

**BETHANY JOHNSON**

Born: LaPorte, Indiana, 1985  
Lives and works in Austin, TX

**Education**

2011 Master of Fine Arts in Painting, University of Texas at Austin; Austin, TX  
2007 Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art, Kalamazoo College; Kalamazoo, MI

**Professional Experience**

2017 - present Assistant Professor, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX  
2015-17 Full-Time Lecturer, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
2012-14 Adjunct Instructor, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

**Solo & Two-Person Exhibitions**

2021 Dairy Arts Center, Boulder, CO  
*We Live on a Planet*, Frontier Space, Missoula, MT  
2020-21 *Safe Keeping*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
2019 *We Live on a Planet*, Courtyard Gallery, Austin, TX  
*The First Idea is an Imagined Thing*, Institut für Alles Mögliche, Berlin, Germany  
*We Live on a Planet*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
*The Poem That Took Place of a Mountain*, Wild Basin Creative Research Center,  
Austin, TX  
*Between Here & Everywhere Else*, Pleat Gallery, online  
2017 *Field Notes*, The Texas State Galleries, San Marcos, TX  
2015 *Part of Me Just Wants / All of the Things*, Bethany Johnson and Cecelia Robertson,  
The Mom Gallery, Austin, TX  
2014 *Field Notes*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
2013 *Forces, the Will & the Weather*, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
2012 *Shape Shifting: New Methods of Drawings* (with Ann Tarantino), Austin Museum of Art –  
Laguna Gloria, Austin, TX  
*Woven Landscapes*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
2007 *In/Organ*, Light Fine Arts Gallery; Kalamazoo, MI

**Selected Group Exhibitions**

2021 *Path of Entry*, Wiregrass Museum, Dothan, AL  
2020 *Soaring Gardens: The Second Decade*, Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton,  
Scranton, PA

- 2019 *Broadcasts: Art in the Age of Social Distancing*, SPACE, Portland, ME (online)
- 2018 *Texas State Faculty Exhibition*, The University of Texas at Tyler, Tyler, TX  
*Untitled(house)*, Illinois State Museum, Lockport, IL  
*Faculty Exhibition*, The Texas State Galleries, San Marcos, TX  
*2018 Art Hop*, Georgetown Art Center, Georgetown, TX  
*Third Coast Biennial*, K Space Contemporary, Corpus Christi, TX  
*The People's Gallery 2018 Exhibition*, City Hall, Austin, TX  
*Drawing Lines*, *OUTsider Fest*, Austin, TX
- 2017 *Staycation 2: What in the World?*, MASS Gallery, Austin, TX  
*SEEP*, Edwin W. Zoller Gallery, State College, PA  
*Café Sketches*, *Artists Travel Drawings*, Perry and Carlson Gallery, Mt. Vernon, WA  
*Linear Thinking*, Shoestring Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 *At the Edge*, The Wright Gallery, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
*Traded*, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX, Curated by James Scheuren
- 2015-16 *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2015 *Off the Charts*, 516 ARTS, Albuquerque, NM, Curated by Rhiannon Mercer and Claude Smith  
*Elemental Scapes*, UTSA Art Gallery, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio San Antonio, TX  
*Inquiry*, Visual Arts Center, Austin, TX
- 2014 *MAC@20 Part II Featuring The MAC Exhibiting Artists from 2005-2013*, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*EAST Group Show*, Little Pink Monster Gallery, Austin, TX
- 2013 *A Clean Well-Lighted Space*, A project of the Texas Biennial, Austin, TX  
*Break it Down* (with Dan Sutherland, Brad Tucker, and Ben Brandt), Organized by DUTTON, Pop-Up Space at 400 Cesar Chavez, Austin, TX  
*Commitment and Similar Acts of Betrayl*, King Street Gallery, Silver Spring, MD  
*Mighty Line*, Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2012-13 *The Drawing Room II, A Group Exhibition of Texas Artists*, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX
- 2012 *On the Double*, Dutton Gallery, Austin, TX  
*Take-Aways*, Champion Contemporary; Austin, TX
- 2011 *Apparent Weight*, Visual Arts Center; Austin, TX
- 2010 *Texas National*, (juror: Judy Pfaff), Cole Art Center; Nacogdoches, TX
- 2009 *Source of Inspiration*, Trout Museum of Art; Appleton, WI  
*Half and Half*, Creative Research Laboratory; Austin, TX  
*Urban/Street*, Fab Gallery; Austin, TX
- 2008 *Prospects*, Creative Research Laboratory; Austin, TX  
*2008 Juried*, Appleton Art Center; Appleton, WI  
*Grand Opening Show*, Fab Gallery; Austin, TX

## Residencies

- 2020 Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residency, Joshua Tree, CA
- 2019 Institut für Alles Mögliche; Berlin, Germany  
Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
Wild Basin Creative Research Center, Austin, TX
- 2013 Soaring Gardens Artist Retreat, Laceyville, PA
- 2011 Denkmalschmiede Höfgen, Grimma, Germany
- 2010 Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

## Lectures & Workshops

- 2021 Collage workshop and artist talk in conjunction with *Path of Entry*, Dothan, AL
- 2020 Artist talk in conjunction with Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residence, Joshua Tree, CA
- 2019 Artist talk in conjunction with *The First Idea is an Imagined Thing*, Berlin, Germany  
Artist talk in conjunction with *The Poem That Took the Place of a Mountain*, Austin, TX  
Workshop in conjunction with residency at Wild Basin Creative Research Center; Austin, TX
- 2018 Artist Talk in conjunction with Drawing Lines; *OUTsider Fest*, Austin, TX
- 2017 Panel discussion in conjunction with *Staycation 2*, MASS Gallery, Austin, TX  
Artist talk; Borderland Collective, International School of the Americas; San Antonio, TX
- 2016 Panel discussion in conjunction with *At the Edge*, The Wright Gallery, College Station, TX
- 2013 Artist talk in conjunction with *Forces, the Will and the Weather*, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2012 Conversation with Kathleen Higgins, PhD and Professor in Philosophy at UT Austin, in conjunction with *ShapeShifting: New Methods of Drawing*, Austin Museum of Art – Laguna Gloria, Austin, TX
- 2011 Community artist talk in conjunction with Denkmalschmiede Hofgen residency  
Artist talk as recipient of Art League of Austin Scholarship, Austin, TX

## Awards & Honors

- 2020 Artist grant (in conjunction with residency), Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residence, Joshua Tree, CA
- 2019 Artist stipend and materials grant (in conjunction with residency), Wild Basin Creative Research Center, Austin, TX
- 2018 Research Enhancement Program Grant, Texas State University
- 2016 The Hunting Art Prize, Finalist, Houston, TX
- 2014 The Hunting Art Prize, Finalist, Houston, TX
- 2012 The Hunting Art Prize, Finalist, Houston, TX
- 2011 Art League of Austin Scholarship
- 2010 Kelly Fearing Endowed Scholarship, University of Texas at Austin  
M.K. Hage Endowed Scholarship in Fine Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 Learning Tuscany Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin  
M.K. Hage Endowed Scholarship in Fine Arts, University of Texas at Austin
- 2008 Jack G. Taylor Memorial Endowed Presidential Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin  
College of Fine Arts Student Excellence Fund Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
- 2007 Summa Cum Laude, Kalamazoo College  
Honors in Major, Kalamazoo College  
Tedrow-Little-Tyler Grant, Kalamazoo College  
Phi Beta Kappa Induction, Kalamazoo College

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“A Media: Bethany Johnson”, *Revue Profane* No. 10  
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“WMA Artist Interview with Bethany Johnson”, Wiregrass Museum of Art
- 2019 “Studio Visit: Bethany Johnson”, PLEAT Gallery  
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- 2017 -----, "Artist Feature: Bethany Johnson," Conflict of Interest, 2017  
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-----, "WEST Picks," Austin American-Statesman  
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-----, "Artist's New Tools Present Fact, Fancy in a Fresh Light," Austin American-Statesman
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Houston Press, July 18, 2012  
Steven Zevitas, "Ten must See Painting Shows: Summer 2012", Huff Post Arts, The Internet  
Newspaper, Huffington Post, August 10, 2012  
Todd Camplin, "Bethany Johnson at Moody Gallery through August 18<sup>th</sup>", Modern Houston,  
August 28, 2012 (reproductions)  
-----, "The Fairest of the Fair," Paper City Houston
- 2011 "Begegnung mit Künstlern," Leipziger Volkszeitung

## Collections

Trout Museum of Art  
Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residency  
Austin Public Library  
Austin History Center  
Texas State University