

THE ALABAMA PRISON ARTS + EDUCATION PROJECT

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APAEP WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBER

APAEP welcomed a new staff member last week. Billy Stevenson joined the team as Program Coordinator for the degree program. He will be responsible for coordinating teachers and overseeing students earning their degree at Draper Correctional Facility.

He was born and raised on the south side of Chicago, IL. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Vanderbilt University in 2012. Since 2012, Billy has served as an AmeriCorps Public Ally and worked for the United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. He recently was a Program Coordinator for The Urban Alliance Foundation, and has worked in program development with multiple non-profit organizations in Chicago. Billy is passionate about arts education, law, mentorship, and public service.

STUDENT ART EXHIBIT IN FLORENCE, AL

APAEP Director Kyes Stevens gave a gallery talk at the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts in Florence, Alabama. Our student art show “Art on the Inside” is on display until May 3. Thank you to everyone that attended her talk and the art exhibit. Visit the Center if you are in the area. Admission is free and the artwork is not to be missed!

Check out our upcoming events for more opportunities to learn more about APAEP.

PRISON HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE NEWS

“Education is the key to redeeming lives in prison.” CNN. 31 March 2017. Opinion.

“Educating prisoners pays off.” Seattle Times. 18 April 2017. Editorial.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3 - May 3, 2017. “Art on the Inside” APAEP student art traveling exhibit. Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts, Florence, AL. (free admission)

April 21, 2017, 9:00 am. “Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project” discussion by Kyes Stevens. Alabama Writer’s Symposium, Monroeville, AL. (free admission, but registration required)

April 22, 2017, 10:00 am. “Writing and Social Justice” discussion by APAEP Director Kyes Stevens. Alabama Book Festival, Old Town Alabama, Montgomery. (free admission)

