

## **BETSY WILLIAMSON**

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### **Education**

- May 2011      Masters of Fine Art, Photography  
University of North Texas  
Research Topic: From the Textbooks of Art History: the textbook as a photographic archives of Art History
- May 2011      Masters of Art, Art History  
University of North Texas  
Research Topic: Changing Perspective's: Gauri Gill's *The Americans*
- May 2006      Bachelors of Fine Art, Photography  
University of Texas at Arlington, Magna Cum Laude

### **Solo Exhibitions**

- 2012      *Mining the Textbooks of Art History*, ARC Gallery and Educational Foundation, Chicago, Illinois  
*Rewriting Art History*, Mercantile Gallery, Dallas, Texas, Curator: Laura Lee Brott
- 2011      *Reconsidering Art History: A Solo Exhibition*, Gallery 76102, Fort Worth Center, University of Texas at Arlington, Fort Worth, Texas, Curator: Terry Cummings  
*From the Textbooks of Art History: An MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Union Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas  
*Considering India: A Solo Exhibition*, Cora Stafford Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2018      *Contemporary Landscapes*, CICA Museum, Gimpo-si, Gyeonggi-do, South Korea
- 2017      *Exchange*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, Texas, Invited by Kenda North
- 2014      *Photography and Materiality*, Main Gallery, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, Texas, Curator: Marilyn Wilgore
- 2013      *11<sup>th</sup> Joyce Elaine Grant Exhibition*, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas  
Juror: Sarah Kennel  
*Tarrant County College Bi-Annual Photography Faculty Exhibition*, Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus, Hurst, Texas
- 2012      *44<sup>th</sup> Annual Visual Art Society of Texas Juried Exhibition*, Meadows Gallery, Center for the Visual Arts, Denton, Texas, Juror: Elizabeth Dunbar  
*Intercept*, Multiplexer, Las Vegas, Nevada, Curator: David Sanchez Burr

- CAC's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Show*, Contemporary Art Center, Las Vegas, Nevada,  
Juror: Mat Gleason
- Bookstore*, Drift Station, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2011 *Low Tech/No Tech: A Juried Plastic, Pinhole, and Camera-less Show*, Vermont  
Center for Photography, Brattleboro, Vermont
- A River Runs Through It*, SPESC Members Exhibition, University of Texas at San  
Antonio, San Antonio, Texas
- 125-Mile Visual Arts Exhibition*, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas  
Juror: John Hartley
- Rising Eyes of Texas 2011*, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, Texas  
Juror: Risa Puleo
- 2010 *Annual Art Alliance Student Art Competition*, Texas Woman's University, Denton,  
Texas, Juror: Danette Dufihlo
- The Narrative Arc*, UNT on the Square, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas  
Curator: Jenny Vogel
- Zine and Self-Published Photo Book Fair*, New York Camera Club, New York,  
New York
- Distill(ed): A Water Themed Exhibition*, Cora Stafford Gallery, University of North  
Texas, Denton, Texas
- Magic Silver 2010*, Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray State University, Murray,  
Kentucky, Juror: Ken Merfeld
- 2009 *Rising Eyes of Texas 2009*, Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, Texas,  
Juror: Michelle Smythe
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Joyce Elaine Grant Exhibition*, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas,  
Juror: Lisa Hostetler
- 2008 *Writing with Light*, Bradshaw Gallery, Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas,  
Juror: Elizabeth Mellott
- 2007 *Inter-Mix This*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, Texas
- TCC Show*, Fine Arts Building, Tarrant County College, Hurst, Texas
- Focus Society of Photographic Education Show*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway Gallery, University  
of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
- Society for Photographic Education Student Show*, UC Gallery, University of Texas at  
Arlington, Arlington, Texas
- Writing with Light*, Dallas Public Library, Dallas, Texas, Juror: Mark Penland
- 2006 *Salon show*, Architecture Gallery, UT Arlington, Arlington, Texas
- Writing with Light*, Dallas Public Library, Bradshaw Gallery, Dallas, Texas,  
Juror: Paul Leicht
- Camera Shy*, Fine Art Building, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
- Wishful Wings*, Gallery West, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas

- 2005 *Found Elements*, Gallery West, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas,  
Jurors: Jennifer Fluegge and Jeff Junkin  
*Image and Text*, Dallas Public Library, Bradshaw Gallery, Dallas, Texas  
*Line Show*, Gallery West, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas  
*Annex Opening*, Gallery West, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas
- 2004 *Society for Photographic Education Student Show*, The Royal Theater,  
Archer City, Texas

## Performances

- 2015 *Crossing Over*, with Meropi Mitrou and Chiman Dangi, Daiji Footbridge, Udaipur,  
Rajasthan, India

## Residencies

- 2015 Art Junction Artist Residency, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India

## Collections

- 2010 Special Collections, Blagg-Huey Library, Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas  
Letitia and Sedrick Huckaby, Private Collection, Ft. Worth, Texas

## Bibliography

- 2012 Allegra Kirkland, "Artist Betsy Williamson takes apart the Textbook," *Chicago Reader*,  
Thursday, July 5, 2012.  
<http://www.chicagoreader.com/Bleader/archives/2012/07/05/artist-betsy-williamson-takes-apart-the-textbooks>
- Brentney Hamilton, "Revising and Re-Imagining History," *Dallas Observer*, Thursday,  
May 17, 2012.
- Jenessa Kenway, "Shrewd Loops: Video Art that aims to revise the way you look at  
media," *Las Vegas City Life*, Thursday, April 12, 2012.  
[http://www.lasvegascitylife.com/articles/2012/04/12/ae/art/iq\\_52623207.txt](http://www.lasvegascitylife.com/articles/2012/04/12/ae/art/iq_52623207.txt)
- 2010 *Magic Silver 2010*, Exhibition Catalog, Clara M. Eagle Gallery, Murray State  
University, Murray, Kentucky

## Publication

- 2009 *On the Body: Selected Works from the Rachofsky Collection*, Online Exhibition Catalog,  
UNT Art Gallery, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, Essay: *The Gaze of Sally  
Mann*

## Lectures

- 10/18/2018 Southeastern College Art Conference, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Alabama, Presenting: "Hushangabad: An Indian Village 1968/2018".
- 10/13/2018 Society of Photographic Education South Central Chapter Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Presented: "Ghost Images in an Archive: A case study of Dr. Walter M. Spink's Ajanta Photographs".
- 1/5/2011 Louisiana Technical University, Ruston, Louisiana, Visiting Lecturer, Presented: "Contemporary Photography from India: from 1980 to the Present".
- 10/9/2010 Society of Photographic Education South Central Regional Conference, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, Presented: Image-maker lecture: *Rethinking Art History*.
- 2/10/2009 Lunch on the Body: A Graduate Student Conversation Series, UNT Art Gallery, University of North Texas. Discussed Sally Mann's photography "Gorjus" from The Rachofsky Collection.
- 4/11/2008 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Undergraduate Art History Symposium, University of Texas at Arlington. Presented: "A Connection To Home: The Photographs of Don Hong-Oai".
- 4/11/2006 Lectured to photography students at Sam Houston High School in Arlington, Texas about going to college.

## Teaching Experience

**Adjunct Professor – Intermediate Photography** (darkroom/digital hybrid)  
Department of Art and Art History, University of Texas at Arlington, Spring 2018

**Adjunct Professor – Darkroom Photograph I**  
Department of Art, Collin Collage, Spring 2018

**Adjunct Professor – Art Appreciation**  
Department of Arts, El Centro College, Spring 2018

**Adjunct Professor – Art Appreciation**  
Department of Arts, El Centro College, Summer II 2015

**Adjunct Professor – Photography 1** (digital)  
Department of Arts, El Centro College, Spring 2015

**Adjunct Professor – Photography 1** (digital)  
Department of Arts, El Centro College, Fall 2014

**Adjunct Professor – Photography 1** (darkroom/digital hybrid)  
Department of Art and Technology, University of Texas at Dallas, Spring 2014

**Adjunct Professor – Photography 1** (darkroom/digital hybrid)  
Department of Art and Technology, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2013

**Adjunct Professor – Photography and Digital Design**  
Department of Art and Technology, University of Texas at Dallas, Fall 2013

**Adjunct Professor – Art Appreciation**  
Department of Art and Science, Navarro College, Spring 2013

**Adjunct Professor – Alternative Photographic Processes**  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Spring 2013

**Adjunct Professor – Alternative Photographic Processes**  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Fall 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Darkroom Photography I**  
Art Department, Tarrant County College, Fall 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Art Appreciation**  
Art Department, Tarrant County College, Maymester 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Darkroom Photography I**  
Art Department, Tarrant County College, Spring 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Alternative Photographic Processes**  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Spring 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Photography III** (color, large format printing, view camera)  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Spring 2012

**Adjunct Professor – Alternative Photographic Processes**  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Fall 2011

**Adjunct Professor – Photography III** (color, large format printing, view camera)  
Studio Art Department, University of North Texas, Fall 2011

**Adjunct Professor – Two-Dimensional Design**  
Department of Art & Art History, University of Texas at Arlington, Fall 2011

**Graduate Teaching Assistant**  
Studio Art and Art Education and Art History Departments, University of North Texas,  
2009-2011  
Photography I, Art Appreciation, History of Photography, Design I, Art Appreciation online

## **Related Employment**

**CMYK Photography Workshops, 2016-2017**  
Udaipur, Rajasthan, India

Co-founder and instructor of workshops. Three hour workshops that focused on basic camera operations and composition. One hour was spent indoors discussing camera operations and composition, the rest of the time was spent in the streets of Udaipur. My co-founder and I assisted participants with their cameras and composing nice shots around the city. I also provided individual, site specific assistance.

### **Area Assistant for Photography Program, 2010**

Studio Art Department, University of North Texas

Duties included collecting books from on campus libraries and Interlibrary Loan to create large jpg files of artist work. These files are used to create Power Point lectures for the photography faculty.

### **Graduate Research Assistant, 2008 - 2009**

Art Education and Art History Department, University of North Texas

Worked with Dr. Jennifer Way and two other research assistants to redesign the Modernism course to make it a more student-centered learning class.

Duties included: Creating modules for students to work within, creating lessons and selecting readings, and scanning readings into PDF documents.

### **Graduate Research Assistant, 2009**

Art Education and Art History Department, University of North Texas

Traveled to India with Dr. Lisa Owen to research an active Jain Temple at the site of Ellora.

Duties included: Measuring temple, photographically documenting the temple and the head anointing ceremony, keeping a head count of visitors and talking to visitors to find out why they visited the active temple.

### **Research Assistant for Artist Mike Mandel, 2008**

Western Heritage Parking Garage, Fort Worth Public Art, Fort Worth, Texas

Acquired source material for Mike Mandel to use in his creating of a public art piece in downtown Ft. Worth, Texas. Visited the archives at the Amon Carter Museum, The Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History to collect imagery that depicted Ft Worth's history in the ranch and cattle industries.

### **Photography Lab Coordinator, 2007 - 2008**

Art & Art History Department, University of Texas at Arlington

Duties included: Running and maintaining wet and digital labs, working with faculty to prepare labs for classes, keeping digital ink logs to fully stock ink, maintaining lighting studio, and supervising the work study students.

### **Photography Lab Technician, 2005 - 2007**

Art & Art History Department, University of Texas at Arlington

Duties included: Mixing chemistry and helping students resolve any issues with their work.

## **Professional Activities**

- 10/8/2018 Taught Digital Photography Workshop, Girl Scouts Troop 10682, Portales, New Mexico
- 8/19/2016 Taught Camera Obscura Workshop, 2<sup>nd</sup> graders, Delhi International School, Udaipur, Rajasthan, India.
- 6/18/2011 Taught Digital Photography Workshop, Lewisville Public Library, Lewisville, Texas.

- 9/25/2010 Taught Digital Photography Workshop, Lewisville Public Library, Lewisville, Texas.
- 2/16/2008 Taught Polaroid Transfer Workshop at The Association of Texas Photography Instructors Winter 2008 Conference, University of Texas at Arlington.
- 10/18- 20/2007 Volunteer Coordinator, Society of Photographic Education South Central Region, University of Texas at Arlington.
- 4/25/2006 Gave large format and lighting demonstration to students at Booker T. Washington High School in Dallas, Texas.

## **Honors and Awards**

- 2011 **Juror's Pick Award**  
Rising Eyes of Texas – Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, Texas  
Juror: Risa Puleo
- 2008 **Toulouse Graduate Studies Scholarship**  
Toulouse Graduate School – The University of North Texas
- 2007 **Ideas in Art Award Recipient**  
Department of Art and Art History – The University of Texas at Arlington
- 2006 **Graduating Senior Award**  
Department of Art and Art History – The University of Texas at Arlington
- 2006 **Wishful Wings Portfolio Development Award Recipient**  
Department of Art and Art History – The University of Texas at Arlington

## **Organizations**

- 2018 - Present Southeastern College Art Conference
- 2010 - 2011 College Art Association
- 2010 - 2012 McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, Texas
- 2009 - 2010 Houston Center for Photography, Houston, Texas
- 2007 - Present Society of Photographic Education
- 2007 - 2008 Art History Student Union, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2004 - 2008 Focus Photo Club, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2005 - 2006 Historian, Focus Photo Club, University of Texas at Arlington