

# 2023 Critic-in-Residence

## Press Release

Great Meadows Foundation is pleased to announce that New York City-based independent curator and writer Monique Long will be the Great Meadows Foundation's 2023 Critic-in-Residence, and will be based in the region from February 1st to March 31. A collaboration between Great Meadows Foundation and INhouse, the Critic-in-Residence program works to bring a noted contemporary art curator/critic to Kentucky once each year for a two-month period to engage with the contemporary art scene across the state.

In a self-directed program, as in previous years, during her time in the region Monique Long will make studio visits to selected artists across the state, and take up opportunities to connect and collaborate with other visual arts professionals and arts organizations in Kentucky. Now in its sixth year, the goal of the residency is to help strengthen and support the growth of Kentucky artists' work and their engagement with the larger art world, as well as to raise awareness of the Kentucky art scene among professionals in other parts of the country.

"Monique will not only bring great critical discussion into the studios of artists across the state, she will also have opportunities, more broadly, to participate in and contribute to our art community," says Julien Robson, Director of Great Meadows Foundation. "I know she will leave with a much better understanding of the quality of work being made in Kentucky and bring that knowledge to art communities outside of our state."

## Monique Long



Monique Long is an independent curator and writer based in New York City. Her work focuses on themes related to race, identity, gender, class, and systems of power that are grounded in history, literature, and politics. Long is also a critic who has contributed essays and interviews on fashion and contemporary art to publications widely. Her traveling exhibition, *Elegies: Still Lives in Contemporary Art*,

opened at the Museum of the African Diaspora in San Francisco last year. The show is currently on view at the Telfair Museum in Savannah, Georgia through February 2023. Long's upcoming projects include exhibitions at the Portland Museum of Art in Maine and Guild Hall in East Hampton.

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[moniquelong.com](http://moniquelong.com)

<https://www.telfair.org/exhibitions/elegies/>

<https://www.sothebysinstitute.com/why-sothebys/our-faculty-and-guest-speakers/monique-long>

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Great Meadows Foundation partnership with INhouse

Great Meadows Foundation was founded in 2016 by the late contemporary art collector and philanthropist Al Shands.

Great Meadows Foundation's mission is to critically strengthen and support visual art in Kentucky by empowering our community's artists and other visual arts professionals to research, connect, and participate more actively in the broader contemporary art world.

[www.greatmeadowsfoundation.org](http://www.greatmeadowsfoundation.org)

INhouse is an initiative of contemporary art collector and philanthropist Brook Smith.

The mission of INhouse is to enrich our community by supporting creativity and imagination on both a local and international level, and to bring exciting new cultural ideas to life.

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