

# VALERIE A. COOPER, MBA • FINE ART CREDENTIALS

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Corporate Art Consultant, Fine Art Appraiser & Adjunct Professor

Accredited Member, Appraisers Association of America

Member, New England Appraisers Association

Uniform Standards of Professionally Appraisal Practice (USPAP) compliant through June 2019

## PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT:

I have over 25 years of art consulting, appraisal, curatorial services and cultural inclusion experience in the fine art industry. This experience includes: appraising, buying, selling, leasing, framing, transporting and installing art. In addition, I curate exhibitions, develop online galleries and manage art collections both physically and virtually. Lastly, as an Adjunct Professor, my responsibilities include developing curriculums and facilitating art education programs for adults and students in public, private and non-profit organizations including corporations, academic, healthcare and religious institutions.

## EDUCATION:

**Tuck Executive Education at Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH Certificate in Entrepreneurship

**New York University**, NY, NY Appraisal Studies in Fine and Decorative Arts Certification

**Columbia University Business School**, NY, NY M.B.A. - COGME Fellow

**Morgan State University**, Baltimore, MD B.S. - Summa Cum Laude

**Stamford High School**, Stamford, CT Diploma

## FINE ART SPECIFIC EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

- **Picture That LLC – Founding Owner of Art Consulting Practice. 2002 – current. Partial list of clients:**
  - Fine Art Consulting & Appraisal**
    - American Express**, New York, NY
    - CellMark**, Shelton, CT
    - IBM**, Armonk, NY
    - Pitney Bowes**, Stamford, CT
    - Sacred Heart University**, Fairfield, CT
    - St. Francis Hospital**, Hartford, CT
    - Stamford Hospital**, Stamford, CT
    - Travelers**, Hartford, CT
    - Yale New Haven Health System**, New Haven, CT
  - Curatorial Services**
    - Cartus**, Danbury, CT
    - Credit Suisse First Boston**, NY, NY
    - Deloitte**, NY/NJ/CT Locations
    - DIAGEO**, Norwalk, CT
    - General Electric**, Fairfield, CT
    - Goldman, Sachs & Co.**, NY, NY
    - Thompson Hospitality**, Herndon, VA
    - UBS**, Stamford, CT
- **Norwalk Community College – Adjunct Professor, Business & Humanities Departments. 2015 – current.**
- **Picture That Art Gallery – Founding Owner of Picture That Art Gallery. 1992 – 2005.**

## Picture That Awards (Past 5 Years)

2019 Powerful Women: Great Leaders Award – Westchester County Business Journal, NY  
2018 National Small Business Week Award – MGM Grand Resorts International  
2018 Arts & Culture Empowerment (ACE) Award - The Cultural Alliance of Fairfield County, CT  
2017 Company Partner of the Year – The Workplace, Fairfield County, CT  
2016 Community Service Award – The Juneteenth Committee of Fairfield County, CT  
2015 Regional Supplier of the Year Award - The National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)  
2015 Eastern Area Arts Facet Award, by The Links, Incorporated

## COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERISM:

### Boards & Memberships (Past 10 Years)

#### **Current Positions:**

Director - Inspirica, Incorporated (since 2019)  
Member - The Links, Incorporated, Eastern Area Arts Committee (since 2019)  
Member - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Omicron Upsilon Omega Chapter; Chair of The Arts Committee (since 2018)  
Commissioner – The City of Stamford, CT Arts and Culture Commission (since 2017)  
Member - Fairfield County Community Foundation, Community Investment Committee (since 2016)  
Member - Studio Museum of Harlem and The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture - Harlem, NYC (since 1992)

#### **Past Positions:**

Director - Curatorial Services for Sackler Gallery, Stamford Center for the Arts, Stamford, CT (2002 - 2017)  
Director - Norwalk Community College Foundation, Norwalk, CT (Director since 2007; Officer from 2011-2015)  
Member - OTHRA Old Town Hall Museum Art Committee, Stamford, CT (2010 - 2012)  
Member - State of CT and Norwalk Community College Health & Science Building Art Committee, Norwalk, CT (2009 - 2011)  
Chair - CEO Portrait Committee for Pitney Bowes, Stamford, CT (2008-2011)

## Art & Culture for Youth

In 2004, created a Cultural Arts and Literary Program for grades K-12 students, with participants from public and private schools; community centers and religious institutions. In addition to creating art exhibitions, the curriculum incorporates visits to NYC museums and art galleries to enhance each students' cultural experience. <http://www.picturethatart.com/harlem-bus-trip-video>