

**SARAH WILLIAMS**

Born: Kansas City, MO, 1984  
Currently lives and works in Springfield, MO

**Education**

2006-2009 MFA in Painting and Drawing, University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
2002-2006 BFA in Studio Art, Summa Cum Laude, William Woods University, Fulton, MO

**Solo Exhibitions**

2025 *Midwest Nice*, Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Taillight Towns*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Close to Home*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX

2024 *The Middle*, Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS

2023 *Staying Home*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Pretty Rural*, Andrea Swartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA

2022 *NOMO*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX

2021 *Sarah Williams*, George Billis Gallery, Westport, CT  
*Southeast of Home*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

2020 *Interstate Phantoms*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Twilight Towns*, Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Off-ramp Communities*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Rural Routes*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX

2019 *Sarah Williams*, George Billis Gallery, New York, NY

2018 *Home-Place*, Scarlow's Gallery, Casper, WY  
*Every Nowhere*, Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Night Lands*, University of Central Missouri, Gallery of Art and Design, Warrensburg, MO  
*Speed Trap Towns*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Blanketed*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO

2017-2018 *Unseen America*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Sarah Williams*, George Billis Gallery, New York, NY

2016 *Heartland*, Round Gallery, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL  
*Area Codes*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX

2015 *Flyover Territory*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*City Limits*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX

2014 *Peripheral 36*, Sinclair Gallery, Northwest College, Powell, WY  
*Glow*, Mildred Cox Gallery, William Woods University, Fulton, MO  
*Midwest Noir*, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY

2013 *Blacktop Country*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*30 Miles Between*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Remote America*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX

2012 *Homeward*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*County Line*, McMurtrey Gallery; Micro Space, Houston, TX  
*Nightfall*, Marty Walker Gallery, Dallas, TX

2011 *Outside the County Seat*, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX  
*On the Periphery*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX

- 2010 *Outskirts*, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, St. Joseph, MO  
*Population 4,769*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2009 *Night Vision*, Marty Walker Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*The Places In Between*, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Pinned*, University of North Texas Union Gallery, Denton, TX

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2025 *50th Anniversary Exhibition, Part II*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Untitled Art Fair*, George R. Brown Convention Center, Houston, TX,  
 Moody Gallery  
*Women's Work*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Positive/Negative 40 National Juried Art Exhibition*, Slocumb Gallery, East  
 Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
- 2024 *62<sup>nd</sup> Mid-States Arts Exhibition* Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science  
 Evansville, IN, Juror: Laruen R. O'Connell Curator of Contemporary Art at  
 Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art  
*A Current State*, Carolla Arts and Exhibition Center, Springfield, MO  
*Center of Attention: Selected Acquisitions from the Past Decade*, Old Jail Art  
 Center, Albany, Texas
- 2022 *Through Mossy Ways*, Curated by Marcela Florido for "I Like Your Work"  
 Virtual Exhibition
- 2021 *The Grace Collects Women Artists*, The Grace Museum, Abilene, Texas  
*The Cityscape Show XI*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Dreams and Their Edges*, Curated by John Seed for "I Like Your Work",  
 Virtual Exhibition
- 2020-2021 *Building a Legacy: Selections from the Permanent Collection*, Tyler Museum of  
 Art, Tyler, Texas
- 2019 *Passing Through: Works by Lloyd Brown, Pat Gabriel, and Sarah Williams*, Tyler  
 Museum of Art, Tyler, TX, Curated by Caleb Bell  
*Getting Real*, Strohl Art Center, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY  
*Out of Town*, Andrea Schwartz Gallery, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 *Wonderwall*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Target Texas: What Inspires*, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus  
 Christi, TX, Curated by Deborah Fullerton
- 2017 *Cityscape Show VII*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*This is Now*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*AS IS: Rural Realism*, The Grace Museum, Abilene, TX  
*Art Palm Spring Fair*, Palm Springs, CA, George Billis Gallery
- 2016 *Wonder Wall*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Texas Contemporary Art Fair*, Houston, TX, Moody Gallery  
*Palm Springs Art Fair*, Palm Springs, CA, George Billis Gallery  
*Dallas Art Fair*, Dallas, TX, Talley Dunn Gallery  
*New American Paintings*, Elmhurst Art Museum, Elmhurst, IL
- 2015-2016 *40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2015 *Destination Unknown*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*The Real Show*, The Old Albany Art Center, Albany, TX  
*Dallas Art Fair*, Dallas, TX, Talley Dunn Gallery  
*MSU Biennial Faculty Show*, Brick City Gallery, Missouri State University,  
 Springfield, MO
- 2014 *Wonder Wall*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*The Cityscape Show IV*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Homeward Bound: An American Pictorial*, Fowler-Kellogg Art Center,  
 Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY  
*Night Music*, Trudy Labell Fine Art, Naples, FL

- 2013 *Seven*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Object, Object!: A Selection of Smaller Works*, Helmuth Projects, San Diego, CA;  
 Curators: John Oliver Lewis and Jessica McCambly  
*Wonder Wall*, Blue Gallery, Kansas City, MO  
*Amy Blakemore and Sarah Williams*, The Gallery at UTA; The University of  
 Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX
- 2012 *Bi-Annual Faculty Exhibition*, Missouri State University Gallery, Springfield, MO  
*Houston Fine Art Fair*, McMurtrey Gallery/Houston Art Fair, Houston, TX  
*The Cityscape Show II*, George Billis Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Natural Constructed Spaces*, The Painting Center, New York, NY  
 curator: Marianne Van Lent, Galen Cheney  
*Big and Bright: New Work from Texas*, Southwestern College Art Gallery at  
 Southwestern College, Chula Vista, CA
- 2011 *Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, Brookhaven College Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Hunting Art Prize Finalist Exhibition*, Friedkin Corporate Gulf of Toyota Exhibition  
 Hall, Houston, TX  
*Now. Here. This.*, 3-Art, Curated online exhibition; Curator: Sara Jones  
*Winter Exhibition*, PS Gallery, Columbia, MO
- 2010 *500X Past and Present Member's Drawing Show*, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, University of North Texas Art Gallery,  
 Denton, TX  
*Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, Brookhaven College Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Hunting Art Prize Finalist Exhibition*, Friedkin Corporate Gulf of Toyota Exhibition  
 Hall, Houston, TX  
*Biennial Texas/Oklahoma Art Show*, Wichita Falls Museum of Art Midwestern  
 State University, Wichita Falls, TX; Curator: Janis Goodman  
*HWW*, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2009 *Back in Red, Group Holiday Exhibition*, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Annual Faculty and Staff Exhibition*, University of North Texas Art Gallery,  
 Denton, TX  
*Graduate Student "Launch Exhibition"*, Contemporary Art Dealers of Dallas Art  
 Lab, Dallas, TX, Curator: Ann Lawrence  
*Front Room=Back Room*, Marty Walker Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*2009 Annual Voertman's Art Competition*, University of North Texas Art Gallery,  
 Denton, TX, Curator: John Pomara  
*Observation/Insight: Drawing from the Elm Fork Natural Heritage Museum*,  
 Eagle Exhibition Hall/ Elm Fork Education Center University of North Texas,  
 Denton, TX

### **Selected Artist Residencies and Awards**

- 2020 Castle Hill Truro Center for the Arts; Artist in Residence at Edgewood Farm;  
 Truro, MA \*canceled due to pandemic  
 The Studios of Key West Artist Residency, Key West, FL
- 2019 Missouri State University Research Sabbatical, Springfield, MO
- 2016 Millay Colony for the Arts Artist in Residence, Austerlitz, NY
- 2015 Willapa Bay Artist in Residence, Oysterville, WA  
 Summer Faculty Fellowship; Missouri State University, Springfield, MO
- 2013 Department of Art and Design Travel Grant, Missouri State University,  
 Springfield, MO  
 College of Arts and Letters New Faculty Summer Research Fellowship,  
 Springfield, MO, Missouri State University  
 Ucross Foundation Artist Residency Program Participant, Clearmont, WY
- 2011 Hunting Art Prize Finalist, Houston, TX
- 2010 Vermont Studio Center Summer Residency, Johnson, VT

Vermont Studio Center Artists' Grant, Johnson, VT  
Hunting Art Prize Finalist, Houston, TX

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- 2023 Karren, Haley Berkman, "5 Houston Art Shows You Need to See – 'Tis the Season For Creative Joy: These Artists' Powerful Works Are Worth Catching", Paper City, December 12.
- 2021 The Southampton Review; pp. 159-165, Volume XV Issue 28  
Friend of the Artist; p 272-275, Volume 13  
Darren Jones, ARTFORUM; "Critics' Picks" April 26, 2021  
<https://www.artforum.com/picks/sarah-williams-85556>
- 2020 Ford, Lauren Moya, Glasstire, November 7, 2020 (online) (reproductions)  
Glasstire; November 4, 2020 (online) (Five-Minute Video Tour - *Sarah Williams: Off-Ramp Communities*)  
Create! Magazine; Winter 2020 Issue 19, pp. 162-165.
- 2019 Tyler Today; August/September 2019, pp. 160-161 (reproductions)  
American Art Collector; June 2019, Issue 164, pp. 112-113
- 2018 Fullerton, Deborah; Schenk, Joe; Target Texas: What Inspires; Exhibition Catalogue, Art Museum of South Texas, pp. 38-43 & 51 (reproductions)
- 2017 Tennant, Donna; "Sarah Williams, Moody Gallery", Visual Art Source, Editorial Feature, December 22, 2017 (reproduction)  
Houston Chronicle, Preview Houston, December 13, 2017, p. D24 (reproduction)  
American Art Collector; pp. 66-67, March 2017 Issue 137
- 2016 The Southern Review; Spring 2016 Edition  
Parcel; Spring 2016 Edition
- 2015 New American Paintings; No. 119, Midwest Issue  
Missouri State University's Mind's Eye; Fall 2015, p. 27
- 2014 Midwest Noir; Nicolaysen Art Museum, Exhibition Catalogue  
Amy Blakemore and Sarah Williams; Exhibition Catalogue, University of Texas at Arlington
- 2013 Remote America; Exhibition Catalogue, Art Museum of Southeast Texas
- 2011 New American Paintings; No. 96, Western Issue
- 2010 Houston Chronicle; p. E8, Thursday February 11, 2010
- 2009 Dallas Modern Luxury Magazine; p 56, December 2009 issue
- 2008 Houston Chronicle; p. E2, Friday August 15, 2008  
CAA News; volume 33, number 1, January 2008
- 2007 Fishwrap; volume 4, number 2, summer 2007, Institute for Small Town Studies; Fairfield, IA

## Activities

- 2018 Artist Panel Discussion, Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX  
Artist Lecture, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO
- 2017 Artist Lecture, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
Artist Lecture, The Grace Museum, Abilene, TX
- 2016 Artist Lecture, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL  
Visiting Artist, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL
- 2014 Visiting Artist, Northwest College, Powell, WY  
Gallery Talk, Northwest College, Powell, WY  
Gallery Talk, William Woods University, Fulton, MO  
Gallery Talk, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY
- 2013 Gallery Talk, University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

2013 Gallery Talk, McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX  
2010 Panelist member for the Here. There & Beyond Exhibition; Dallas Contemporary Gallery, Dallas, TX  
Gallery Talk, Houston's *Looking At Art Group*; McMurtrey Gallery, Houston, TX  
2009-2010 Member of 500X Gallery Artist Co-op, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX  
Treasurer for 500X Gallery Artist Co-op, 500X Gallery, Dallas, TX

### **Collections**

Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX  
Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX  
Evansville Museum of Arts, History and Science, Evansville, IN  
Grace Museum, Abilene, TX  
Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX  
Microsoft Art Collection  
Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, WY  
Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, TX  
University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
William Woods University, Fulton, MO  
J. Wayne Stark Galleries, Texas A&M University Art Galleries, College Station, TX

### **University Teaching Experience**

2023-current Tenured Professor, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
2018-2023 Associate Professor, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
2012-2018 Assistant Professor, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO  
2009-2012 Adjunct Faculty, University of North Texas, Denton, TX  
2010-2012 Adjunct Faculty, Brookhaven College, Dallas, TX  
2012-2012 Adjunct Faculty, Austin College, Sherman, TX  
2009 Adjunct Faculty, Richland College, Dallas, TX  
2007-2009 Teaching Assistant, University of North Texas, Denton, TX