

## PSU FOUNDATION PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERSHIP AWARD

*Lisa Jarrett, MFA*



LISA JARRETT, MFA, is an associate professor of Community and Context Arts in the School of Art + Design, where she teaches classes in Art + Social Practice. She is co-founder/director of projects like Dr. MLK Jr. School Museum of Contemporary Art (KSMoCA), the Harriet Tubman Middle School Center for Expanded Curatorial Practice, and Art 25: Art in the 25th Century.

Jarrett is an artist working in social and visual forms. Her intersectional practice considers the politics of difference within a variety of settings, including schools, landscapes, fictions, racial imaginaries, studios, communities, museums, galleries, walls, mountains, mirrors, floors, rivers, and prisms. She recently discovered that her primary medium is questions, the most urgent of which is: What will set you free?

Jarrett exists and makes work within the African Diaspora, co-authors social practice projects, and continues her 14+ year investigation into Black hair and its care in various forms.

This philanthropic partnership award honors Jarrett's exceptional work as a champion for PSU and the arts within the philanthropic community. Her longtime collaboration and strategic advocacy for the PSU School of Art + Design and, particularly, for KSMoCA has resulted in notable successes with funders as well as deepening relationships with some of PSU's most significant donors and civic leaders.

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