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Bradshaw is included in the permanent collections of The Museum of Modern Art, New York; Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York; The Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York; The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; The National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC; The Philips Collection, Washington, DC; The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles; The Mattress Factory Museum, Pittsburgh; the LeWitt Collection, Chester, CT; Fields Sculpture Park at Art OMI International Arts Center, Ghent, NY; Arkansas Arts Center; Brooklyn Museum of Art; Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh; The Art Institute of Chicago; The Birmingham Museum of Art, Alabama; and the Rubin Museum of Art, New York; The British Museum, London; Centre Pompidou, Paris, Esbjerg Museum of Modern Art, Denmark; Muestra International De Arte Grafico, Bilbao, Spain; The State Russian Museum, Marble Palace, St. Petersbourg, Russia.

Her work has been widely exhibited in the US, Europe, and Asia. Bradshaw lives and works in New York City.