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Lives and works in Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2019-2020 Humanities Teaching Fellow in the Visual Arts, University of Chicago.

EDUCATION

2019 M.F.A. Department of Visual Arts, University of Chicago

2006 B.F.A. Photography, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

SOLO SCREENINGS

2016 *Unreeled: Selected Films by Cristen Leifheit*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI

SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

2019 *Light from the End of the Earth*, Payne Gallery, Moravian College, Bethlehem, PA. Curated by Susan Morelock

Streetlight, Wedge Projects, Chicago, IL

Ants Don't Have Names, UChicago MFA Thesis Exhibition, Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

Program 18: Ants Don't Have Names, Maggie Jensen & Cristen Leifheit, Screen Share Video Gallery,

Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL. Curated by Scott Wolniak & Morganne Wakefield

Streetlight Revisited, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL

2017 *Evolutionary Biology Exhibition*, Art Science Exhibits, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Thaer-Institut, Berlin, Germany

2016 *MUX Video Art Festival*, Asheville, NC

Lawrence Art Center's Free State Festival, Animation and Experimental Film Showcase Installation,

Lawrence, KS

2015 *Field Study*, David Weinberg Gallery, Chicago, IL

New Media Arts Festival, Center for the Arts, Hobbs, NM

2014 *Streetlight Series 2.0*, Roman Susan Gallery, Chicago, IL

SELECTED SCREENINGS

- 2019 *CAN TV, Sinema Obscura 2nd Series, Chicago, IL.* Programmed by Sinema Obscura
- 2018 *ANIMATION: Moving Images Intended to Confound and Delight, Agitator Gallery, Chicago, IL.*
Curated by Sinema Obscura
- 2017 *Chicago Onscreen Local Film Showcase, Night Out in the Parks, Chicago, IL*
New Media New Mexico Exhibition and Vision Fest, Center for the Arts, Hobbs, NM. Invited by
Andrew Akufo
NxMW Micro-Budget Film Festival, Epic Theatre, Kalamazoo, MI
Connecting the Drops, Riverview Launch, Kalamazoo, MI
INNER NATURE Exhibition, Filmoteca de Castilla y Leon, Salamanca, Spain
- 2016 *Paper Forest: A Video Screening on Swale, Brooklyn Bridge Park, New York City, NY*
Project 1612: Film Festival, Heuser Art Center and Renaissance Park Community, Bradley
University, Peoria, IL
Chicago Onscreen Local Film Showcase, Night Out in the Parks, Chicago, IL
Midwest Independent Film Festival, Landmark Century Centre Cinema, Chicago, IL
INNER NATURE Exhibition, Marnay-sur-Seine Botanical Garden, Marnay-sur-Seine, France
Chicago Made Shorts Series, Millenium Park, Chicago IL
7 Petits Cailloux (7 Little Pebbles), Tinquieux, France
INNER NATURE Exhibition, Sustainability Week Video Festival at Temple University,
Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 *ECO FRAMES: INNER NATURE Exhibition 2015, Institut Valencia d'Art Modern, Valencia, Spain*
Chicago International REEL Shorts Film Festival, Ferguson Theatre at Columbia College, Chicago, IL
El Petit Ficma- The 22nd International Environmental Film Festival, Barcelona, Spain
ITSA Film Festival, Historic Sonora Opera Hall, Sonora, CA
Tallgrass Independent Film Festival, Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita, KS
Midwest Independent Film Festival, Landmark Century Centre Cinema, Chicago, IL
Women and Minorities in Media Film Festival, Towson University, Towson, MD
Line of Site Video Screening Festival, BOLT Residency Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Summer Shorts: A Side Yard Screening and Reading, Chicago, IL*
SET IN MOTION: Video Art & Experimental Film Night, Fountain Gallery at Purdue
University, Lafayette, IN
- 2012 *Libelula Animation Festival, Lloret de Mar, Spain*

PERFORMANCES

2018 *G+H*, Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL. Written, directed, designed, and performed by MFA class 2019. Produced by William Pope.L

PUBLICATIONS

2019 *Pope.L: Campaign*. Edited by Dieter Roelstraete. Texts by Zachary Cahill, Klea Charitou, Iris Colburn, Tianyu Guo, Jeffrey Hsu, Leon Hösl, Vidura Jang Bahadur, Michal Koszycki, Chichan Kwong, **Cristen Leifheit**, Jasmin Liang, Brock Lownes, Elizabeth McClafferty, Adrienne Elyse Meyers, Pope.L, Monika Szewczyk, Marie-Gabrielle Verbergt. Mousse Publishing. Print 2019.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2019-2020 Humanities Teaching Fellow in the Visual Arts, University of Chicago
2017-2019 University of Chicago Humanities Fellowship, University of Chicago
2018 UChicago Arts Student Summer Fellowship, University of Chicago
2018 Kate Neal Kinley Memorial Fellowship

INVITED PANEL GUESTS AND JURIES

2018 Panel Guest, *Festival of the Arts*, Registered Student Organization, University of Chicago
2017 Juror, *Teen Filmmaker Festival*, Kalamazoo, MI
2017 Juror, *Scholastic Art Awards*, South Bend Museum of Art, IN
2016 Visiting Artist, *Unreeled: Selected Films by Cristen Leifheit*, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, MI
2015 Panel Guest, *Women and Minorities in Media Film Festival*, Towson University, MD
2010 Panel Guest, *Photo Assistant Boot Camp Seminar*, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

INVITED LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

2014- 2017 Visiting Artist and Workshop Instructor, *Summer Scholars*, University of Notre Dame, IN
2008 Guest Lecturer and Photography Workshop Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 *Artistic Specialization for Yellow Gold*, Midwest Independent Film Festival, Best of the Midwest Awards

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-2020 Humanities Teaching Fellow in the Visual Arts, University of Chicago
- 2017-2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, Department of Visual Arts
- 2017-2019 Student Staff, Hack Arts Lab at the Media Arts, Data, and Design Center
- 2017-2019 Student Staff, Jonathan Logan Media Center
- 2006-2017 Photographer, Cristen Leifheit Photography
- 2010-2017 Freelance Animator
- 2006-2016 Freelance Photography Assistant