Hemispheric Conversations Urban Art Project

Caitlin Frances Bruce
Associate Professor of
Communication

Motivation

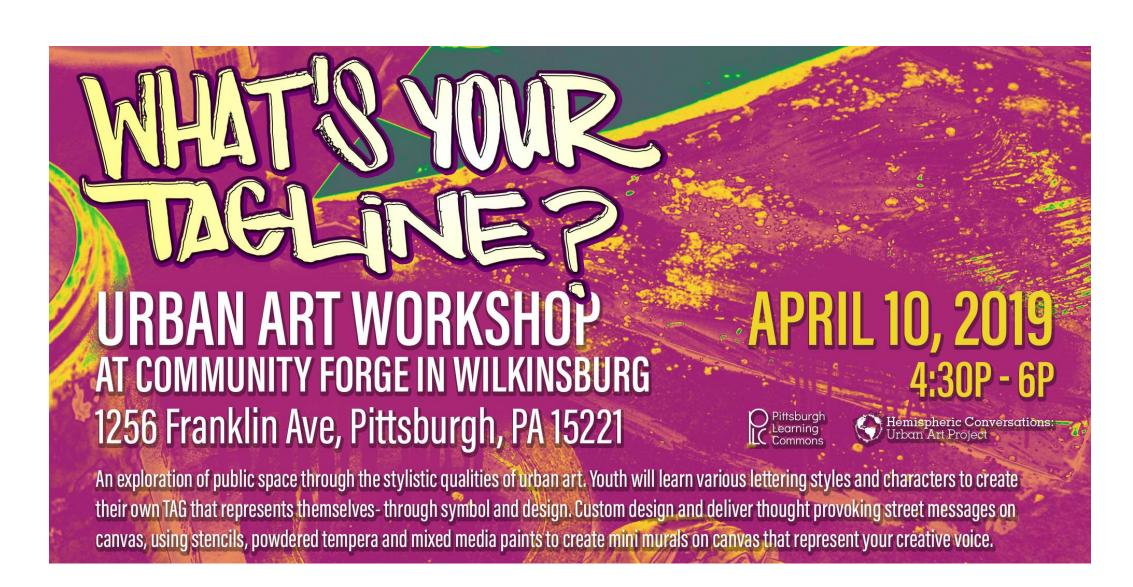
- Urban art (graffiti, muralism, street art) is often little understood and its production, dialogue about it, and scholarly work frequently occur in different realms— HCUAP synthesizes production, analysis, and public reception
 - Text text text

Project Description

HCUAP creates Youth Street Art
Workshops (You.SAW), public
conversations, and murals through
visiting and local artist residencies to
activate larger conversations about
place, identity, memory, and social
justice

Context

- Lack of support for practicing grafifti artists/Lack of public knowledge about the value and impact of the movement
- Using a synthetic approach we bring youth, neighbors, artists and scholars together
- We also think that success is generated through reciprocal community partnerships, which are a cornerstone for our programming





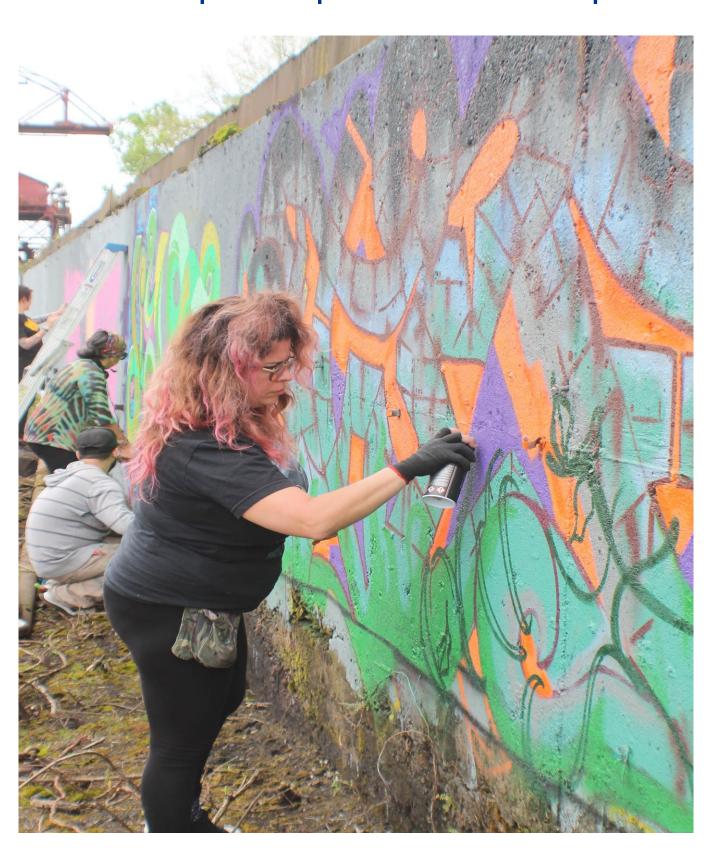
Urban art as a platform for public conversations, artistic creation, intercultural change, and collective voice





Project Deliverables

- 5 Youth Street Art Workshops
- 2 murals
- 1 gallery show
- Several public conversations
- Digital archive of talks, lesson plans, and public art
- Public participation at multiple scales



Potential Impact

- What is the significance for your field of the work this award is helping you launch?
- If you are successful, what difference will it make?
- Type in or place your text here
 - Text text text
 - Text text text

References and/or Acknowledgements

- Thanks to collaborators and coorganizers Oreen Cohen, Shane Pilster and Max Gonzales
- Thanks to the Department of Communication, Year of Engagement, Year of Creativity, Momentum Funds, SVP Award for Community Engagement and DSAS Dean's Office for support
- Thanks to the Vanka Society, Rivers of Steel, Assemble, Millvale Community Library, Carnegie Libraries of Pittsburgh- Teen Labs, Radiant Hall, and Pittsburgh Learning Commons for partnerships