

Amanda Banks

Art | Research | Community
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Experience

Fiber Arts Instructor

Burritt Folk School | 2022 – present

- Develop engaging workshops, including all instructional samples and patterns
- Participate in educational festivals and events
- Promote school activities in the community

Ideation and New Ventures Manager

Gener8tor Management | 2021 - 2022

- Validate and test new business concepts
- Present strategy and development milestones to executive partners and outside sponsors
- Collaborate with local leadership to grow community outreach

Research Associate

The University of Alabama in Huntsville | 2018 - 2021

- Lead NSF and NASA-sponsored arts-based research in systems management with human subjects
- Present research at disciplinary conferences
- Author publications for academic journals
- Train undergraduate researchers in multidisciplinary best practices and statistical analyses

Education

The University of North Alabama

MBA | Global Business

June 2024 – May 2026 | GPA: 4.0

Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma

Craft Yarn Council

Crochet Certification | Advanced
2024

The University of Alabama in Huntsville

BSc | Multidisciplinary

August 2018 – December 2020 | GPA: 3.7

President's List, Magna Cum Laude

Awards & Grants

South Arts | 2026

Folklife Documentation Award

South Arts | 2026

Emerging Artist Award

UNA Business Idea Competition

UK Group | 2025

Winner, Individual Proposal

UAH Research Horizons | 2020

Outstanding knowledge transfer research

ASEM Undergraduate Research

Scholarship | 2019

Excellence in engineering management research

RAM Research Scholarship

US DoD | 2019

Advancements in acquisition systems research

NSF Matrix Research Scholarship | 2018

Nontraditional research in aerospace engineering

Volunteer Service

Women's Caucus for Art

VP of Special Projects

2019 – present

Alabama Virtual Academy

Renaissance Virtual Academy

Learning Coach: Grades 6 - 12 2021 – 2028

Flying Monkey Arts

Managing Director

2015 – 2018

Select Exhibitions

- ★ Zoom In: Who Are We? 2027, Group Exhibition, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, AL.
 - ★ Independence for Whom? 2026, Group Exhibition, Workhouse Art Center, Lorton, VA.
 - ★ String Theory. 2026, Solo Exhibition, Gadsden Museum of Art, Gadsden, AL.
 - ★ Embodied: Contemporary Takes on the Dress. 2023 - 2026, Touring Exhibition, AL.
 - ★ Fiber Voices, 2025. Group Exhibition, Huntsville, AL.
 - ★ Merkin Trust and Fellowship. 2025, Group Exhibition, Huntsville, AL.
 - ★ The 6,000 Circle Project. 2024 - 2025, Touring Exhibition. AL, CA, and FL.
 - ★ Holey. 2022, Solo Exhibition, Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment, Huntsville, AL.
 - ★ Labor of Love. 2022, Group Exhibition, Huntsville, AL, Chicago, IL.
 - ★ Shelter. 2021, Group Exhibition, Lowe Mill Arts and Entertainment, Huntsville, AL.
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Select Publications

- ★ A. Banks, "Hooking Our History: Crochet as Activism" | 2026
Community workshop. George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.
 - ★ A. Banks, "A.B. Hooker's Guide to Menstruation" | 2026
Educational pattern booklet. Minuteman Press, Huntsville, AL.
 - ★ A. Banks, M. Sterling, S. Roberts, "Looking Out: A Connected Perspective" | 2025
Community portrait exhibition. Women's Caucus for Art, Savannah, GA.
 - ★ A. Banks, A. Torres, "Pain Points: Bearing Witness in the Present Tense" | 2025
Virtual exhibition. Women's Caucus for Art, New York, NY.
 - ★ A. Banks, "Short Personal Essay," in Give and Take: Motherhood and Creative Practice | 2024
Creative Anthology. Demeter Press, Ontario, CAN.
 - ★ A. Banks, C. Eaton et al., "Insights from developing improvisational theater intervention at NASA" | 2023
Academic journal article in Systems Engineering. Wiley Periodicals, San Diego, CA.
 - ★ A. Banks, "Alabama Blizzard" | 2022
Folklife journal article in Tributaries, Issue 16. Alabama Folklife Association, Mobile, AL.
 - ★ A. Banks et al., "The Truth is Out There: Insights from Improv with NASA" | 2021
Scitech Forum presentation. American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Reston, VA.
 - ★ A. Banks, G. Palma, and B. Mesmer, "Templating in the Arts - A Template for Engineers" | 2019
Conference presentation. American Society for Engineering Management, Philadelphia, PA.
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References available upon request.

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