

# On Stellar Rays

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## EDUCATION

- 2010** Whitney Independent Study Program, New York, NY  
**2008** Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
**2007** MFA, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA  
**2000** BA, Architecture, CU, Boulder, CO

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** *The Anthologist*, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
**2016** *Playing and Reality*, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY  
**2015** *New Weather*, Johan Berggren Gallery, Malmö, Sweden  
**2013** *ij*, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK  
*A History of Graph Paper*, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY  
**2012** *To Understand Photography You Must First Understand Photography*, Kansas Gallery, New York, NY  
*Recursion*, Bill Brady/KC, Kansas City, MO

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2017** *By the River*, ACME Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cross Currents*, COMA Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
*How to be being*, Super Dakota, Brussels, Belgium  
**2016** *New Builds*, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK  
*Public, Private, Secret*, International Center of Photography, New York, NY  
*Omni Negru*, Galeria Nicodim, Cantacuzino Palace, Bucharest, Romania  
**2015** *Ocean of Images: New Photography 2015*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
*Passing Leap*, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY  
*Theories on Forgetting*, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA  
*Camera of Wonders*, curated by Jens Hoffman, Kadist Art Foundation, Paris, France;  
Museo de Arte Moderno de Medellín, Medellín, Colombia; Colección Isabel y  
Augustín Coppel, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Kill All Zombies*, Property Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Part Picture*, curated by Chris Wiley, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto,  
Canada  
*Painting the Sky Blue*, Stefan Lundgren Gallery, Palma de Mallorca, Spain

*Repetition and Difference*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
*Linear Abstraction*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA  
*Mending Wall*, curated by Alexis Rose, The Pit, Los Angeles, CA [catalog]  
*Speed Space*, curated by Alexandra Gaty, Tif Sigfrids, Los Angeles, CA  
*In Reverse Order*, curated by Brian Rochefort, The Cabin Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

**2014**  
*The Actual*, Eleven Rivington, New York, NY  
*Me and Benjamin*, Galerie Xippas, Paris, France  
*The Material Image*, curated by Debra Singer, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY  
*Aggregate Exposure*, George Lawson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Fixed Variable*, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY  
*Halftone: Through the Grid*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany  
*Halftone: Through the Grid*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Paris, France  
*Eternal Om*, metro pcs, Los Angeles, CA  
*Murmurs: Recent Contemporary Acquisitions*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*California Dreamin': Thirty Years of Collecting*, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA

**2013**  
*Merge Visible*, Horton Gallery, New York, NY [catalog]  
*Fearful Symmetry*, curated by Zoe Stillpass, Balice Hertling, New York, NY  
*Building Materials*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT  
*Still Life Picture Plane*, Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Museum of Modern Art and Western Antiquities, Department of Light Recordings, Section IV: Lens Drawings*, curated by Jens Hoffmann, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris, France [catalog]  
*Decenter*, curated by Andrianna Campbell and Daniel S. Palmer, Abrons Art Center, New York, NY; The George Washington University Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, Washington, DC

**2012**  
*Building Material*, curated by Lucas Blalock, Control Room, Los Angeles, CA  
*Photogenus*, DAAP Galleries, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH  
*Brand Innovations for Ubiquitous Authorship*, Higher Pictures, New York, NY  
*The Crystal Chain*, Invisible Exports, New York, NY  
*Photography Is*, Higher Pictures, New York, NY  
*New Photography in Palma*, Mallorca Landings, Mallorca, Spain  
*Towards A Warm Math*, curated by Chris Wiley, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY  
*Dualities, Omissions, Loops, and Ruptures*, Luis De Jesus, Los Angeles, CA  
*OPTOTYPE: A Show of Skowhegan Alumni*, 92Y Tribeca, New York, NY  
*Moves Thinks Repeats Pauses*, Tony Wight Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2011**  
*Franklin Art Works*, Minneapolis, MN  
*Productive Steps*, Mount Tremper Arts, Mount Tremper, NY  
*Leads to Another*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
*Through The Warp*, Regina Rex Gallery, Queens, NY  
*The Real Word: Function*, Ligne Roset, New York, NY  
*Cauldron Projects*, Birmingham, AL  
*REVERSEVENT*, Los Angeles, CA

- 2010** *Whitney Independent Study Program*, Art In General, New York, NY  
*RIPTIDE*, The Kitchen, New York, NY
- 2009** *Nightingale*, Workspace 2601, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008** *Al's Pizzeria*, Skowhegan, ME  
*LBIF Works on Paper*, Loveladies, NJ  
*Toledo Friends of Photography*, Toledo, OH
- 2007** *Collisions*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*UCLA MFA Exhibition*, Los Angeles, CA  
*Feedback*, LABORal Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, Gijon, Spain  
*Closed*, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006** *California Biennial*, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA  
*Second Natures*, UCLA EDA Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Zero One*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*CODE: BLUE*, Millennium Museum, Beijing, China  
*Morphosis: Continuities of the Incomplete*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2005** *Short*, New Wight Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*CTRL*, New Wight Gallery, Los Angeles, CA

### **SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

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- 2014**
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- Newbury, Susanna. “Superfluous Things: John Houck and David Gilbert.” *X-TRA* (Spring 2014) [online] [ill.]
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### **ARTISTS BOOKS / CATALOGS**

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- 2013** *John Houck, Aggregates 2012-2013, A History of Graph Paper 2013*. Texts by Lucas Blalock, Joanna Fiduccia, and John Houck. Artist’s book. Los Angeles, CA.  
 Hoffmann, Jens. *Museum of Modern Art and Western Antiquities: Lens Drawings*, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris, France
- 2012** Lodret A3, Number 2, fold-out poster

Three Hours Photographing the Same Page, Brand Innovations for Ubiquitous  
Authorship (New York, NY)

**2011** Abe's Penny  
LODRET, fold-out poster  
No Layout, 3 Exclusive Digital Guides to Photography, 2, 3 and 11  
PARALLELOGRAMS, web project

**FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS**

**2011** Swing Space, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council  
**2008** National Endowment for the Arts, Anderson Ranch Residency  
**2007** UCLA Arts Forum Grant

**COLLECTIONS**

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco, CA