

## CRISTEN LEIFHEIT

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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

2019 *Streetlight*, Wedge Projects, Chicago, IL

2019 *Ants Don't Have Names*, UChicago MFA Thesis Exhibition, Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

2019 *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

2019 *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

2016 *Lawrence Art Center's Free State Festival*, Animation and Experimental Film Showcase Installation, Lawrence, KS

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

2015 *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
- 2017 *New Media New Mexico Exhibition and Vision Fest*, Center for the Arts, Hobbs, NM. Curated by Andrew Akufo
- 2017 *NxMW Micro-Budget Film Festival*, Epic Theatre, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2017 *Connecting the Drops*, Riverview Launch, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2017 *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
- 2016 *Project 1612: Film Festival*, Heuser Art Center and Renaissance Park Community, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
- 2016 *Chicago Onscreen Local Film Showcase*, Night Out in the Parks, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Midwest Independent Film Festival*, Landmark Century Centre Cinema, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *INNER NATURE Exhibition*, Marnay-sur-Seine Botanical Garden, Marnay-sur-Seine, France
- 2016 *Chicago Made Shorts Series*, Millenium Park, Chicago IL
- 2016 *7 Petits Cailloux (7 Little Pebbles)*, Tinquieux, France
- 2016 *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
- 2015 *Chicago International REEL Shorts Film Festival*, Ferguson Theatre at Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *El Petit Ficma- The 22nd International Environmental Film Festival*, Barcelona, Spain
- 2015 *ITSA Film Festival*, Historic Sonora Opera Hall, Sonora, CA
- 2015 *Tallgrass Independent Film Festival*, Great Plains Nature Center, Wichita, KS
- 2015 *Midwest Independent Film Festival*, Landmark Century Centre Cinema, Chicago, IL
- 2015 *Women and Minorities in Media Film Festival*, Towson University, Towson, MD
- 2015 *Line of Site Video Screening Festival*, BOLT Residency Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *Summer Shorts: A Side Yard Screening and Reading*, Chicago, IL
- 2014 *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 Verberg. 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