

# RACHEL TRUSTY

b. 1983, Russellville, AR, Current City: Lawrence, KS.

## EDUCATION

- Present MA/PhD Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies  
*University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS*  
Research Areas: Contemporary Art, Art History 1965 – Present, Gender Theory, Gender History, US History 1900 – Present.
- 2011 MFA Studio Art  
*Lesley College, Boston, MA.*  
Research Areas: Feminist Art, Feminist Theory, Materiality and Process, Fibers.
- 2006 BA Sculpture and Art Education  
*University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.*

Arkansas Teaching License: Art PK-12, Social Studies 7-12, 2006 – Present.

## SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2021 Stephens Gallery, University of the Ozarks, “PRESENT,” Clarksville, AR.
- 2019 Lawrence Arts Center, “Summer Crush”, Lawrence, KS.  
Resident Arts Gallery, “Friends and Lovers,” Columbia, MO.
- 2016/17 KABF 88.3 FM, Host, “Art Talk” Radio Program, Little Rock, AR.
- 2016 University of Arkansas at Monticello, “Floral Collection,” Monticello, AR.
- 2014/15 Historic Arkansas Museum, “Floral Collection,” Little Rock, AR.
- 2013 Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, “Loud White Space,” Blue Mountain Lake, NY.  
The Shed Gallery, “Loud White Space,” Fayetteville, AR.
- 2011 Arkansas River Valley Arts Center, “Stories in Stitches, Russellville, AR.
- 2006 Faulkner County Courthouse, “Bricks for Bethlehem House” Installation, Conway, AR.

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS & SPECIAL PROJECTS

- 2022 *Upcoming:* Greenville Museum of Art, “Growing up Queer in the South,” Curator: Parks Mcallister, Greenville, SC.  
*Upcoming:* Fenix Gallery, “Queer,” Curator: Brad Cushman, Fayetteville, AR.  
Arkansas Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts, Podcast Producer and Interviewer for “Arkansas Women Artists.” Ongoing, Little Rock, AR.
- 2021 Baum Gallery, “Baum Gallery: 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition,” Curators: Brian Young and Sue Bennett, University of Arkansas Campus, Conway, AR.  
Spencer Museum of Art, “Restoring and Redefining the Body,” Juried by the SSAB Committee, Lawrence, KS.  
Wingate Museum of Art, Hendrix University, “No Man’s Land,” Curator: Rebecca Jolley, Conway, AR.  
Bradbury Museum of Art, “Star Children,” Curators: Melissa Wilkinson and Hillary Brooks, Jonesboro, AR.

- 2020 Watkins Museum of History, "The 15<sup>TH</sup> Amendment at 150: The Art of Voting," Curator: Brittany Keegan, Lawrence, KS.  
Sager Braudis Gallery, "November Show," Curators: Joel Sager and Scott Braudis, Columbia, MO.  
Baum Gallery of Art, University of Central Arkansas Campus, "Threads through Time," Curators: Brian Young and Sue Bennett, Conway, AR.
- 2019 Amarillo Museum of Art, "Amarillo Museum of Art Biennial 600: Textile/Fiber," Juror: Alec Unkovic, Amarillo, TX.  
Melanie Carr Gallery, "Shifts Happen," Curators: Fausta Facciponte and Aimee Contnoir, Essex, CT.  
Historic Arkansas Museum, "soothSAY," Little Rock, AR.  
Arts, Numbers, and Letters Gallery, "Artists in Residence" Exhibition, Averill Park, NY.  
Living Arts Gallery, "Then, Here/Now: Creating Community in the Center," Tulsa, OK.
- 2018 Arkansas State University Gallery, "PINK," Curator: Melissa Wilkinson, Jonesboro, AR.
- 2017 Willam F. Laman Library Gallery, "Shelter-in-Place," North Little Rock, AR.
- 2016 Butler Center Gallery, "Hide your Rubies, Shine your Diamonds, Little Rock, AR.  
Historic Arkansas Museum, "Arkansas Contemporaries: Then, Now, Next," Little Rock, AR  
Arkansas Arts Council, "2016 Small Works on Paper Exhibition," Juror: Kati Toivanen, Traveling Exhibition.
- 2015 Gallery 360, "Flora and Fauna," Two-Person Show with Beth Whitlow, Little Rock, AR.
- 2014 Arkansas Arts Council, "2014 Small Works on Paper Exhibition," Juror: Mary Kennedy, Traveling Exhibition.
- 2013 Fayetteville Underground, "Women Take Flight Exhibition," Juror: Fran Otten, Fayetteville, AR.  
Cox Center Gallery, "Arkansas League of Artists Spring Show," Juror: Katherine Strauss, Little Rock, AR.  
707 E. Main Street, "Ovolution Feminist Exhibition," Curator: Lilia Hernandez, North Little Rock, AR  
Washburn Gallery, "Objectified," Cambridge, MA.  
Arkansas Arts Council, "2013 Small Works on Paper Exhibition," Juror: Mary Kennedy, Traveling Exhibition.  
Arkansas Arts Center, "38<sup>th</sup> Annual Toys Designed by Artists," Juror: Tim Tate, Little Rock, AR.
- 2012 South Arkansas Arts Center, "SAAC Juried Competition," Juror: Manuela Well-Off-Man, El Dorado, AR.  
Arkansas Arts Council, "2012 Small Works on Paper Exhibition," Juror: Mary Kennedy, Traveling Exhibition.
- 2011 Boston University Gallery, "Boston Young Contemporaries," Jurors: Jen Mergel, Camilo Alvarez, and Matt Rich, Boston, MA.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Rachel Trusty, "Feminine Gestures: Challenging Objecthood through White and Black Feminist Performance Art," *The International Journal of Social, Political, and Community Agendas in the Arts* 13, no 4 (2018): 29-40. Print and Online.

## OTHER PUBLISHED WORKS

- 2020 Rachel Trusty, "What Will Become of Interactive Art When Museums Reopen?," *Alliance Blog*, American Alliance of Museums, May 8, 2020. Online.
- 2019 Rachel Trusty, "Queer Abstraction," *ARTMargins Online*, MIT Press, Sept. 17, 2019. Online.
- Rachel Trusty, "The New Gallery offers a Contemporary Art Experience," *The Daily Record*, Sept. 2, 2019. Print and Online.

## CURATED EXHIBITIONS

- May 2022 *Mining the Gap* Exhibition. Exhibition of works from the permanent collection of the Spencer Museum of Art that demonstrate both Feminist and Queer approaches. Spencer Museum of Art, University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.
- 2015 – 2020 *Delta des Refusés* Exhibition. This annual exhibition was organized in tandem with the *Delta Exhibition* at the Arkansas Arts Center. The *Refusés* acted as a counter-show where artists who were rejected from the *Delta* could participate. Various sites in Little Rock and North Little Rock, AR.
- Jan. 2018 *One Year Down Exhibition*. Co-Curated with John Hardy and Lee Weber. This exhibition included works that commented on events in and themes of the first year of the Trump Administration. New Deal Gallery, Little Rock, AR.
- 2016 – 2018 *Arkansas Fiber Arts Exhibition*. This annual exhibition features contemporary artists from Arkansas who bring innovative approaches to fiber arts including quilting, embroidery, soft sculpture, and basketry. Laman Library Gallery System, North Little Rock, AR.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, & RESIDENCIES

### Awards/Fellowships

- 2022 *Upcoming*: Applied Humanities Boot Camp, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
- 2021 College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Graduate Scholarly Development Award, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
- Spencer Museum of Art, Brousseau Award, *Reclaiming and Redefining the Body* Exhibition, Lawrence, KS.
- 2020 Graduate Teaching Award: Best Teacher and Teaching Mentor, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
- 2019/20 National Museum of Women in the Arts, Arkansas Committee, Featured Artist, Juror: Courtney Taylor. Little Rock, AR.
- 2018-19 Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ks.
- 2017 Polly Wood Crews Award, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Arkansas Committee.
- 2016 Arkansas Arts Council, Purchase Award, Small Works on Paper Exhibition, Little Rock, Ar.
- 2015 Mayflower School District, Distinguished Faculty Award, Mayflower, Ar.
- 2013 Arkansas Arts Council, Purchase Award, Small Works on Paper Exhibition, Little Rock, Ar.

### Grants

- 2020 Department of Graduate Studies, Scholarly Presentation Travel Grant, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ks.

- 2019 Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department, Travel Grant, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Ks.
- 2016 Arkansas Arts Council, Sally A. Williams Fund Artist Grant, Little Rock, Ar.

### **Residencies/Internships**

- 2020 Shelter-in-Place Artist Residency, Conducted Virtually.
- 2019 Arts, Letters, & Numbers Artist Residency, Albany, Ny.
- 2016 *Open Palace Programme* Internship, London, England.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE**

- 2018 – Present Member of the Queer & Trans Caucus for Art, College Art Association
- 2021-22 Student Member of the Curriculum Committee, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Kansas.
- 2020-21 Member of the Diversity and Inclusion in Curriculum Committee, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Kansas.
- 2018/20 MFA Mentor, Lesley College.
- 2016-18 Member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.
- 2014-15 President and Board Member of the Arkansas League of Artists.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **Conferences**

- 2022 *Upcoming*: Dismantling the Body: Possibilities and Limitations in Art Making Symposium, Paper Presentation: Understanding Embodiment within the Artistic Genre of Queer Abstraction,” Online. March 16, 2022.
- 2021 *LGBTQ Research Symposium*, Paper Presentation: “The Queer, Affective Potential in Prem Sahib's 'Sweat Panels.’” Online. June 4, 2021.
- 2020 College Art Association Conference, Paper Presentation: “Audience Understanding of *Untitled(Placebo-Landscape-for-Roni)* by Felix Gonzalez-Torres. Chicago, Chicago, IL, February 15, 2020.
- 2017 2017 Midwest Popular Culture Assoc./American Culture Assoc. Conference. Paper Presentation: “The Lavender Menace Makes: Lesbian Art in the Feminist Movement”. Hyatt Regency, St. Louis, MO. October 18-22, 2017.
- Twelfth International Conference on Arts in Society, Paper Presentation: “Feminine Gestures: Challenging Objecthood with White and Black Performance Art.” American University of Paris, Paris, France. June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Seventh Annual Gender and Communication Conference, Lecture: “Ways of Seeing: Representations of the LGBTQ Communities in Contemporary Art.” Western Kentucky University. Bowling Green, KY. April 8, 2017.

#### **Invited Talks**

- 2022 *Upcoming*: Regional Art Museum, “Women in Contemporary Art” Series. Online. August and September, 2022.

- Hall Center for the Humanities, Gender Seminar Series, Paper Presentation: "Performative Objects/ Performative Bodies: Queer Abstraction as an Intervention into Subjecthood and Resistance." University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, Feb. 3, 2022.
- 2021 Kansas Women's Leadership Institute Lecture: "An Introduction to Sex and Gender," Online. July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- Southwestern College Visual Arts Department, Lecture: "Interventions into Portraiture," Chula Vista, CA. April 27, 2021.
- 2020 Coalition of Masters Scholars on Material Culture, Lecture: "Assessing Queer Failure in the artistic genre of Queer Abstraction," November 21, 2020.
- Craft Conscious Website, Lecture: "Gender and Craft," August 25, 2020.  
<https://www.craftconsciousedu.com/gender-1>.

### Artist Talks

- 2022 *Upcoming*: Fenix Gallery, Artist Panel for *Queer* Exhibition, Juror: Brad Cushman, Fayetteville, AR. June 3, 2022.
- 2021 Regional Art Museum, Artist Talk: Current Work, Fort Smith, AR. Online. Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- No Man's Land* Artists Roundtable, Windgate Museum of Art, Hendrix College, Conway, AR April 21, 2021.
- Star Children* Exhibition Artists Roundtable, Bradbury Museum of Art, Jonesboro, AR. March 15, 2021.
- 2019 Lawrence Arts Center, Artist Talk for *Summer Crush Exhibition*, Lawrence, KS. July 1, 2019.
- 2017 *Small Town, Big Minds* Radio Program, Panelist: "Art in the Current Political Climate." KXRJ 91.9 FM. Russellville, AR. March 13, 2017. Radio.
- 2016 University of Arkansas Monticello, Artist Talk, September 29, 2016. Monticello, AR.
- 2011 Lesley College, Artist Talk, June 10, 2011. Boston, MA.

### TEACHING & RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Present University of Kansas, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Lawrence, KS.
- 2018/20 Lesley College, MFA Graduate Student Mentor, Boston, MA.
- 2016 – Present University of Arkansas at Morrilton, Lecturer, Morrilton, AR.
- 2015 – 2017 William F. Laman Library System, Gallery Coordinator and Educator, North Little Rock, AR.
- 2016 UA Pulaski Tech, Lecturer, North Little Rock, AR.
- 2014-2015 Mayflower High School, Art Teacher, Mayflower, AR.
- 2013-2014 University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Lecturer, Little Rock, AR.
- 2012-2014 Pulaski Academy Upper School, Ceramics and Art Teacher, Little Rock, AR.
- 2011 University of Central Arkansas, Lecturer, Conway, AR.
- 2010/11 University of Arkansas at Morrilton, Lecturer, Morrilton, AR.
- 2008-2011 Perryville High School, Art Teacher, Perryville, AR.
- 2006-2008 Alma Middle School, Art Teacher, Alma, AR.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Lecture: Feminist and LGBT+ Art (1965-Present)  
Art Criticism and Aesthetics  
Art History: Ancient – Renaissance  
Art Appreciation

Sex, Gender, and New Media  
Elementary Art Education  
Art History: Renaissance – Modern  
Introduction to Gender Studies.

Studio: Drawing I  
Watercolor  
2D Design

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

College Art Association: General and Queer and Trans Caucus of Art Member

Arkansas Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Art

Arkansas Women's History Institute