

Education

- 2016 Skowhegan School Of Painting & Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME
- 2012 Masters of Fine Arts, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bowling Green State University
- 2008 Studio Art Centers International (SACI), Florence, Italy

Solo & Two Person Exhibitions

- 2018 Some Kind of Other, Yeah Maybe, Minneapolis, MN
- 2018 Mother of The Clown, Mel Cook + Molly Colleen O'Connell, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 We Have a Back Room With Other Things: Mel Cook + Megan Stroeck, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Things Will Be Fine., Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2014 Between The Void, Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
- 2013 Still Life Revisited, Morton College, Cicero, IL
- 2013 Mel Cook: Recent Monotypes, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 Sincerely, With Love, MFA Graduate Exhibition, Illinois State University Galleries, Normal, IL

Group Exhibitions

- 2018 Women Painting Men, Riverside Arts Center, Riverside, IL
- 2018 The Chicago Show, 56 Downing St, Brooklyn, New York
- 2018 Continental Breakfast, Condo Association, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Winter Romance, Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Nothing Is Ours But Time, Ukrainian Modern Institute of Art, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Eyes, Nose, Lips, Etc. Etc., Left Field Gallery, San Luis Obispo, CA
- 2017 El Sol Sale Para Todxs, Chicago, IL
- 2017 Milestones, The Fine Arts Center Galleries, BGSU, Bowling Green, OH
- 2017 Unfurnished, Demo Projects, Springfield, IL
- 2017 Close To Me, Roots & Culture, Chicago, IL
- 2016 New American Paintings, curated by Steven Zevitas, stARTup Art Fair, Chicago, IL
- 2016 New Business, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2016 For Sale By Owner, Hilltop Antiques, Skowhegan, ME
- 2015 US, Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Time Share, Figure One Gallery, Champaign, IL
- 2014 2014 Faculty Biennial, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2013 Prime, Heavy Brow Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2013 Faculty Biennial, ICC Art Gallery, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 2012 In Your Neighborhood, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 Spookeh, Jan Brandt Gallery, Bloomington, IL
- 2012 2012 Student Annual, University Galleries, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2012 The Eye That Sees The Possible, Transpace Gallery, Normal, IL

Residencies & Awards

- 2018 Artist in Residence, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2017 ACRE, Steuben, WI
- 2016 The Center Program, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Visiting Artist, Manneken Press, Bloomington, IL
- 2013 Studio Break MFA Competition winner
- 2012 Irving S. Tick Award in Painting, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2009 Full Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2008 Undergraduate Research Grant, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Publications & Lectures

- 2017 "Artist Spotlight: Mel Cook," Chicago Woman, 12-18-2017
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Contemporary Practices, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2017 Guest Lecturer, Harold Washington College, Chicago, IL
- 2016 Nicole Lane Interviews Mel Cook, Vagabond City Lit, Nov 3, 2016, www.vagabondcitylit.com
- 2016 Guest Lecturer, Arts Administration, School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2016 New American Paintings, No. 125, Midwest Issue
- 2015 "Mel Cook/Erin Hayden," Studio Break, podcast Interview, Episode 147, 8-14-2015.
- 2014 "Mel Cook," Studio Break, podcast interview, Episode 103, 3-20-2014.
- 2013 Studio Visit, Volume 24, page 35.
- 2013 Art In Print, Volume 3, Number 1, page 43