

White Columns

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Dr. Charles Smith's Hammond, Louisiana site (2001–present) (photo by Fred Scruton, courtesy White Columns)

Dr. Charles Smith

When: July 8–September 10

Where: White Columns (91 Horatio Street, West Village, Manhattan)

Dr. Charles Smith claims God once told him to make art as an antidote to his suffering. A Vietnam War veteran and ordained minister, Smith heeded the call by turning his family homes in Illinois and Louisiana into wondrous outdoor sculpture gardens called the African-American History Museum + Black Veterans' Archive. More than 30 new figurative sculptures comprise his first solo show in New York City, hearkening to his experience exploring legacies of slavery in the United States and teaching himself sculpture as a remedy to personal trauma.

—*Billy Anania*