

TAMMY L. BROWN, PhD

The Zendala Series



**Exhibit Dates: October 1–31, 2014; 9am–9pm
Gallagher Student Center – 3rd Floor Atrium
Xavier University
3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207**

THE ARTIST



Tammy L. Brown is a writer, educator, and artist. She earned her BA in International Relations, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard University and her PhD in American History and African Diasporic Studies from Princeton University. As Assistant Professor of Black World Studies and History at Miami University of Ohio, Tammy's teaching, writing, and service to her community are connected through her interest in art, technology, and biography as a methodological approach.

Dr. Brown's research, writing, and art range from historical studies to abstract paintings and multimedia poetry. Tammy's mixed-media artwork, the *Zendala Series*, is featured in the eBook *The Art of War and Peace* (Amazon.com, 2013). In Tammy's forthcoming historical book, *City of Islands: Caribbean Intellectuals in New York*, she uses the life stories of Caribbean intellectuals as "windows" into the dynamic history of immigration to New York and the long battle for racial equality in modern America.

Tammy's scholarly writing, poetry and photography have appeared in *Callaloo*, *Southern Cultures*, and an anthology titled *African Americans on Television*. Her selected awards include a postdoctoral fellowship at The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, the Altman Faculty Fellowship at Miami University of Ohio, the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship at Princeton University, and the Mellon Mentored Fellowship at Harvard University.

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EXHIBIT REVIEW

Dr. Tammy L. Brown's work has examined the historical complexities of identity and social relations through various media. In gradation her work often articulates and reifies the African American experience for broad contemplation.

Tammy's latest work, *The Zendala Series*, represents a step forward in terms of process and content. Based on the Mandala artform practiced by Buddhist monks, the work represents a spiritual freedom and non-attachment to the material world. Using her Smartphone, Brown creates a hybrid from her own ink drawings and digital photography to produce a visual language to challenge the viewers to reflect on a deeper meaning behind the surface. The process is multi-layered; scrutinizing beyond the surface. In making such mixed media work, the artist delves deep into her inner psyche to assimilate the dual roles of art and artists: by creating a critical distance between oneself and their work. Brown aims to reveal a form of truth and also achieve peace through the process of art.

Danielle Burns: Curator
Houston Museum of African
American Culture

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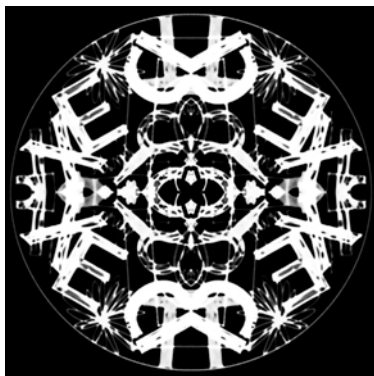


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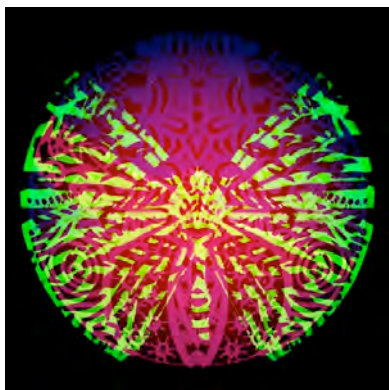
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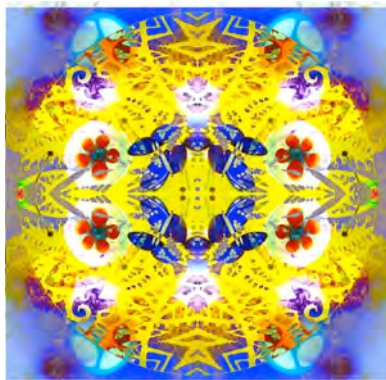
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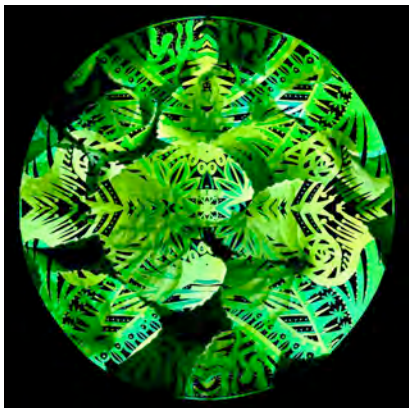


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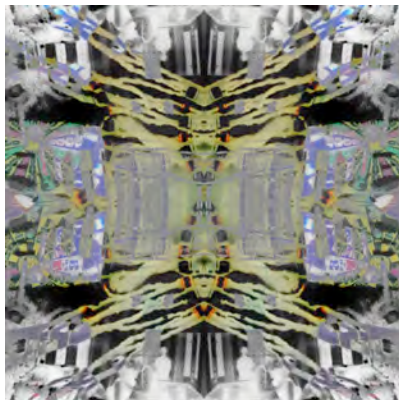


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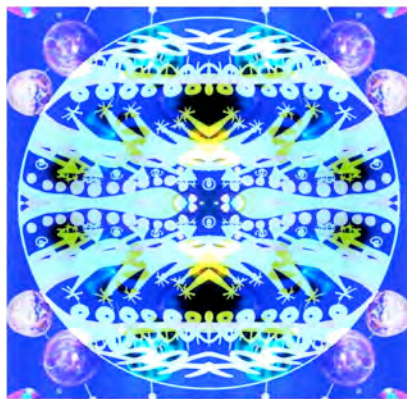
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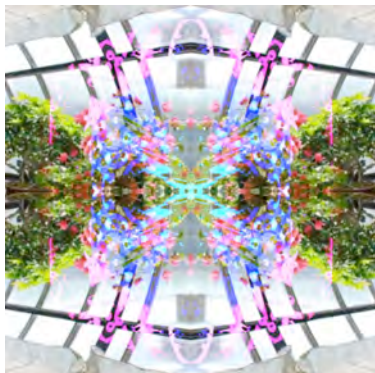


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TEDx Talk: "Art is a Weapon for Social Change"

The Art of War & Peace- AMAZON Kindle Edition