

Imani (ee-ma-nee) McCray

Graphic Designer
& Photographer



EDUCATION

East Carolina University (ECU)
BFA in Graphic Design

August 2018 to May 2021
Greenville, NC

(ECU) Study Abroad
Photography Intensive

January 2019 to April 2019
Florence, Italy

Minneapolis Community and Technical College
Awards: Student Leadership Award (May 2016)
Student Associations: African American Education
Empowerment Program.

August 2014 to May 2016
Minneapolis, MN

WORK HISTORY

Ionian Art and Cultural Center Greece
Photojournalist and Artist in Residence
Three month environmental advocacy initiative
working with Geopark Kefalonia Ithaca and the
Greek municipality to clean, preserve and document
historic coastlines, lakes, and caves.

April 2022 to July 2022
Kefalonia, Greece

Be the Change Magazine
Creator, Artistic Director, Designer, Photographer
Photojournalism design campaign focused on
social justice.

August 2020 to February 2022
New York City, NY

East Carolina SoAD "School of Art and Design"
Graphic Designer and Photographer
Designing for the director of the SoAD.

September 2019 to April 2020
Greenville, NC

Room 108 Gallery
Artist Residence
one- year photography exhibit and residency.

November 2019 to April 2020
Greenville, NC

The Harvey Galleries
Art Consultant
Maintained a high volume and fast pace art gallery.
Gave superb and genuine customer care. Sold more
then \$80,000 in art over three months

July 2016 to January 2017
Sydney, Australia

EXHIBITIONS

Be the Change: Actions and Reaction
North Carolina Museum of Art, Solo Exhibition

February 2023 to March 2023
Greenville, NC

Omens of Halitherses
Solo Exhibition

April 2022 to July 2022
Kefalonia, Greece

Loosenart
Political Statements Group Exhibition

February 2022 to February 2022
Rome, Italy

Capture The Moment
Collaborative Photography Exhibition

September 2020 to October 2020
New York City, NY

Certaldo Alto
Collaborative Photography Exhibition

March 2019 to April 2019
Florence, Italy

PHILANTHROPY

ARK Animal Shelter
Volunteer

April 2022 to July 2022
Kefalonia, Greece

Peace Corps
Campus Ambassador

August 2020 to May 2021
Greenville, NC

World Central Kitchen COVID-19 Relief
Assistant Manager

March 2020 to July 2020
New York City, NY

True Colors Honoring Stonewall 2019
Photographer

November 2019 to April 2020
Greenville, NC

WCK Hurricane Florence Relief
Volunteer
supported WCK's efforts to fly and air-drop
hundreds of pounds of food and supplies to
damaged coastal cities in North Carolina.

September 2018 to October 2018
Coastal, NC

Plan My Gap Year
Art Teacher
Volunteered in New Delhi, India by lived
and worked in an orphanage to
aid in slum clinics and teaching art in schools
for children with disabilities.

July 2017 to August 2017
New Delhi, India

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Design Ahead
Internship

January 2021 to May 2021
Minneapolis, MN

Pirate Media 1
Design Apprenticeship

January 2021 to May 2021
Greenville, NC

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

United States Navy
Logistics Specialist

January 2012 to June 2014
San Diego, California

United States Navy
Presidential Honor Guard
Participated multiple military ceremonies at
The White House for President Barack Obama and
foreign dignitaries.
One of the youngest recipients of
The "NAM" Navy and Marine Corps achievement medal.

August 2010 to January 2012
Washington, D.C.

BIOGRAPHY

Born in Baltimore Maryland 1992, the probability of me being dead or negative statistic was inherited from birth. With the help of those who have come into my life, I have triumphed over those odds and wish it help others overcome their adversity. I believe progressive art aids social justice by using its polyrhythmic mediums to give form to the thoughts, needs, and pains of a broken society. As an advocate for social justice and artist, my goal is to use impactful images, easily accessible copy, and strategic design to engage and inspire my audience. Passion, deception, faith, and spontaneity, are constant themes throughout our world. Navigating these experiences through different mediums is my attempt to shape this reality with imagination and passion. Photography and graphic design are the mediums I nurture as a way of bringing tangibility to my imagination.