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EDUCATION

School of the Art Institute of Chicago 1997- 2000
Study focuses included photography and printmaking

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

AMERICAN LEGION, Chicago Public Library, Austin/Irving Branch, Chicago, IL (July - September 2018)
MODERN DAVID, Robert F. DeCaprio Gallery, Moraine Valley Community College, IL (March 2017)
AMERICAN LEGION, Firecat Projects, Chicago, IL (July 2017)

SELECT GROUP EXHIBITIONS

Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Tomorrow, Design Museum, Chicago, IL (2022)
89th Professional Members Exhibition, The Arts Club, Chicago, IL (2020)
Marilyn Stafford Photo Reportage Exhibition, After Nye Gallery, London, UK (2019)
Lucie Foundation Photobook of the Year Award, Splashlight Studios, New York, NY (2018)
PhotoMidwest 10th Biennial, Overture Art Center, Madison, WI (2018)
Prime, Fogelson Studio, Chicago, IL (2017)
Gendered, Mint Museum Uptown, Charlotte, NC (2017)
People, Places and Possibilities, Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL (2017)
Masculinity, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL (2016)
Unbound3!, Candela Books, Richmond, VA (2014)
Midwest Contemporary, LillStreet Art Center, Chicago, IL (2013)
Help Us Help You Help Us, Firecat Projects, Chicago, IL (2013)
Santa's Village Part Deux, The Compound, Chicago, IL (2008)
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AWARDS

3Arts Artist Relief Fund (2020)
Individual Artist Grant, City of Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events (2016)
High Concept Labs Sponsored Artist (2016)
Photolucida Critical Mass (2016, 2017, and 2018 finalist)
Best of ASMP Image Series (2019 third place), Best of ASMP (2015)
Lucie Foundation Photo Made Emerging Scholarship (2015, 2018 shortlisted)
Lucie Foundation A Photo Taken Emerging Scholarship (2018 shortlisted)
Lucie Photobook of the Year Award (2018 finalist)
Marilyn Stafford FotoReportage Award (2018 finalist)
Information Exchange Award, The American Legion Department of Illinois (2018)

PUBLICATIONS

NEA Today
Environmental Justice, Amanda Litvinov (April 2022); Local Power, Amanda Litvinov (October 2021); Lean On Me, Cindy Long (June 2021); The Power of Ethnic Studies, Mary Ellen Flannery (August 2020); Healing from Trauma, Tim Walker (August 2020)
Notre Dame Magazine, Serving Where It Matters Most, Sarah Cahalan (Autumn 2020)
A New Battleground, Chicago Reader (April 2019)
Former Engineer Now Builds Pilots, Jill W. Tallman, AOPA Magazine (February 2019)
Macalester Today
When The Science Is Personal, Andy Steiner (Summer 2019); Theatrical Practice, Julie Hessler (Spring 2019); Bringing Congress Together, Jan Shaw-Flamm (Fall 2018)
AMERICAN LEGION, self-published book (2017)
Catalog, Gendered, Mint Museum Uptown, Charlotte, NC (2017)
Virilities, Cover Image, La Cause du Desir 95, French Revue of Psychoanalysis, (Spring 2017)
Constructing Narrative, Dana Stirling and Yoav Friedlander, Light Leaked (May 2017)
America, Roger May, Light Leaked (November 2016)
Central Structure + School's Out Forever, Posit Issue 9, Journal of Literature and Art (March 2016)
Catalog, Midwest Contemporary, LillStreet Art Center, Chicago, IL (June 2013)

On Assignment editorial photography for Le Nouvel Observateur (France)
 Mike, Jeune, Noir... Et Mort, Natacha Tatu, No. 2599 (September 2014); Comment Les Etats-Unis Ont Repare Leur Economie, Natacha Tatu, No. 2596 (August 2014); Transgenres: Est-ce Une Fille Ou Un Garcon?, Natacha Tatu, No. 2573 (February 2014); Detroit, Ruine Et Renaissance, Natacha Tatu, No. 2567 (January 2014); Gare a la Dete Etudiante!, Natacha Tatu, No. 2531 (May 2013); Ventres a Louer, Natacha Tatu, No. 2519 (February 2013); Classe Moyenne, Natacha Tatu, No. 2502 (October 2012); Sur Un Air Latino Natacha Tatu, No. 2502 (October 2012); Ruee Sur L'or Noir!, Natacha Tatu, No. 2493 (August 2012); L'ecole de la Tolerance, Natacha Tatu, No. 2461 (January 2012); Etats-Unis, View a Credit, Natacha Tatu, No. 2461 (January 2012)
 When School is Out: Gay Friendly Education i the US, Gary Younge, The Guardian UK (July 2012)
 Tipping Points in Caring for the Gender-Nonconforming Child and Adolescent, Robert Garofalo, MD, MPH - Pediatric Annals, Vo. 43, No. 6 (June 2014)
 Chicago Red Hots Roller Derby Ablaze for National Title, Andy Frye, Sun-Times Media (October 21, 2013)
 Anatomy of Habit 2, Zach Pollack, Brooklyn Vegan, January 10, 2012
 Scary Humor, Andrea Jablonski, Red Eye, December 7, 2011
 Anatomy of Habit, Zach Pollack, Brooklyn Vegan, November 9, 2011

SELECT PRESS

EXIT Photo Magazine, #72 - Masculinity (November 2018)
 Guest on The 21st, Niala Boodhoo, Illinois Public Radio (November 12, 2018, rebroadcast August 26, 2019)
 Is Your Name David?, FotoRoom (November 2018)
 Author Talk: American Legion, Make It Better Magazine (July/August, 2018)
 What's In A Name: The Modern David Project of Mariah Karson, Esthetic Lens Magazine (March 20, 2018)
 Familiar/Familial, Photo-Emphasis, Rachel Jump (June 2018)
 Loomis and Logan, Bob Logan, Crest Ink (January, 2018)
 Legion Towns: Through the Lens, The American Legion Magazine (October, 2017)
 Photo of the Day, Kat Kiernan, Don't Take Pictures (August 28, 2017)
 Review: American Legion at Firecat Projects, Tom Mullaney, New Art Examiner (August 7, 2017)
 Guest on Nocturnal Journal, Dave Hoekstra, WGN Radio 720am (July 22, 2017)
 Shout Out: Mariah Karson, photographer and health-food fan, Irv Leavitt, Pioneer Press (July 20, 2017)
 What GENDERED Was Like and Why You Should Go, CLT Tales (June 29, 2017)
 How Do You View Gender?, Barbara Schrieber, Charlotte Observer (June 27, 2017)
 Searching for Modern David, Jessi Virtusio, Daily Southtown (March 31, 2017)
 After Michelangelo, David Hammond, New City Chicago (February 23, 2017)
 Freeport Museum Offers Different Takes On Masculinity, Guy Stephens, Northern Public Radio (June 8, 2016)
 Freeport Art Museum Unveils a Topical Exhibit on Masculinity, Jane Lethlean, Journal Standard (May 21, 2016)
 Review: Midwest Contemporary at Lillstreet Art Center, Michael Weinstein, New City Chicago (June 18, 2013)

EXPERIENCE

Speaker, Made by Women, PhotoLab: 4x5: The Stories Behind the Frames, Apple Store Michigan Avenue (March, 2019)
 FOTO Mercado, Artist Book Fair, Ace Hotel (March, 2019)
 Speaker, Patriotism and Community Action Discussion led by Great Books Foundation, Chicago Public Library, Austin-Irving Branch (2018)
 Speaker, Artist Talk for American Legion, Union League Club Post 758, Chicago, IL (2018)
 Speaker, Artist Talk for American Legion, Department of IL Convention, Springfield, IL (2018)
 Speaker, Artist Talk for American Legion, National Veterans Art Museum, Chicago, IL (2017)
 Speaker, Artist Talk for American Legion, sponsored by ASMP, Firecat Projects, Chicago, IL (2017)
 Speaker, Artist Talk with AP Photography, Gallery 37, Chicago, IL (2017)
 Speaker, Artist Talk with MVCC Photo Department, Moraine Valley Community College, IL (2017)
 Speaker, Artist Talk for Modern David, Moraine Valley Community College, IL (2017)
 Juror, Student Artwork Showcase, Moraine Valley Community College, IL (2017)
 Speaker, Artists in Conversation with Steven Schapiro, Loyola Museum of Art, Chicago, IL (2016)
 Curator, In Between Drinks, Gil Leora, Firecat Projects, Chicago, IL (2013)
 Curator, Eastern, Adam Siegel, Highland Park Art Center, Highland Park, IL (2010)
 Curator, Embroideries, Peter Frederiksen, The Compound, Chicago, IL (2009)

AFFILIATIONS

ASMP Chicago/ Midwest, Member (2014 - current)
 Board Member, Treasurer, Fine Arts Committee Co-Chair (2014 - 2021)
 Filter Photo Festival, Member
 National Veterans Art Museum, Member
 American Legion Auxiliary, Member