Month Festival of the Arts
Reimagining Black Identity, Strength and
Vulnerability

2024

Elmhurst Arts Museum
Norman Teague I A Love Supreme
McCormick House Reimagined

2017

3rst I Moving Design
Rick Valicenti I Make Love
Englewood I Chicago, IL

2016

Museum of Contemporary Arts
Chicago Kerry James Marshall
Tracer's Timeline 1600 I 1699

2013

Shacks and Shanties
Faheem Majeed Lots of color-Sky
Blue Summer Coleman and
Safe Passage : Amanda Williams

2008

Theaster Gates Center for the Proliferation of Afro-
Asian Artifacts, Tea Shacks, Collard Greens & The
Preservation of Soul :
foil boats for black eyed peas I Chicago, IL