



Curriculum Vita
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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Mills College, Oakland, California, 2009

Bachelor of Fine Arts, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, Summa Cum Laude, 2001

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2023 - cont.	Professor of Art, East Texas A&M University, Commerce, TX
May 2019 - May 2023	Associate Professor of Art, East Texas A&M University
Aug. 2013 - May 2019	Assistant Professor of Art, East Texas A&M University
Aug. 2012 - May 2013	Interim Photography Faculty, East Texas A&M University
Jan. 2012 - Dec 2012	Lecturer of Art, University of Texas Dallas, Richardson, TX
Aug. 2009 - May 2010	Lecturer of Art, University of Texas Dallas, Richardson, TX
Aug. 2009 - May 2010	Adjunct Faculty, University of North Texas, Denton, TX
Aug. 2007 - May 2009	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mills College, Oakland, CA

PUBLICATIONS

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2026 **Window and Wind, Solo Exhibition**, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Dallas, Texas
Lost Pine, Double Pine, Solo Exhibition, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia
Ten by Ten, Fotofest Bieniell, Sawyer Yards, Houston, TX
Lux Plantae, Almanaque Fotográfica Mexico City, Mexico
Madre Terra, Almanaque Fotográfica Mexico City, Mexico
ClickBait, San Jacinto College, Houston, Texas
- 2025 **Thesaurus of Air, Solo Exhibition**, Christine DeVitt Gallery, LHUCA, Lubbock, Texas
Echo, Trim, Extend, Beatrice M. Haggerty Gallery, University of Dallas, Dallas, Texas
A Yellow Rose Project, The Griffin Museum of Photography, curated by Frances Jakubek and Meg Griffiths, Winchester, Massachusetts
- 2024 **Concrete Ocean, Solo Exhibition**, Gordon Art Galleries, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia
Delta Triennial, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, Arkansas
Making Light of Every Thing, Centre de la Photographie Genève, Geneva, Switzerland
Center of Attention: Selected Acquisitions From the Past Decade, The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, Texas
- 2023 **Garden of Artificial Sugar, Solo Exhibition**, Old Jail Art Center, Albany, Texas
Grounded, SP/N Gallery, University of Texas Dallas, Richardson, Texas
- 2022 **Paris Photo Fair, Curiosa Sector, Solo Exhibition**, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Paris, France
Collecting Forests, Solo Exhibition, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Dallas, Texas
Latent Adaptations, Two-person exhibition, Rosemary Duffy Larson Gallery, Broward College, Davie, Florida
Fake Plastic Forest, Blue Star Contemporary, San Antonio, Texas
The Fabric of Being, Salisbury University Art Galleries Downtown, Salisbury, Maryland

- Infinite Weight/Present Histories**, Vault Gallery, University West Georgia
- {Placeholder}: florilegia**, Axis Gallery, Sacramento, California
- 2021 **Blue Crush, Solo Exhibition**, Angelina College, Lufkin, Texas
- Latent Architecture, Solo Exhibition**, Elon University, Elon, North Carolina
- Whereabouts and Hideouts: Artists Imagine Our Built Environment**, The Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
- 2020 **Fractured**, Photo-eye Gallery, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2019 **This Place, Solo Exhibition**, Pictura Gallery, Bloomington, Indiana
- American Martini, Solo Exhibition**, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- 2018 **Collections, Keepsakes, Souvenirs**, Two-person exhibition, Galveston Art Center, Galveston, Texas
- Simulacrum II**, The Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, Netherlands
- 2017 **Leigh Merrill and Adriana Corral**, Two-person exhibition, University of Texas Arlington Gallery, Arlington, Texas
- In the Mix**, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
- Deception**, Filter Space, Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 **This Place, Solo Exhibition**, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Dallas, Texas
- This Place, Solo Exhibition**, Flashpoint Gallery, Washington, D.C.
- All of the Above**, Barbara Davis Gallery, Houston, Texas
- CTRL+P: Leigh Merrill**, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, Illinois
- Between Earth and Sky: Contemporary Art From the American Southwest**, curated by Peter Held. Traveling exhibition: Sichuan University, Nanjing University of Posts and Telecommunications, University of Shanghai Science and Technology; and Xi'an International University, China
- 2015 **Cloud Seeding, Solo Exhibition**, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Alexandria, Virginia
- This Side of Paradise**, FotoFest International and Houston Center for Photography, Houston, Texas
- (N)either (N)or**, The Curatorial Lab, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Observations and Collections, Clara Hatton Gallery, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

Located Place, Kresge Gallery, Lyon College, Batesville, Arkansas

2014 **Drive Thru, Solo Exhibition**, Manifest Gallery, FotoFocus Biennial 2014, Cincinnati, Ohio

Cinder Blocks and Cherry Blossoms, Solo Exhibition, Liliana Bloch Gallery, Dallas, Texas

Trace: Andy Mattern, Leigh Merrill, Pavel Romaniko, SCA Contemporary, Albuquerque, NM; Greymatter Gallery, Milwaukee, WI; Box 13, Houston, TX

2013 **Still, Solo Exhibition**, Women and Their Work Gallery, Austin, Texas

Manifest Destiny, Solo Exhibition, The Tremaine Gallery, Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut

Fictional/Familiar, Two-person Exhibition, Swarm Gallery, Oakland, California

2012 **Just Not Yet**, Landmark Arts Gallery at Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

Fabricated, Tremaine Gallery at the Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, Connecticut

2011 **Into the Sunset, Solo Exhibition**, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, Texas

2010 **Selections**, di Rosa Preserve Art Center, Napa, California

2009 **Streets**, Two-person Exhibition, 1078 Gallery, Chico, California

Young Americans, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, California

2007 **Fence, Solo exhibition**, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, Arizona

Contemporary Forum, Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, Arizona

Carnaval Do Rio Art Auction, ASU Art Museum, Tempe, Arizona

2006 **House, Solo exhibition**, Eye Lounge Gallery, Phoenix, Arizona

2001 **Bed, Solo exhibition**, John Sommers Gallery, Albuquerque, New Mexico

ARTWORK IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COLLECTIONS

The Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, Texas

The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, Texas

The Museum of Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

The University of North Texas Print Study Collection, Denton, Texas

City of Phoenix Art & Culture Permanent Collection, Phoenix, Arizona

California Institute of Integral Studies Permanent Collection, San Francisco, California

Harmon Guest House Hotel, Healdsburg, California

Clarendon Hotel Collection, Phoenix, Arizona