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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Associate Professor of the Practice. Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2022- Associate Professor of the Practice. Department of Art, Art History & Visual Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC (secondary appointment).
- 2024 Research-in-Residence Fellow. Passau International Centre for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies (PICAIS), University of Passau, Germany.
- 2024 Visiting Professor, Regensburg European American Forum. University of Regensburg, Germany.
- 2020 International Visiting Professor (summer), American Studies. University of Regensburg, Germany. *Postponed due to Covid-19.*
- 2019-21 Visiting Associate Professor of the Practice. Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2018- Core Faculty, MFA in Experimental and Documentary Arts. Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2017 Lehman Brady Visiting Joint Chair Professor in Documentary Studies and American Studies at Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Fall semester.
- 2016 Visiting Scientist (summer). Centre for Contemporary History (Zentrum für Zeithistorische Forschung). Potsdam, Germany.
- 2014-23 Undergraduate Education Director. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2016- Faculty, Duke-in-Berlin (summer)

- 2013-21 Lecturing Fellow in the Documentary Arts. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2005-13 Instructor, Undergraduate Education. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.

EDUCATION

- 2008 MFA, Studio Art. Maryland Institute College of Art.
- 2003 MA, Visual Communication. School of Journalism and Mass Communication. University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 1995 BA, History, *cum laude*. Duke University.
- 1993-94 German Studies and Documentary Film. University of Würzburg, Germany.

AWARDS

- 2023-4 "Visualizing Climate and Community Resilience: Contemporary 'Green' Germany as a Case Study," Ideation Award, Duke Climate Research Innovation Seed Program
- 2023-4 Pilot Research Project on "Dialogues and the Experiences of War," Sanford School of Public Policy
- 2023 Duke Brazil Initiative Research Travel Award
- 2023 Citizenship and Transnational Migration: Photographic Tableaux, Duke Office of Global Affairs
- 2022-3 Trent Foundation. "German Cultural Expressions in Santa Catarina, Brazil and Baden-Württemberg / Bavaria, Germany."
- 2021-3 U.S. Embassy, Berlin, Germany. "Reimagining the Transatlantic Relationship: Engaging German Youth Through Documentary Photography." Public Diplomacy Arts Program.
- 2022 Social Science Research Institute (SSRI). "Measuring German Cultural Connections in Santa Catarina, Brazil."

- 2022 CENTER (Santa Fe) Callanan Excellence in Teaching Award Nominee
- 2021 Office of Faculty Advancement. "Reckoning with Race, Racism, and the History of the American South" Grant. For "Blue Mud: Experiences of Race in Alamance County, North Carolina." With Jaki Shelton Green, Poet Laureate of North Carolina.
- 2021 FeatureShoot Emerging Photographer Award, United Kingdom
- 2021 Faculty Research Grant. Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University.
- 2020 International Visiting Professorship Grant. Bavarian State Ministry for Education, Science, and the Arts, Germany. *Postponed due to Covid-19.*
- 2020 Regional Artist Grant. ArtsGreensboro.
- 2020 Franklin Humanities Institute Seed Grant, "The Carceral Imaginary," with Negar Mottahedeh and Leela Prasad. Duke University.
- 2020 Duke Brazil Initiative Research Travel Award
- 2019 Duke India Initiative Faculty Award, "Imaginary Landscapes: Teachers-Students-Artists," with Chandan Gomes and Katie Hyde
- 2019 Short List, Kaunas Photo Festival, Kaunas, Lithuania
- 2019 Global Seed Grant, with Birgit Bauridl and Max Stockburger. Franklin Humanities Institute and the Office of Global Affairs/Mellon Global Enhancement Fund, Duke University.
- 2019 Faculty Research Grant. Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University.
- 2018 Short List, Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival
- 2018 International Studies Grant. Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund.
- 2018 Short List, FestFoto, Porto Alegre, Brazil

- 2017 Archie Green Fellowship. American Folklife Center, U.S. Library of Congress.
- 2017 Publication Grant. Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts.
- 2016 Artists and Architects Study Grant. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).
- 2016 Faculty Research Grant. Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University.
- 2016 International Studies Grant. Josiah Charles Trent Memorial Foundation Endowment Fund.
- 2016 Short List, RADAR Prize. Spain.
- 2015 Arte Laguna Prize for Photographic Art

Organized by the Italian Cultural Association MoCA, with support from the Italian Head of State, and the patronage of, among others, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Veneto Region, and the European Institute of Design (IED).
- 2015 Regional Artist Grant. ArtsGreensboro.
- 2015 Collaboration Development Grant. Council for the Arts, Duke University.
- 2015 Goethe-Institut Fellowship. German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).
- 2015 Duke Initiative for Science & Society Photography Award
- 2012 "100 Under 100: Superstar of Southern Art." *Oxford American*.
- 2012 Short List, Athens Photo Festival
- 2011 Short List, Forward Thinking Museum
- 2010 Baum Award for Emerging American Photographer. Baum Foundation / SF Camerawork.

Jury: Bruce Hainley, contributing editor, *Artforum*, Los Angeles; Erin O'Toole, assistant curator,

department of photography, SFMOMA; Tina Takemoto, artist and professor, California College of the Arts; Jack von Euw, curator of The Bancroft Library Pictorial Collection, UC-Berkeley; and Chuck Mobley, curator, San Francisco Camerawork.

- 2009 Photolucida Critical Mass Book Award Finalist
- 2009 Selected, Review Santa Fe
- 2005-08 Maryland Institute College of Art Fellowship
- 2007 Marty Forscher Fellowship Honorable Mention. Parsons School of Design and *PDN*.
- 2008 *PDN Photography Annual*. Best Photography of the Year.
- 2007 Magenta Foundation Flash Forward Honorable Mention
- 2007 *PDN Photography Annual*. Best Photography of the Year.
- 2006 Photolucida Critical Mass Top 50
- 2006 Puffin Foundation Grant
- 2003 National Fellowship. Houston Center for Photography.
- 2003 Judge's Award-Julie Saul, Julie Saul Gallery. American Society of Media Photographers-New York.
- 2003 *PDN Photography Annual*. Best Photography of the Year.
- 2002 Graduate Research Grant in Photography. Center for the Study of the American South. UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2001-03 Park Fellowship. UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2000 Small Project Grant for Artists. D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.
- 1995 Benenson Award. Institute of the Arts, Duke University.
- 1995 Julie Harper Day Prize in Documentary Studies. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.

1992 Research Award. Center for International Studies at Duke University.

SELECTED SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 Rubenstein Library Photography Gallery, Duke University. *The Pretend Villages*. With text by Abdullah Anteppli. Durham, NC.
- 2016 tête. *Hohenfels und Grafenwöhr*. Berlin, Germany.
- 2015 Scope Miami Art Fair. *Selections from "Theater of War."* Hosted by Clark Gallery. Miami, FL.
- 2015 Davis Library, UNC-Chapel Hill. *Guantánamo Bay and The Library at Camp Delta*. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage at Brown University / University of Rhode Island Feinstein Providence Campus Gallery. *Guantánamo Bay*. Providence, RI.
- 2014 Alexandria Museum of Art. *Theater of War: The Pretend Villages of Iraq and Afghanistan*. Alexandria, LA.
- 2014 The Fine Art Museum, Western Carolina University. *Remote Sites of War*. Cullowhee, NC.
- 2013 Sumter County Gallery of Art. *Dress Rehearsal*. Sumter, SC.
- 2010 SF Camerawork. *The Baum Award*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2010 Texas Tech University School of Art. *Theater of War: The Pretend Villages of Iraq and Afghanistan*. Lubbock, TX.
- 2009 Griffin Museum of Photography. *Dana Fritz and Christopher Sims*. Winchester, MA.
- 2009 National Geographic Society. *Guantánamo Bay*. Special installation in conjunction with the premiere of *Explorer: Inside Guantánamo*. Washington, DC.

- 2009 Civilian Art Projects. *Guantánamo Bay*. Curated and organized by Amanda Maddox, Corcoran Gallery of Art, and Jayme McLellan, Civilian Art Projects. Washington, DC.
- 2009 Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art. *War on Terror: Inside/Out—Photographs by Christopher Sims and Stacy Pearsall*. Charleston, SC.
- 2008 Center for the Study of the American South, UNC-Chapel Hill. *Theater of War: The Pretend Villages of Iraq and Afghanistan*. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2008 Decker Gallery, Maryland Institute College of Art. *Thesis Exhibition*. Baltimore, MD.
- 2005 Showcase School of Photography. *Homefronts*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2004 John Hope Franklin Center Main Gallery, Duke University. *Recruit*. Durham, NC.
- 1998 Durham Art Guild. *Photographs from the Parish of the Immaculate Conception Church*. Durham, NC.

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Witness to Guantánamo*. Power Plant Gallery, Duke University. Durham, NC. Group exhibition.
- 2021 FIF - Belo Horizonte International Festival of Photography. *Cidades "Faz de Conta."* Belo Horizonte, Brazil.
- 2021 Extra Gallery Spaces, QUAD. *Format 21*. Derby, United Kingdom.
- 2021 Lake City Creative Alliance. *Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South*. Lake City, SC.
- 2021 Addis Foto Fest. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *Postponed due to Covid-19*.
- 2020 FIF - Belo Horizonte International Festival of Photography. *Mostra Internacional*. Belo Horizonte, Brazil.

- 2020 LSU Museum of Art, Louisiana State University.
Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South. Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2020 Meridian Museum of Art and The Mississippi Arts + Entertainment Experience. *Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South.* Meridian, MS.
- 2020 Hunter Museum of American Art. *Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South.* Chattanooga, TN.
- 2019 *Digital-Virtual-Real*, Kaunas Photo Festival. Kaunas, Lithuania
- 2019 Gregg Museum of Art & Design, NC State University, and Power Plant Gallery, Duke University.
Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South. Raleigh and Durham, NC.
- 2019 CENTER / El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe. *The Big Reveal: Telling Truth in an Age of Fiction.* Santa Fe, NM.
- 2019 FestFoto Brazil, Iberê Camargo Foundation.
Anthropocene Refugees. Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- 2018 Kolga Tbilisi Photo Festival. Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 2018 Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University. *Across County Lines: Contemporary Photography from the Piedmont.* Durham, NC.
- 2018 Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art, College of Charleston, and City Gallery at Waterfront Park.
Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South. Charleston, SC.
- 2018 FestFoto Brazil, Iberê Camargo Foundation. *Genres in Transit: Frontier Photography.* Porto Alegre, Brazil.
- 2017 Cambridge University. *Artificial Things.* Cambridge, United Kingdom.
- 2017 Zagreb Museum of Contemporary Arts. *New Citizens.* Zagreb, Croatia.
- 2015 Nappe Arsenale. *The Arte Laguna Prize.* Venice, Italy.

- 2015 Wegner Gallery, Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University. *Inspired by Nature: Photographs from the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation*. Durham, NC.
- 2015 University of South Carolina. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Columbia, SC.
- 2015 North Carolina Museum of Art. *Director's Cut: Recent Photography Gifts to the NCMA*. Raleigh, NC.
- 2015 Northeastern University. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Boston, MA.
- 2015 Duke Initiative for Science and Society, North Building, Duke University. *Science & Society Photography*. Durham, NC.
- 2014 University of Miami College of Arts and Sciences Gallery. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Miami, FL.
- 2014 Tulane University / Ashe Cultural Center. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 University of Rhode Island Feinstein Providence Campus Gallery. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Providence, RI.
- 2014 Little Haiti Cultural Center. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Miami, FL.
- 2014 Café Gallery, University of Brighton. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Brighton, UK.
- 2014 Rayburn House Office Building Foyer, U.S. Capitol. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Washington, DC.
- 2014 T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Pensacola, FL.
- 2014 ArtFields Art Festival. Lake City, SC.
- 2014 Studio-X Istanbul. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2014 Minnesota History Center. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. St. Paul, MN.

- 2013 International Civil Rights Center and Museum.
Guantánamo Public Memory Project. Greensboro, NC.
- 2013 Power Plant Gallery, Duke University. *In Practice: Work by Duke Arts Faculty*. Durham, NC.
- 2013 The State University of New York-Geneseo.
Photography as Witness: The Charged Landscape of the 21st Century. Geneseo, NY.
- 2013 Meredith College. *Connections: Artists Invited by Meredith College Art Faculty*. Raleigh, NC.
- 2013 Douglass Library, Rutgers University. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2013 Cultural Arts Gallery, Indiana University-Purdue University. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Indianapolis, IN.
- 2013 California Museum of Photography. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Riverside, CA.
- 2013 Herter Gallery, University of Massachusetts.
Guantánamo Public Memory Project. Amherst, MA.
- 2013 Phoenix Public Library. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. Phoenix, AZ.
- 2013 NYU London. *Guantánamo Public Memory Project*. London, England.
- 2012 Kimmel Windows Gallery, New York University.
Guantánamo Public Memory Project. New York, NY.
- 2011 Southeast Museum of Photography. *In Review: War—Ed Grazda, Louie Palu, Lucian Perkins, and Christopher Sims*. Daytona Beach, FL.
- 2011 Phodar Biennial. *Contemporary Myths*. Pleven, Bulgaria.
- 2011 Louisiana Tech University School of Art. *Louisiana Purchase*. Ruston, LA.
- 2011 Danville Museum of Fine Arts and History. *Nine Visions*. Danville, VA.

- 2011 RedLine. *Discoveries of the Meeting Place*. Denver, CO.
- 2010 XIV Bienal de Fotografia, Centro de la Imagen. *Discoveries of the Meeting Place*. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2010 Noorderlicht Photofestival. *Warzone*. Leeuwarde, The Netherlands.
- 2010 FotoFest Biennial. *Discoveries of the Meeting Place*. Houston, TX.
- 2010 Impressions Gallery. *Bringing the War Home*. Bradford, United Kingdom.
- 2010 Concord Art Association / Clark Gallery. *Seeing Is Believing*. Concord, MA.
- 2010 Criss Library, University of Nebraska at Omaha. *Game Play*. Omaha, NE.
- 2009 Photo Center Northwest. *Photolucida's Critical Mass*. Seattle, WA.
- 2009 Abdijmuseum Ten Duinen. *Act of Faith*. Koksijde, Belgium.
- 2009 Light Factory. *Annuale*. Charlotte, NC.
- 2008 Houston Center for Photography. *Unite and Untie*. Houston, TX.
- 2008 Civilian Art Projects. *Pastime*. Washington, DC.
- 2008 Warsaw School of Social Psychology. *Act of Faith*. Warsaw, Poland.
- 2008 School of Humanities and Journalism. *Act of Faith*. Poznan, Poland.
- 2008 North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. *Virtual Army Experience*. Traveling exhibition to multiple venues in North Carolina.
- 2007 Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. *Photo Grids*. Winston-Salem, NC.

- 2007 Noorderlicht Photofestival. *Act of Faith*. Groningen, The Netherlands.
- 2007 Silvermine Guild Arts Center. *Spectra '07*. New Canaan, CT.
- 2007 Gregg Museum of Art and Design, North Carolina State University *Photography Triennial Exhibition*. Raleigh, NC.
- 2007 Center for Documentary Studies, Duke University. *Faculty and Staff Exhibition*. Durham, NC.
- 2007 R.F. Strickland Building. *Slow Exposures*. Concord, GA.
- 2007 W.B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University. *5th Photographic Image Biennial*. Greenville, NC.
- 2006 Fayetteville Museum of Art. *Discovering Contemporary Art in the Carolinas*. Fayetteville, NC. Juried by Mark Sloan, Director, Halsey Gallery, College of Charleston. Juror Award.
- 2006 The Print Center. *80th Photography Exhibition*. Philadelphia, PA. Juried by Stephen Pinson, Curator of Photography, New York Public Library.
- 2005 Silver Eye Center for Photography. *Fellowship 2005*. Pittsburgh, PA. Juried by Lesley Martin, Executive Editor, Books, Aperture Foundation. Juror Award.
- 2005 Photographic Center Northwest. *Focused*. Seattle, WA. Juried by Mary Virginia Swanson.
- 2005 Soho Photo Gallery. *National Photography Exhibition*. New York, NY. Juried by Richard B. Woodward.
- 2005 Frankie G. Weems Gallery, Meredith College. *25th Annual North Carolina Photographers Juried Exhibition*. Raleigh, NC. Juried by Philip Brookman, Corcoran Gallery of Art. Juror Award.
- 2005 Upstairs Gallery. *The Lensless Image: Contemporary Pinhole Photography*. Tryon, NC.
- 2004 Houston Center for Photography. *Fellowship Exhibition*. Houston, TX.

- 2004 Design Center of Austin. *Texas Photographic Society 13th National Competition*. Austin, TX. Juried by Sue Brisk, Magnum Photos. Juror Award.
- 2004 Frankie G. Weems Gallery, Meredith College. *24th Annual North Carolina Photographers Juried Exhibition*. Raleigh, NC. Juried by Anne Wilkes Tucker, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Juror Award.
- 2004 Silver Eye Center for Photography. *Fellowship 2004*. Pittsburgh, PA. Juried by Tom E. Hinson, Cleveland Museum of Art. Juror Award.
- 2004 Stepping Stone Gallery. *4th National Juried Exhibition*. Huntington, NY. Juried by Andrea Modica.
- 2003 Jay Hawkins Gallery. *Image 2003*. New York, NY.
- 2003 Durham Art Guild. *49th Annual Juried Art Show*. Durham, NC. Juried by Fay Gold, Fay Gold Gallery.
- 2003 Carolina Union Gallery, UNC-Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2000 State University of New York-Potsdam. *American Identities*. Potsdam, NY.
- 1999 Millsaps College. *Carried to the Heart: Faith and Doubt in Contemporary Southern Photography*. Jackson, MS.
- 1998 Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. *Fields Without Borders*. Durham, NC. Traveling exhibition.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS-BOOKS

- 2021 *The Pretend Villages* (monograph). Heidelberg, Germany: Kehrer Verlag. With an essay by Wells Tower.
- 2021 *Imagens Resolutivas*. Belo Horizonte, Brazil: FIF - Belo Horizonte International Festival of Photography.
- 2018 *Southbound: Photographs of and about the New South*.

- Long, Mark and Sloan, Mark, eds. Charleston, SC: Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art.
- 2018 *Kolga Photo 2018*. Tbilisi, Georgia: Kolga Tsilisi Photo Festival.
- 2017 *New Citizens*. Marina Paulenka, ed. Zagreb, Croatia: Organ Vida Photography Festival.
- 2010 *Bringing the War Home*. Pippa Oldfield, ed. Bradford, United Kingdom: Impressions Gallery.
- 2010 *Warzone*. Sjors Swierstra, ed. Groningen, The Netherlands: Noorderlicht Photofestival.
- 2010 *FotoFest 2010*. Amsterdam, The Netherlands: Schilt Publishing.
- 2004 *American Photography 20*. Kathy Ryan, *New York Times Magazine*, ed. New York: Amilus, Inc.
- 2002 *The Human Cost of Food: Farmworkers' Live, Labor, and Advocacy*. Charles Thompson and Melinda Wiggins, eds. Austin: University of Texas Press.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS—PHOTOGRAPHS

- 2022 *Pinelandia: An Anthropology and Field Poetics of War and Empire* (cover photograph). By Nomi Stone. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
- 2013 "Forgetting Guantánamo, Again." The Design Observer Group. September 26, 2013.
- 2013 Portrait of Natasha Trethewey. *The Southern Quarterly: A Journal of Arts & Letters in the South*. Summer 2013, Volume 50, Number 4.
- 2013 "The Ark Builders." *Financial Times Sunday Magazine*. April 5, 2013.
- 2012 "The Visual South, Part I: Unseen Scenes of Guantánamo." NPR's *The Picture Show*. May 7, 2012.
- 2012 "In Pictures: Guantánamo Bay." *Contexts: Journal of the American Sociological Association*. Spring 2012.
- 2012 *Oxford American*. Issue 76. February 2012.

- 2012 "Beyond the South." *South x Southeast*. January 2012.
- 2010 "In Pictures: Bringing the War Home." BBC News UK. September 20, 2010.
- 2010 "Christopher Sims: The Virtual Army Experience." Verve. May 19, 2010.
- 2010 *Mull It Over*. Jonathan Cherry, ed. March 3, 2010.
- 2009 "HHS! Contender: Christopher Sims." The Hey, Hot Shot! Blog. By Alan Rapp. October 30, 2009.
- 2009 *Loupe*, Photographic Resource Center of Boston University. Dana Faconti, *Blind Spot* Editor and Publisher, ed. Fall 2009.
- 2009 New Works Gallery Online. Silver Eye Center for Photography. October 1-December 31, 2009.
- 2009 *Man and Space: Magazine of the Croatian Architect's Association*. Number 1-2, 2009.
- 2009 "Guantánamo Photos." BBC World Service: *The Strand*. March 2, 2009.
- 2009 "Guantánamo Bay: The Other Side of Gitmo." *Mother Jones* Web Feature. February 2009.
- 2009 "Picture Show: Guantánamo Bay." *Good Magazine* Web Feature. February 18, 2009.
- 2008 Podcast. *Daylight Magazine*. October 2008.
- 2008 *PDN*. May 2008.
- 2007 "Basic Training." *NC State Alumni Magazine*. Summer 2007.
- 2007 *PDN*. May 2007.
- 2006 "Practicing Justice." *Duke Magazine*. July-August 2006.
- 2005 "Married to the Military." American RadioWorks Website. July 2005.

- 2003 "An Army, One by One." Sixbillion.org. Issue 2, Fall 2003.
- 2003 *American Photography on Campus*. September 2003.
- 2003 *PDN*. May 2003.
- 1999 *Image: A Journal of Arts and Religion*. Fall 1999.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS—DOCUMENTARY FILMS

- 2015 *Shock Room*. Photographer / Researcher (New Haven and Bridgeport, CT locations). Feature-length documentary film directed by Kathryn Millard. Commissioned by the Australian Research Council and Macquarie University, Australia.
- 2014 *Biodiversity and the Meaning of Human Existence*. Interviewer / Cinematographer / Director. Commissioned by Apple.
- 2014 *MEMO Project at Buckingham Palace*. Editor.
- 2013 *Inspired by Nature*. Cinematographer / Co-Editor / Director. Commissioned by the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation. Included in October 2014 issue of *National Geographic Kids* (iPad edition).
- 2013 *Ghost Rookeries: Climate Change and the Adelle Penguin*. Assistant Multimedia Editor. Narrated by Harrison Ford. Commissioned by the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation.
- 2013 *CDS Undergraduate Education*. Producer. For the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.
- 2013 *The Long Road to Integration: The 1969 Allen Building Takeover*. Co-Editor / Producer. For the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.
- 2010 *Photographing in the Key of C*. Director. For the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University.
- 2005 *An Army, One by One*. Director.
- 1996 *Cruceros y Caminos*. Producer. Funded by NC Humanities Council.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS—WEBSITES

- 2015 *Chris Sims Projects* (chrissimsprojects.com).
Designer
- 2014 *Remixing Folklore* (remixing-folklore.com). Co-
Designer / Producer.
- 2014 *Field Recordings* (field-recordings.org). Co-Designer
/ Producer.
- 2014 *Power Plant Gallery* (powerplantgallery.org). Co-
Designer / Producer.
- 2013 *Contested* (sportsproject.org). Designer / Producer.
- 2013 *Jill McCorkle* (jillmccorkle.com). Designer.
- 2012 *CDS Books* (cdsbooks.org). Designer.
- 2012 *First Book Prize in Photography*
(firstbookprizephoto.com). Designer / Producer.
- 2012 *MFAEDA Viewfinder* (mfaeda.org). Co-Designer / Editor
/ Producer.
- 2012 *Full Color Depression* (fullcolordepression.com).
Designer.
- 2012 *Visual Storytelling* (visualstorytellingonline.org).
Designer.
- 2012 *Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University*
(documentarystudies.duke.edu). Designer / Writer /
Co-Editor / Producer.
- 2012 *E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation*
(eowilsonfoundation.org). Designer / Writer / Co-
Editor / Producer.
- 2012 *Groundwork* (groundworkproject.org). Co-Designer /
Producer.
- 2012 *True/Story Lab* (documentarywriting.org). Co-Editor /
Producer.

- 2011 *Master of Fine Arts in Experimental & Documentary Arts* (mfaeda.duke.edu). Designer / Co-Editor / Producer.
- 2011 *American Studies* (jim-dow-american-studies.org). Designer / Co-Editor.
- 2010 *Travels with Mike* (travelswithmike.org). Designer / Co-Editor.
- 2010 *Reality Radio* (realityradiobook.org). Designer.
- 2010 *The Art of Farming* (farmingdocumentaries.org). Writer / Editor / Producer.
- 2010 *CDS Porch* (cdsporh.org). Co-Designer / Producer.
- 2009 *Five Farms* (fivefarms.com). Designer / Editor / Producer.

SELECTED FILM SCREENINGS

- 2013 North Carolina Statewide Folklife Festival. *Cruceros y Caminos*. Carrboro, NC.
- 2013 National Park Service 2013 Conference. *Inspired by Nature*. Washington, DC.
- 2013 University College Dublin Science Expression Film Festival. *Ghost Rookeries: Climate Change and the Adelie Penguin*. National Botanic Gardens, Dublin, Ireland.
- 2005 Center for the Study of the Public Domain, Duke University School of Law. *An Army, One by One*. Finalist, Moving Image Arts Festival. Durham, NC.
- 2001 DoubleTake Documentary Film Festival. *Cruceros y Caminos*. Durham, NC.
- 1996 Duke University. *Cruceros y Caminos*. Durham, NC.
- 1996 Sampson Community College. *Cruceros y Caminos*. Clinton, NC.

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS—CURATOR

- 2016 *Capturing the City*. tête. Berlin, Germany.
- 1999 *On the Plains: Photographs by Peter Brown*. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. Durham, NC.
- 1999 *A Positive Life*. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. Durham, NC.
- 1998 *Vietnam: A Book of Changes* by Mitch Epstein and *Vietnamese: Family Legacies* by Howard Henry Chen and Minh-Thu Pham. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. Durham, NC.

SELECTED ARTIST TALKS

- 2022 American Studies, University of Passau, Germany
- 2022 Regensburg European American Forum, University of Regensburg, Germany
- 2022 Power Plant Gallery. Durham, NC.
- 2022 Full Frame Theater, Durham, NC.
- 2022 Rubenstein Photography Gallery, Duke University. Durham, NC.
- 2021 Rubenstein Library, Duke University. Durham, NC.
- 2020 Cary Photographic Artists. Cary, NC.
- 2019 Sri Aurobindo Centre for Arts and Communication. New Delhi, India.
- 2019 "Southbound: War and the Recreation of Culture," Forum for Scholars and Publics, Duke University, Durham, NC. With Nadia El-Shaarawi and Maha Houssami.
- 2019 Łódź Photography Festival. Łódź, Poland.
- 2019 Regensburg European American Forum, University of Regensburg. Regensburg, Germany.

2018 8th Hamburg Photography Triennial. Hamburg, Germany.

2017 Organ Vida "Beyond the Documentary" Conference. Zagreb, Croatia.

2016 Service-Learning Conference. Duke University. Durham, NC.

2015 Studio-X Istanbul. Istanbul, Turkey.

2015 Duke University Alumni Association. Havana, Cuba.

2015 Friends of the Library. UNC-Chapel Hill, NC.

2015 Reykjavik Museum of Photography. Reykjavik, Iceland.

2015 Davis Library. UNC-Chapel Hill, NC.

2015 Duke Conversations. Mebane, NC.

2015 AUMLAC Southern Studies Conference, Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, AL.

2014 Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage, Brown University. Providence, RI.

2014 Alexandria Museum of Art. Alexandria, LA.

2014 The Fine Art Museum, Western Carolina University. Cullowhee, NC.

2013 Sumter County Gallery of Art. Sumter, SC.

2012 Frank Gallery. Chapel Hill, NC.

2011 Southeast Museum of Photography. Daytona Beach, FL.

2010 SF Camerawork. San Francisco, CA.

2010 Swords to Ploughshares. San Francisco, CA.

2010 FotoFest. Houston, TX.

2009 Georgia College and State University. Milledgeville, GA.

2009 Houston Center for Photography. Houston, TX.

2009 Civilian Art Projects. Washington, DC.

- 2009 Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art. Charleston, SC.
- 2008 Civilian Art Projects. Washington, DC.
- 2007 Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art. Winston-Salem, NC.
- 2004 Society for Photographic Education Southeast Conference. University of Georgia Lamar Dodd School of Art, Athens, GA.

PRESS/BIBLIOGRAPHY

- 2024 "Tradição do Pelznickel vira case de estudo internacional." *Guabiruba Zeitung*. January 18, 2024.
- 2023 "Art as Activation and Policy as Action." McDougal, Abi. Sanford School of Public Policy blog post. April 11, 2023.
- 2022 "Interview with Patrick Stawski and Caitlin Kelly: Witness to Guantanamo Exhibit," FHI blog post, February 4, 2022.
- 2021 "'The Pretend Villages': Stell dir vor, es ist Krieg." *GQ (Germany)*. Aichinger, Verena. March 8, 2021.
- 2021 Interview: Christopher Sims. Arte TV (French and German TV). Häfele, Kathrin.
- 2021 "Auf einen Tee mit dem Warlord." *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. Rothhaas, Julia. April 20, 2021.
- 2021 "Simular a guerra num Afeganistão e Iraque de faz-de-conta." *Público*. Maia, Ana Marques. May 18, 2021.
- 2021 "Inside the U.S. Military's Uncanny 'Theater of War.'" *Feature Shoot*. Rosen, Miss. June 6, 2021.
- 2021 "'The Pretend Villages,' de Chris Sims: los Poblados Falsos que Recrean Aldeas de Irak y Afganistán dentro de los EEUU son Reales." *Xataka Foto*. Condés, Oscar. September 30, 2021.

- 2021 "Photographer Documents U.S. Military's Fake Middle East Villages." *PetaPixel*. Lusina, Anete. September 23, 2021.
- 2021 "Featured: Christopher Sims." Singapore International Photography Festival. 2021.
- 2021 "Kehrer Verlag at Photo London 2021." Photo London 2021.
- 2021 "Pretend Villages, Real Military Training." *The Duke Daily*. September 14, 2021.
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- 2009 *Flavorwire*. "Photographer Christopher Sims Goes Inside Guantanamo Bay." By Corianna Sichel. March 12, 2009.
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- 2009 *Prison Photography*. "Guantanamo." May 23, 2009.
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- 2009 *The Washington Post*. "Freed from Horror, 'Guantanamo' Lets Imagination Roam." By Jessica Dawson. February 13, 2009.
- 2009 *Daily Serving: An International Forum for the Contemporary Visual Arts*. "War on Terror: Inside/Out." By Cecelia Dailey. February 12, 2009.
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PUBLIC COLLECTIONS

Baum Foundation, San Francisco, CA

John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and
International Studies, Duke University, Durham, NC

Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

National Media Museum, Bradford, United Kingdom

North Carolina Museum of Art, Raleigh, NC

GALLERY REPRESENTATION

Ann Stewart Fine Art, Chapel Hill, NC (2008-2022)

Civilian Art Projects, Washington, DC

Clark Gallery, Boston, MA

OTHER TEACHING

2021- Master of Public Policy Program, Sanford School
of Public Policy, Duke University

2021- Graduate Liberal Studies, Duke University

2019 Graduate Workshops, Sri Aurobindo Centre for Arts
and Communication, New Delhi, India

2001-10 Continuing Education, Center for Documentary Studies
at Duke University / Duke Continuing Studies.

1994-97 Summer workshop training for undergraduates
interning at health, education, and labor
organizations serving migrant farmworkers in North
Carolina and South Carolina.

COURSES TAUGHT

Documentary Studies (undergraduate):

First Year Seminar

Multimedia Documentary

Documentary Engagement

Farmworkers in North Carolina

Web Design and Narrative

Capstone Seminar

Capturing the City: Documentary Photography in Berlin

Traditions in Documentary Studies

MFA in Experimental and Documentary Arts (graduate):

Thesis Production

Public Policies Studies (graduate):

Ethics and Equity in Media, Documentary, and Technology

Liberal Studies (graduate):

Documentary Explorations

Continuing Education:

Advanced Photography Seminar

Photography and the Holocaust

Multimedia Production

Web Design

Community partnerships with Music Maker Relief Foundation, North Carolina Folklife Institute, and Student Action with Farmworkers.

OTHER POSITIONS

- 2013-14 Web Production Director. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2013- Director of Video and Web Projects. E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation, Durham, NC.
- 2011-13 Contributing Photographer / Interviewer. Guantánamo Public Memory Project, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2003-13 Web Content Manager. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 2001-03 Art Director. *Carolina Communicator*. UNC-Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 1999-2001 Photo Archivist. United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, DC.
- 1996-99 Exhibitions and Public Programs Coordinator. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.
- 1995 Documentary Coordinator. Student Action with Farmworkers, Durham, NC.
- 1994 Photographer/Public Relations Intern. Farmworkers' Project, Benson, NC.
- 1995-96 Lecturing Fellow. Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Durham, NC.

FACULTY AWARDS

- 2023-4 Reuben-Cooke Culturally Responsive Practice Project Fellowship
- 2023-4 Duke Climate and Sustainability Teaching Fellow
- 2022-3 Reuben-Cooke Culturally Responsive Practice Project Fellowship
- 2023 Collaborative Teaching Projects Award, Sanford School of Public Policy

2022-3 Collaborative Project Courses Fellows Program, Bass Connections

2022 Assistantships for "Arts, Documentary, and Public Policy, "Race and Racism in Alamance County, North Carolina," Sanford School of Public Policy

2021 Seed Grant, Office for Faculty Advancement, Duke University. Center for Documentary Studies Anti-Racism Faculty Learning Community.

2021 Carry the Innovation Forward Grant, Duke Learning Innovation

2021 Bacca Fellow, Language, Arts & Media Program

2019 Top 5% Instructor Teaching Excellence Award from Dean of Academic Affairs, Duke University

2019 Rubenstein Arts Center Residency for Chandan Gomes for "This World of Dew"

2019 Office of the Provost Cognate Training Grant, "Book Design and Typography"

2018 Duke India Initiative Faculty Grant, "Documentary Photography from India"

2018 Duke Performances / Language, Arts & Media Program Curriculum Enrichment Award

2016-17 Humanities Writ Large "New Configurations"

2016-17 Teaching for Equity Fellow

2016-17 Bacca Fellow, Language, Arts & Media Program

2016 Language, Arts & Media Program Course Grant for "Web Design and Narrative"

2016 Arts and Sciences Faculty Assessment Committee Grant

2016 Humanities Writ Large "New Configurations" (pilot)

2016 RIPP Fellowships in the Documentary Arts

2016 Humanities Writ Large Summer Documentary Fellows Program

- 2016 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2016 Paletz Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2015 Betsy Alden Service-Learning Award for Faculty
- 2015 Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Course Grant for "Web Design and Communication"
- 2015 Paletz Course Enhancement Grant for "Web Design and Communication"
- 2015 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2015 Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Course Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2015 Paletz Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2015 RIPP Fellowships in the Documentary Arts
- 2015 Humanities Writ Large Summer Documentary Fellows Program
- 2014-15 Duke Service-Learning Fellow
- 2014 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Multimedia Documentary"
- 2014 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2013 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Farmworkers in North Carolina"
- 2013 Service-Learning Course Enhancement Grant for "Multimedia Documentary"

COMMITTEES/SERVICE

- 2023 Chair, Search Committee, DOCST searches (three instructor positions for Spring 2024)

2023 Commencement Speaker, Graduate Liberal Studies, Duke University. May 2023.

2023 DOCST Courses Grants Review

2022 Bass Connections Review

2020-21 Anti-Racism Faculty Learning Community. Center for Documentary Studies. Co-PI.

2021-2 DKU Promotion/Tenure Committee (3 reviews)

2019- Graduate Admissions Committee. MFA in Experimental & Documentary Arts, Duke University.

2018-23 Undergraduate Admissions Art Portfolio Reviewer. Duke University.

2016 Editorial Team Advisor, "Photo Transfer in Cold War Europe," *International Journal of History, Culture and Modernity*.

2014-23 Director, Duke University Fellows, Full Frame Documentary Film Festival

2013 Judge, Duke University Employee Art Show

2009-13 LINK Media Wall Exhibition Selection Committee, Duke University

2009 Judge, Eastern/Central North Carolina Scholastic Art Awards

2003-23 John Hope Franklin Student Documentary Awards Selection Committee, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University

2003-19 Lewis Hine Documentary Fellows Program Selection Committee, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University

2003-15 Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize Selection Committee, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University

2003-15 CDS/Honickman First Book Prize in Photography Review Committee, Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University

1999 Durham Art Council Grant Selection Committee

1996-99 Director, Duke University Documentary Film/Video
Happening Organizing Committee

1998 Freewater Productions Grant Selection Committee