

Art, Activation, and Reflection: Black Wall Street Journey



Rick Lowe, *Black Wall Street Journey*, 2018–present, Multimedia installation. Installation view, *Toward Common Cause: Art, Social Change, and the MacArthur Fellows Program at 40*, Smart Museum of Art, The University of Chicago, 2021.

Photo by Michael Tropea

Join us for a pop-up marketplace and in-gallery conversation about the Black economy.

During this unique event where art, activation, and reflection intersect, several small Black-owned businesses will set up shop in the Smart Museum of Art's lobby, including Dinah Clotney's [T'kor Couture](#).

After shopping, join artist [Rick Lowe](#) (beaming in virtually) and University of Chicago researchers Ashley Truehart and Jennifer Etienne for a behind-the-scenes discussion about [Black Wall Street Journey](#), an ongoing, city-wide project that pays tribute to the building of Black wealth in Chicago and beyond. From within the Black Wall Street Journey installation in *Toward Common Cause*, the team will share what they have learned about the Black economy and how the initiative will continue to impact art, activism, and policy beyond the end of the exhibition.

[Register for the event](#)

FREE. Reservations are strongly encouraged, as space is limited.

Program video

About the participants

Dinah Clottey is a 4th year in the college at the University of Chicago majoring in Sociology and the CEO of T'kor Couture. T'kor Couture is a Black-owned luxury and sustainable fashion brand that specializes in handmade crochet clothing and accessories.

Jennifer Etienne is a Sociology PhD student and Committee on Education Fellow at University of Chicago. Over the past 7 years, she has committed to public and academic research aimed at examining racial formation through school integration, building a research agenda focused on race, racism, and education.

Rick Lowe is one of 29 MacArthur Fellows participating in *Toward Common Cause*. Lowe has initiated arts-driven redevelopment projects in several U.S. cities, including Project Row Houses in Houston, translation: Vicory Medow in Dallas, and Victoria Square Project in Athens Greece. He is a 2018–2021 Neubauer Collegium Visiting Fellow at the University of Chicago and Professor of Art at University of Houston.

Ashley Truehart is a PhD student in Cinema and Media Studies at University of Chicago. Her work explores how intersecting identities that fall under the umbrella of Blackness are represented in the media.

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