

Honorary Degree Recipients | 1990-2016

1990	<p>Louis Malle (Film Director)</p> <p>Michael Graves (Architect)</p> <p>Dorothy Hood (Painter)</p> <p>Anni Albers (Textiles)</p>
1991	<p>Liz Claiborne (Fashion Designer)</p> <p>Jim Henson (Puppeteer) *Posthumously*</p> <p>JB Jackson (Landscape Architect)</p> <p>George Morrison (Painter) *Speaker*</p> <p>Claiborne Pell <i>deceased</i> (Senator)</p>
1992	<p>Magdalena Abakanowicz (Textiles/Sculptor)</p> <p>Geoffrey Beene (Fashion Designer) *Speaker*</p> <p>Sam Maloof (Furniture Designer)</p> <p>Maurice Sendak (Illustrator)</p>
1993	<p>Daphne and Peter Farago (Collectors)</p> <p>William Jordy (Art Historian) *Speaker*</p> <p>Elizabeth Murray (Painter)</p> <p>Ettore Sottsass (Industrial Designer)</p>
1994	<p>June Wayne (Printmaker)</p> <p>Harve Stein (Illustrator)</p> <p>Faith Ringgold (Painter/Sculptor)</p>
1995	<p>Carlos Gonzalez-Lobo (Architect)</p> <p>John Marshall (Cinematographer)</p> <p>Charlotte Perriand (Furniture Designer)</p> <p>Paula Cooper (Gallery Owner)</p> <p>John Sculley (Software Designer)</p>
1996	<p>Helen Frankenthaler (Painter)</p> <p>Harvey K. Littleton (Glass Artist)</p> <p>Houghton P. Metcalf, Jr. (Trustee/Benefactor)</p> <p>Lina Wertmuller (Filmmaker)</p>

1997	Virginia Lynch (Gallery owner/Trustee) Peter Geisser (Art Educator/Glass Artist) Chuck Close (Painter) Antonio Ratti (Textile Designer) Vartan Gregorian (President of Brown U. '89-98)
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1998	Malcolm Grear (Graphic Designer) Hugh Hardy (Architect) Se-ok Suh (Painter)
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1999	Rosalind Krause (Art Critic) Eugene Lee (Theatre Set Designer) Rachel L. Mellon (Garden Designer)
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2000	Stanislav Libenský & Jaroslava Brychtová (Glass Artists) Paula Rego (Printmaker/Painter) Sidney Greenwald (Former Board Chair)
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2001	Gae Aulenti (Architect) Louis Fazzano (Trustee/Benefactor) *Speaker* David Hammons (Illustrator) Hermann Junger (Jewelry/Metalsmithing)
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2002	Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Educator) *Speaker* Ann Hamilton (Sculptor) Pauline Trigere (Apparel Design) Szymon Bojko (Educator)
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2003	Dave Hickey (Art Critic) *Speaker* Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi (Psychologist/Author) Jens Risom (Furniture) Jenny Holzer (Contemporary artist)
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2004	Nathan Lyons (Photographer) David Macaulay (Illustrator/Author/Alumnus, BA 1969) Esther Elise (Estise) Metcalf Mauran (Trustee/Museum Benefactor)
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2005	Kurt Andersen (Cultural critic)
	Deborah Berke (Architect/Alumna, BAR '77)
	Zuzana Licko / Rudy VanderLans (Graphic design)
	Yuri Norstein (Animation)
Eva Zeisel (Industrial Design/Ceramics)	

2006	Kara Walker (Contemporary Artist/Alumna, MFA '94)
	Lari Pittman (Painter)
	Mel Chin (Sculptor)
	Jane Chace Carroll (Trustee/Museum Benefactor)
John O. C. McCrillis (Graphic Designer/Trustee/Alumni, BFA '50)	

2007	Gore Vidal (Writer)
	Seth MacFarlane (Animator/Writer/Alumni, BFA '95)
	Richard Leacock (Film director/Cinematographer)

2008	Yo-Yo Ma (Musician/Peace Ambassador)
	Laurie Anderson (Performance Artist) *Speaker*
	Ed Ruscha (Photographer/Painter/Printmaker/Filmmaker)

2009	Betty Woodman (Ceramicist)
	Sir Ken Robinson (Author/Philosopher) *Speaker*
	Caterina Fake (Entrepreneur/Co-founder of Flickr)
	Jonathan Ive (Industrial Designer)
Roger Mandle (Past President of RISD)	

2010	Art Spiegelman (Graphic Designer)
	Symour Chwast (Graphic Designer)
	Paula Granoff (Art Collector/Philanthropist/Honorary Trustee)
	Ruth Simmons (Educator) *Speaker*

2011	Arnold Berleant (Philosopher)
	Bill Moggridge <i>deceased</i> (Designer, Director Cooper Hewitt) *Speaker*
	Mierle Ukeles (Public Artist)

2012	Rebecca Solnit (Writer/Historian)
	Wang Shu (Architect) *Speaker*
	Studio Ghibli (Filmmakers/Animators)

2013	Karl Gerstner (Designer - in absentia) Maira Kalman (Artist/Illustrator) Bill McKibben (Environmental Activist)
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2014	Todd Oldham (Designer) Jean Kennedy Smith (Diplomate/Health Advocate)
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2015	John Waters (Filmmaker) *Speaker* Adam Gopnik (Author/Writer) Tina Weymouth (Musician) Chris Frantz (Musician) Jerry Harrison (Musician)
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2016	Hilton Als (Author/Writer/Critic) *Commencement Speaker* Martha Rosler (Artist) *Graduate Hooding Speaker* Esther Wojcicki (Educator)
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