

2025 College of Liberal Arts and Education Distinguished Alumnus of the Year



Peter Halley, '78

Artist
MFA

Peter Halley is an American artist and a central figure in the Neo-Conceptualist movement of the 1980s. Known for his Day-Glo geometric paintings, Halley is also a writer, the former publisher of *Index Magazine*, and a teacher, serving as director of graduate studies in painting and printmaking at the Yale University School of Art from 2002 to 2011. He received his bachelor's degree in art history at Yale, with a year's break in New Orleans after his sophomore year. He returned to New Orleans and received his Master of Fine Arts degree from UNO, finishing in 1978. Halley remained in New Orleans until 1980 and now lives and works in his hometown of New York City.