

# MOLLY SPRINGFIELD

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Lives and works in Washington, DC

## EDUCATION

- 2006 Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME  
2004 MFA, University of California, Berkeley, CA  
2000 Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD  
1999 BA, *magna cum laude*, Queens College, Charlotte, NC  
1997-98 Visiting Student, The Slade School of Fine Art, London, England

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 *The Marginalia Archive*, Gambrell Center for the Arts, Queens University, Charlotte, NC  
2017 *Excerpts*, Cody Gallery, Marymount University, Arlington, VA  
2015 *The Marginalia Archive*, Flashpoint, Washington, DC  
*This document*, Galerie Thomas Zander, Cologne, Germany (with catalogue)  
2013 *The Marginalia Archive*, Steven Wolf Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA  
2012 *The Proto-History of the Internet*, Thomas Robertello Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2009 *Translation*, Thomas Robertello Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Translation*, Steven Wolf Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA  
2008 *The world is full of objects*, Mireille Mosler Ltd., New York, NY  
2007 *The Real Object*, Thomas Robertello Gallery, Chicago, IL  
2006 *Gentle Reader*, Transformer, Washington, DC  
*They go on telling you just the same thing forever*, Steven Wolf Fine Arts, San Francisco, CA  
2005 *Anything we have not had to decipher on our own does not belong to us*, JET Artworks, Washington, DC  
2003 *collecting/cataloguing/recording/seeing*, The Arts Club of Washington, Washington, DC

## TWO & THREE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 *Take the Long Way Home*, Project: ARTspace, New York, NY. With Eric Ramos Guerrero and Jennifer May Reiland. Curated by Julie McKim.  
*Conference Call: Baxter Koziol and Molly Springfield*, Skowhegan, New York, NY. Curated by Michael Scoggins.  
2018 *Deep Dive*, WAS Gallery, Bethesda, MD. With Suzanne Gold & Sandy Guttman. Curated by Betsy Johnson.  
2015 *Marginalias*, Field Projects, New York, NY. With Brad Thiele & Wilmer Wilson IV. Curated by Blair Murphy.  
2013 *New Positions*, Galerie Thomas Zander, Cologne, Germany. With Philippe Gronon & Owen Kydd.

- 2007 *Simple, Dumb Objects*, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, VA. With Martin Brief & Dean Kessmann. Essay by Alexander Dumbadze.
- 2003 *Janet Maher and Molly Springfield*, Howard County Center for the Arts, Ellicott City, MD

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 *The DMV Collects the DMV*, The Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC  
*A Year of Magical Thinking*, Leerform, Brooklyn, NY. Curated by Julie McKim.  
*RSVP*, Art Enables, Washington, DC.
- 2023 *Interlude*, The Kreeger Museum, Washington, DC. Curated by Maleke Glee.  
*The Barlow Gilotty Collection*, American University Museum, Washington, DC. Curated by Vivienne Lassman.
- 2020 *BOOKS*, Galerie Thomas Zander, Cologne, Germany
- 2019 *Dialogues*, STABLE, Washington, DC. Curated by Jordan Amirkhani.  
*Assembly 2019*, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, VA. Curated by Blair Murphy.  
*Incommunicado*, Montpelier Arts Center, Laurel, MD  
*Distance*, Dorksy Gallery, Long Island City, NY. Curated by Betsy Alwin and Steve Locke.
- 2018 *Proust*, Williams Collection, Wellesley, MA. Curated by Rachael Arauz.  
*MICA Alumni Biennial Exhibition*, Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD. Curated by Claire Gilman.  
*Drawing In/Drawing Out*, The Phillips Museum of Art, Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA. Curated by Magnolia Laurie.
- 2017 *Camp Artscape*, Center for the Arts Gallery, Towson University, Towson, MD. Curated by Erin Lehman and Susan Isaacs.  
*Take Note*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA. Curated by Amanda York.  
*Click Here*, Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, VA. Curated by Kayleigh Kayleigh Bryant-Greenwell.
- 2016 *Homage*, Williams Collection, Wellesley, MA. Curated by Rachael Arauz.
- 2015 *I am a Lie and I am Gold*, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY. Curated by Marco Breuer.  
*From Line to Constellation*, Granoff Center for the Creative Arts, Brown University, Providence
- 2014 *Art=Text=Art: Private Languages/Public Systems*, UB Anderson Gallery, University at Buffalo, New York  
*Lists*, Traffic Zone, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 *Drawing Time, Reading Time*, The Drawing Center, New York, NY. Curated by Claire Gilman.  
*Autocorrect*, Josée Bienvenu Gallery, New York, NY  
*Chick Lit: Revised Summer Reading*, Tracy Williams, Ltd., New York, NY. Curated by Pilar Vahey and Molly Rand.
- 2012 *Graphite*, Indianapolis Museum of Art, Indianapolis, IN. Curated by Sarah Urist Green.  
*Falling Through Space Drawn by the Line*, University of Buffalo Art Gallery, Center for the Arts, Buffalo, NY. Curated by Sandra Firmin and Joan Linder.

- 2011 *Art=Text=Art: Works by Contemporary Artists*, selections from the Sally & Wynn Kramarsky Collection, Harnett Museum of Art, University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, VA. Curated by N. Elizabeth Schlatter. Traveled to Zimmerli Art Museum at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2012) and Hafnarborg: The Hafnarfjörður Centre of Culture and Fine Art, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland (2013).
- In—and outside—writing*, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
- Out of Print*, Mercer Union, Centre for Contemporary Art, Toronto, Canada
- 2010 *False Documents and Other Illusions*, Portland Museum of Art, Portland, ME
- Observant*, ISE Cultural Foundation, New York, NY. Curated by Vicki Sher.
- Beyond Text and Image: The Book as Art*, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA
- On/Off the Grid*, Irvine Contemporary, Washington, DC
- 2009 *The Drawing Room*, Mireille Mosler, Ltd., New York, NY
- The Janet and Walter Sondheim Prize Finalist*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore MD  
Selected as one of six finalists for exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art by Elisabeth Sussman (The Whitney), Valerie Cassel Oliver (Contemporary Art Museum, Houston) and Ellen Harvey (artist).
- 2008 *Tuttle*, David Castillo Gallery, Miami, FL
- The Janet and Walter Sondheim Prize Finalists*, Baltimore Museum of Art, Baltimore, MD  
Selected as one of six finalists for exhibition at the Baltimore Museum of Art by Laura Hoptman (New Museum of Contemporary Art), Darby English (University of Chicago) and Mickalene Thomas (artist).
- Idiolects*, BROWN Gallery, London, England. Curated by Lumi Tan.
- At Arm's Length*, NurtureArt, Brooklyn, NY. Curated by Julie McKim and Lauren Dickens.
- Lie to the Eye*, Bakersfield Museum of Art, Bakersfield, CA
- 2007 *Leaded: The Materiality and Metamorphosis of Graphite*, Joel and Lila Harnett Museum, University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, VA, Curated by N. Elizabeth Schlatter. Traveled through 2009 to The Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX; Memorial Art Gallery of the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY; Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT; and The Palmer Museum of Art, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA; Western Washington University Gallery, Bellingham, WA; Salina Art Center, Salina, KS; Baum Gallery of Fine Art, University of Central; Dean Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA.
- 2006 *Text Formed Drawing*, Contemporary Art Galleries, University of Connecticut, Storrs. Curated by Barry Rosenberg.
- Private Viewing*, Leroy Neiman Gallery, Columbia University, New York, NY. Curated by Amy Canonico, Jane Innis & Marina Chao, Whitney/Columbia Curatorial Studies Program.
- Well Read*, NurtureArt, Brooklyn, NY. Curated by Christopher Howard.
- 2005 *Circa 75*, New Langton Arts, San Francisco, CA
- Marking Traces*, 33 Grand Gallery, Oakland, CA. Curated by Brad Silverstein.
- Seeded: The Word/The Tree*, RKL Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2004 *Land of the Free*, Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco, CA. Curated by Lee Plested.
- Compass Points*, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA. Curated by Heidi Zuckerman-Jacobson.

- The Opening Band*, I-5 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Equivalents and Analogues*, Yale University, New Haven, CT  
 2003 *Really*, Gescheidle Gallery, Chicago, IL. Curated by Tim Lowly.  
*Profiles: 6 Painters*, Worth Ryder Gallery, Berkeley, CA.  
 2002 *Please Pay Attention*, Worth Ryder Gallery, Berkeley, CA  
*New Talent IV*, Signal 66, Washington, DC

## SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

### **Books**

- 2020 Sarah Urist Green, *You Are an Artist: Assignments to Spark Creation* (Penguin Books, New York)
- 2018 Ellen Mueller, *Remixing and Drawing: Sources, Influences, Styles* (Routledge Focus, New York)
- 2014 *The Thing The Book* (The Thing Quarterly & Chronicle Books, San Francisco)  
*Invalid Format: An Anthology of Triple Canopy*, Volume 3 (Triple Canopy, New York, and Sternberg Press, Berlin)
- 2012 *Invalid Format: An Anthology of Triple Canopy*, Volume 2 (Triple Canopy, New York, and Sternberg Press, Berlin)
- 2011 Lisa Pearson, Ed. *It Is Almost That: A Collection of Image + Text Work by Women Artists & Writers* (Siglio Press, Los Angeles). Includes projects by Eleanor Antin, Fiona Banner, Louise Bourgeois, Ann Hamilton, Susan Hiller, Adrian Piper, and Sue Williams, among others.  
*It Is Almost That (box)*, limited edition boxed set of ten saddle-stitched artist booklets (Siglio Press, Los Angeles)

### **Articles, Reviews, Catalogue Essays, and Interviews**

- 2023 Stephanie Rudig, *INTERLUDE Reflects on Art's Past, Present, Future*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, March 10
- 2020 Kriston Capps, *Washington Is a Storm, One Piece of Art Can Be Your Anchor*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, January 24
- 2019 Haley McKey, *STABLE Makes Debut, Builds New DC Art Community*, ON TAP MAGAZINE, December 7  
 Tara Bahrapour, *A warehouse of their own: DC artists launch a co-working and exhibition space*, WASHINGTON POST, October 11
- 2016 Yasaman Alipour, *I Am a Lie and I am Gold*, THE BROOKLYN RAIL, March 4  
 Sarah Urist Green, *Molly Springfield: Copy A Copy A Copy*, THE ART ASSIGNMENT, PBS Digital Studios
- 2015 Mark Jenkins, *In the galleries: Molly Springfield*, WASHINGTON POST, May 22  
 Kriston Capps, *Mood Board at Furthermore*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, February 27  
 Lauren Schell Dickens, *Molly Springfield: This document*, catalogue essay, Galerie Thomas Zander

- 2013 Zachary Sachs, *Drawing Time, Reading Time*, ARTFORUM (Online Critics' Picks), December  
 Ken Johnson, *When How It Looks Matters More Than What It Says: 'Drawing Time, Reading Time' at the Drawing Center*, THE NEW YORK TIMES, November 22  
 Claire Gilman, "Drawing Time, Reading Time," catalogue essay, The Drawing Center  
 Brandon Brown, *The Marginalia Archive*, ART PRACTICAL, February  
 Kenneth Baker, *Molly Springfield at Steven Wolf*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, February 1  
 Claire Brandon, *'Molly Springfield,'* catalogue essay for *Graphite*, Indianapolis Museum of Art
- 2012 Rachel Wolff, *Giving Graphite a Grand Show*, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Dec. 21  
 Beth Capper, *Molly Springfield at Thomas Robertello Gallery*, MODERN PAINTERS, Oct.  
 R.C. Baker, *Art = Text = Art: Works by Contemporary Artists*, THE VILLAGE VOICE, Sep.  
 Randall Miller, *Molly Springfield and 'The Proto-History of the Internet'*, DAILY SERVING, June 28  
 Stacia Yeapanis, *OthersPeoplesPixels Interviews Molly Springfield*, OPP ARTIST BLOG, May 3
- 2011 John Priestly, *ART=TEXT=ART*, ART PAPERS, November/December  
 Russell Smith, *Regarding the book's mortality, and also its surreal charm*, THE GLOBE AND MAIL (Toronto), January 12  
 Sean Prpick, *Closing the Book*, CBC—Radio Canada, January 31
- 2010 Daniel Kany, *'False Documents' is genuinely excellent*, PORTLAND PRESS HERALD, Dec. 5  
 Rob Walker, *Art That Sells Itself*, THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE, May 8  
 Louis Jacobson, *'On/Off the Grid' at Irvine Contemporary*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, Feb 24
- 2009 Jason Foumberg, *Eat Your Words But Don't Go Hungry (Molly Springfield at Thomas Robertello Gallery)*, NEWCITY ART, September 14  
 Bret McCabe, *The 2009 Sondheim Prize: Molly Springfield*, BALTIMORE CITY PAPER, July 8  
 Kenneth Baker, *Proust in "Translation" at Wolf*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Feb. 28
- 2008 *Looking Back*, Goings on About Town, THE NEW YORKER, July 7 & 14  
 Lauren O'Neill-Butler, *Molly Springfield*, ARTFORUM, March  
 Andy Kozlowski, *Leaded*, ART PAPERS, January/February  
 Amoreen Armetta, *Molly Springfield*, ARTFORUM (Online Critics' Picks), January/February  
 R.C. Baker, *Best in Show: Molly Springfield*, VILLAGE VOICE, January 2
- 2007 Alan Artner, *Photos spur closer scrutiny of subjects*, CHICAGO TRIBUNE, May 4  
 Craig Drennen, *Interview with Molly Springfield*, DRAIN MAGAZINE, Issue 8 (Spring)
- 2006 Peter Winant, *Best Bet: Molly Springfield's Gentle Reader*, WETA-TV (PBS), November  
 Jeffrey Cudlin, *Molly Springfield: Gentle Reader*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, November 3  
*Well Read*, Goings on About Town, THE NEW YORKER, May 8  
 Michael O'Sullivan, *Text: Reading Between the Lines*, WASHINGTON POST, April 7  
 Huan Hsu, *Text Messaging: With a photocopier and a pencil, Molly Springfield draws meaning from the printed page*, WASHINGTON CITY PAPER, March 23  
 Glen Helfand, *Knockoffs: Kaz Oshiro and Molly Springfield repurpose your junk*, SAN FRANCISCO BAY GUARDIAN, February 22

### **Publications as Author**

- 2023        *The Art of the Manuscript: An annotated bibliography of books by and about Virginia Woolf*, Full Bleed: Materials, Issue 6
- 2021        *To Sit With Absence*, catalogue essay for *Dean Kessmann: Light Years, Chemical Days, and Digital Seconds*, VisArts-Kaplan Gallery
- 2014        *Excerpts (The Marginalia Archive)*, Art Papers, March/April
- 2012        *Tracking Changes*, Triple Canopy: Annotations, June 11
- 2011        *Lily Cox-Richard*, artist profile, The Studio Visit, June
- 2010        *Inside the Mundaneum*, Triple Canopy, Issue 8, March (essay on Paul Otlet)
- 2007        *Beginnings*, Why + Wherefore, curated by Summer Guthery, Lumi Tan, & Nicholas Weist  
*Voices: Molly Springfield*, NY Arts Magazine, November (essay on Translation project)
- 2006        *The Bookshelf: Molly Springfield*, College Art Association News, September

### **SELECTED AWARDS & RESIDENCIES**

- 2025        John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship Award, New York, NY  
Arts and Humanities Fellowship, D.C. Commission on Arts & Humanities (Also received in 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, & 2018.)
- 2022        Collaboration with Student Printers Program, Tamarind Institute, Albuquerque, NM
- 2016        Residency, The MacDowell Colony, Peterborough, NH  
Residency, The Hambidge Center for the Creative Arts & Sciences, Rabun Gap, GA  
Visual Artist Fellowship, D.C. Commission on Arts & Humanities (Also received in 2015, 2014, 2011, & 2009.)
- 2009        Finalist, The Trawick Prize, Bethesda Contemporary Art Award
- 2008        Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation Creative Fellowship  
Residency, The Millay Colony for the Arts, Austerlitz, NY
- 2006        Skowhegan Fellowship, Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture
- 2004        Eisner Prize for Highest Achievement in the Creative Arts, University of California, Berkeley
- 2004        Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2003        Full Tuition Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2002        Departmental Block Grant, University of California, Berkeley

### **SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES AND VISITING ARTIST TALKS**

- 2024        Katherine Small Gallery, Somerville, MA, May 7
- 2023        Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, George Washington University, November 10
- 2020        Politics and Prose, Book Event for *You Are An Artist*, Washington, DC, May 15 (via Crowdcast)  
Eastern Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN, May 5 (via Zoom)

- Towson University, Towson, MD, April 20 (via Webex)
- STABLE, Panel discussion, *Dialogues Part 2: Language*, Washington, DC, February 1
- 2018 Phillips Museum, Panel discussion, *Drawing In/Drawing Out*, Lancaster, PA February 16
- 2016 Arlington Arts Center, The Lawn Chair Artist Talks, Arlington, VA, May 25
- 2015 Luce Center for American Art, The Smithsonian American Art Museum, Washington, DC, May 9
- Brown University, Panel discussion on artists' libraries at *Interrupt 3*, Providence, RI, March 13
- 2014 Hillyer Art Space, Millennium Art Salon, Washington, DC, March 1
- 2012 Maryland Institute College of Art, Baltimore, MD, March 19
- 2011 Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, March 30-April 1 (with exhibition)
- 2010 McDaniel College, Westminster, MD, October 12
- Triple Canopy, Panel discussion, *Bartleby: A Rereading*, Brooklyn, NY, April 25
- 2009 Transformer, Panel discussion on artist residencies, Washington, DC, April 16
- University of Maryland, Graduate Colloquium, College Park, MD, March 26
- Steven Wolf Fine Arts, Panel discussion on *Translation*, San Francisco, CA, February 14
- 2008 Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA, November 14
- 2007 Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, June 21

### **SELECTED COLLECTIONS**

- City Hall Art Collection, Washington, D.C.
- Sally and Wynn Kramarsky Collection, New York, NY
- The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY (Drawings and Prints)
- The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY
- Williams Collection, Wellesley, MA

### **TEACHING**

- 2020-Present Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University, Department of Art
- 2016-2021 Professorial Lecturer, Corcoran School of the Arts and Design, George Washington University
- 2016-2017 Visiting Artist, George Washington University, Graduate Critical Practices Seminar
- 2014 Visiting Artist, George Washington University, Graduate Critical Practices Seminar
- 2009-2015 Adjunct Professorial Lecturer, American University, Department of Art
- 2009 Adjunct Professor, George Mason University, School of Art
- 2004-2007 Assistant Professorial Lecturer, George Washington University, Department of Fine Arts
- 2004-2007 Adjunct Professor, Maryland Institute College of Art, Foundations
- 2003-2004 Graduate Student Instructor, University of California at Berkeley, Department of Art Practice
- 2002-2003 Teaching Assistant, University of California at Berkeley, Depts. of Art Practice and History of Art