

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

2023 - present Associate Professor, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
2017 - 2023 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

2023 *Log Book*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
2022 *Findings*, grayDUCK Gallery, Austin, TX
2020-21 *Safe Keeping*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
2020 *Holding Space*, dispersed locations, Austin, 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)
2018 *Centerpiece Artist: Bethany Johnson*, OUTsider Fest, Austin, TX
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

2025 *50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
2023 *Earthly Forms*, TC Energy Center Lobby, Houston, TX, Curated by Kinzelman Art Consulting

2022 *Points of Return*, The Umbrella Arts Center, Concord, MA, Curator: A La Luz
Contemporary Texas Women Artists: Abstraction Here and Now, Art Museum of
Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX, Curator: Caitlin Clay
Texas Artists: Women of Abstraction, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX,
Curator: Deborah Fullerton

2021 *Faculty Exhibition*, The Texas State Galleries, San Marcos, TX
Path of Entry, Wiregrass Museum, Dothan, AL
Little Things Matter, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
Pride, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (online)
FRC9, Flat Rate Contemporary (online)

2020 *Soaring Gardens: The Second Decade*, Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton,
Scranton, PA
Broadcasts: Art in the Age of Social Distancing, SPACE, Portland, ME (online)
Soaring Gardens: The Second Decade, Hope Horn Gallery, University of Scranton;
Scranton, PA

2019 *Gifts*, The Texas State Galleries, San Marcos, TX
Texas State Faculty Exhibition, Meadows Gallery, The University of Texas at Tyler,
Tyler, TX

2018 *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
14th Annual People's Gallery Exhibition, City Hall, 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 *40th 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

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| 2022 | Laguna Madre Field Station Artist in Residence, Corpus Christi, TX |
| 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

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| 2022 | Artist talk in conjunction with <i>Texas Artists: Women of Abstraction</i> ; South Texas Museum of Art; Corpus Christi, TX Collage workshop; Sitka Center for Art and Ecology; Otis, OR |
| 2021 | Collage workshop and artist talk in conjunction with <i>Path of Entry</i> , Dothan, AL |
| 2020 | Artist talk in conjunction with Joshua Tree Highlands Artist Residence, Joshua Tree, CA |
| 2019 | Artist talk in conjunction with <i>The First Idea is an Imagined Thing</i> , Berlin, Germany Artist talk in conjunction with <i>The Poem That Took the Place of a Mountain</i> , Austin, TX Workshop in conjunction with residency at Wild Basin Creative Research Center; Austin, TX |
| 2018 | Artist Talk in conjunction with Drawing Lines; <i>OUTsider Fest</i> , Austin, TX |
| 2017 | Panel discussion in conjunction with <i>Staycation 2</i> , MASS Gallery, Austin, TX Artist talk; Borderland Collective, International School of the Americas; San Antonio, TX |
| 2016 | Panel discussion in conjunction with <i>At the Edge</i> , The Wright Gallery, College Station, TX |
| 2013 | Artist talk in conjunction with <i>Forces, the Will and the Weather</i> , The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX |
| 2012 | Conversation with Kathleen Higgins, PhD and Professor in Philosophy at UT Austin, in conjunction with <i>ShapeShifting: New Methods of Drawing</i> , 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

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| 2023 | Artist grant, Pollock-Krasner Foundation, New York, NY |
| 2021 | Award of Distinction, <i>Little Things Matter</i> , University of Southern Mississippi; Hattiesburg, MS |
| 2020 | Resident artist grant, Joshua Tree Creative Research Center, Joshua Tree, CA |
| 2019 | Resident artist grant, Wild Basin Creative Research Center, Austin, TX |
| 2018 | Research Enhancement 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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- 2020 "Five-Minute Video Tour" – "Bethany Johnson - Safe Keeping + Group Exhibition of Gallery Artists", Glasstire, December 14, 2020
"Top Five: December 10, 2020", Glasstire
"A Media: Bethany Johnson", *Revue Profane* No. 10
Instagram Takeover, Wiregrass Museum of Art
"WMAArtist Interview with Bethany Johnson", Wiregrass Museum of Art
- 2019 "Studio Visit: Bethany Johnson", PLEAT Gallery
Cover art, *The Capra Review*
- 2018 ----, "Top Five: October 3, 2018", Glasstire
----, *Friend of the Artist* Vol. 6, 2018
- 2017 ----, "Artist Feature: Bethany Johnson," Conflict of Interest, 2017
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----, "Notes for an Emergency: A Conversation with Bethany Johnson"
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Bennett, Steve, "Artists navigate our place in the landscape", San Antonio Express News, June 9, 2015.
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- 2013 ----, New American Paintings, No. 108, October/November, 2013, The Open Studios Press, pp. 70-73 (reproductions), Juror- Veronica Roberts, Editor: Steven T. Zevitas.
----, "Studio Visit," Austin Chronicle
----, "Going WEST in Austin," Hyperallergic
----, "WEST Picks," Austin American-Statesman
Glentzer, Molly, "Easy-access art exhibits: Building lobbies become backdrops for works", Houston Chronicle, Star Section, pp. E1 & E3, August 1, 2013.
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Ansporn, Catherine D., "Bethany Johnson, Moody Gallery, Houston", ARTnews, November 2012, pp. 153-154 (reproduction).

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- , "UT Alumna Infuses Science, Poetry in New Exhibit," [The Daily Texan](#)
- , "Artist's New Tools Present Fact, Fancy in a Fresh Light," [Austin American-Statesman](#)
- 2012 Dilso, Meredith, "Quiet Yet Powerful Landscapes, Constructed Dash by Dash", *Art Attack*, [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 18th", [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
 Marathon Oil