

City of Richmond, Virginia Commission Application

(Please Print or Type) Name of Authority, Board, Commission or Task Force: Public Art Commission -Visual Artist seat Mrs. Other: Title: Mr. Ms. XX Miss. Dr. Last Name: Kistler First Name: Ashley Home Street Address: 2122 Grove Avenue Home Telephone: 804-363-6448 Home Fax: Home City, Zip Code: Richmond, VA 23220 Personal E-Mail Address: h.ashleykistler@gmail.com Employer: independent curator, formerly VCUarts Job Title: Director, Anderson Gallery (until Nov 2015) How Long? 8 years Business Street Address: same as above Business Telephone: same as above Business City, Zip Code: **Business Fax:** Business E-Mail Address: akistler@vcu.edu Yes XX Is your place of employment located in the city of Richmond? No If yes, which county? Is your place of employment located in the county? Yes ┌┐ No XX Number of years? 13 Yes XX If yes, which City Council district? 2nd Are you a city resident? No \square Do you or your employer have a contract, other than a contract of employment, either with the city of Richmond or with the entity to which you are seeking appointment? Yes \square No XX If yes, please provide information on the nature of the contract. Please list your educational background and/or other expertise or qualifications you will bring to this authority, board, commission or task force: Ashley Kistler has been an integral part of the Richmond arts community with a curatorial career spanning over 30 years. She served as Director of VCUarts Anderson Gallery from 2008-2015, and as Curator of the Visual Arts Center of Richmond from 1999-2008. From 1984-1999, she held various curatorial positions at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, most recently as Associate Curator of Modern and Contemporary Art. She received her BA from Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, and her MA from the VCU Department of Art History.

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Kistler has organized dozens of exhibitions featuring a wide range of work by regional, national, and international artists, as well as artists' residencies and commissions, public art projects, film/video series, and performing arts events. These endeavors have afforded fruitful occasions for partnering with different departments in the VCU School of the Arts and elsewhere in the university, and with various community organizations beyond campus and colleagues at other arts institutions. Rarely, if ever, has she developed or overseen an exhibition, program, or other project that didn't incorporate a key collaborative component(s) and benefit from the audience-engagement and cross-promotional opportunities thus engendered. Kistler also has extensive grant-writing experience and has been successful in securing support from state, foundation, and corporate funding sources, and from numerous individuals.		
<u>OPTIONAL</u> Please list additional information you would like considered, or you may attach your resume or other information.		
Kistler has authored and/or edited numerous exhibition catalogues, including those that document the careers of influential Richmond-based artists: Elizabeth King: The Sizes of Things in the Mind's Eye; Barbara Tisserat, Lessons: 30 Years of Printmaking; Imaging South Africa: Collection Projects by Siemon Allen; Richard Carlyon: A Retrospective; Myron Helfgott: An Inventory of My Thoughts and, forthcoming this spring, Anderson Gallery: 45 Years of Art on the Edge.		
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How did you hear about or who referred you to apply for appointment to this authority, board, commission or task force? several colleagues		
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