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Lives and works in Cleveland, OH

EDUCATION

MFA, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, 1991

BFA, cum laude, Kent State University, Kent, OH, 1988

University of Akron, Akron, OH, 1983-4

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2017 *Dark Pronoun*, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
Immutable Vapor, Link Gallery, Kent State University Trumbull, Warren, OH
Paintings, Estrella Mountain Community College, Avondale, AZ
- 2015 *Erleichda*, 1point618 Gallery Projectspace, Cleveland, OH
- 2014 *We Don't Exist*, 1point618 Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 2011 *Sommer Sequence*, Arts Collinwood, Cleveland, OH
- 2008 *The Future of Heads*, Exit Gallery, Cleveland, OH
The Future of Heads, Pravus Gallery, Phoenix, AZ
- 2006 *Pre-dawn at the Oasis*, Boreas Gallery, NYC
Paintings, Bliss Gallery, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
- 2005 *The Flower for Disappearing*, Brandt Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 2004 *Forgotten Inventions*, Byram Arts Center, Greenwich, CT
- 2001 *Gray Scent w/ Skin Sound*, Farrell/Pollock Fine Art, NYC
- 1995 *Romantic Hardware*, Brandt Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Current Work, Genesis Art, Athens, OH

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *Artists Select*, Yards Projects, Cleveland, OH
Nicole and Harry Martin Spring Show, Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA
A View From Within, Summit Artspace, (1st place), Akron, OH
Alumni Exhibition, selected by Anderson Turner, Kent State U. Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
- 2018 *JuxtaPositions*, The Painting Center, NYC
The Rockford Midwestern Biennial, Rockford Museum of Art, Rockford, IL
CAN Triennial (Collective Arts Network), 78th Street Studios, Cleveland, OH
Annual Regional Exhibition, Group Ten Gallery, Kent, OH
Hoyt Regional, Reto Thuring, juror, Hoyt Center for the Arts, New Castle, PA
Fresh, Summit Artspace, (1st place), Akron, OH
- 2017 *Drums on Paper*, through Authorized to Work in the US Press, Ground Floor Gallery, NYC
American Fiber: National Juried Exhibition of Works on Paper, The Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Creates, ARTneo - The Museum of Northeast Ohio Art, Cleveland, OH
- 2016 *The New Now*, The Artists Archives of the Western Reserve, Tri-C East, Cleveland, OH
The Rockford Midwestern Biennial (selected by Sarah Krepp), Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
National Midyear Exhibition, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
The Spring Show (selected by Virgil Marti), Erie Art Museum, Erie, PA
From the Ground Up: Surface and Dimension, The Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
Annual Juried Exhibition, BAYarts, Bay Village, OH (2nd place)
- 2015 *Fractured Planes*, ARTneo - The Museum of Northeast Ohio Art, Cleveland, OH
Group Exhibition Celebrating 10th Anniversary, 1point618 Gallery, Cleveland, OH
[Re]define, The Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH

The May Show, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH
Northern Exposure, Gallery 160, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Creates, ARTneo, Cleveland, OH

- 2014 *19*, curated by Dana Depew, Red Space, Cleveland, OH
Paper Unbound, selected by Claire Gilman (curator, The Drawing Center),
The Williamsburg Art and Historical Center, NYC
Chimerical, curated by Amy Young, Modified Arts, Phoenix, AZ
Displacement: A Reckoning of Internal Affairs, curated by Stacey Reason,
New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art, New Harmony, IN
Transformation, The Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH
Abstract Nation, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, Cleveland, OH
Mark Keffer and Lisa Schonberg, Heights Arts, Cleveland, OH
The Big Show, curated by Per Knutas, Zygote, Cleveland, OH
- 2013 *Unhinged*, Pierogi, NYC
Working it Out, The Painting Center, NYC
Float: Mark Keffer and Dragana Crnjak, Proximity, Cleveland, OH
NE Ohio Abstraction, curated by Martin Ball, KSU Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
The May Show, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH
Das Wird Sich Alles Finden, Arts Collinwood, Cleveland, OH
- 2012 *Das Wird Sich Alles Finden*, Bloc Projects, Sheffield, England
8-Hour Projects, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
Ohio Annual, Zanesville Museum of Art, Zanesville, OH
Arts Quarter Exhibition, Zygote, Cleveland, OH
In Search of Deborah Ellen Shore, Survival Kit, Cleveland, OH
After Zero: Jerry Birchfield, Mark Keffer, Michelle Murphy, Cuyahoga Community College,
Cleveland, OH
- 2011 *Berlin Project*, Hasenheide, Berlin, Germany (selected)
Escape, Art Basel Week Exhibition, The Artlink, Miami, FL
Controversy, Zaller Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Creates, Cleveland Artists Foundation, Cleveland, OH
Brandt Gallery 21 Retrospective, Brandt Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Ohio: All Media, Ashland University, Ashland, OH
Altered Book Project, Summit ArtSpace, Akron, OH
- 2010 *Centennial Alumni Exhibition*, Kent State University, Kent, OH
Monothon, Zygote, Cleveland, OH
Uncensored, Anderson Creative, Canton, OH
Arts Quarter Exhibition, Zygote, Cleveland, OH
McNeese National Works on Paper Exhibition, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
- 2009 *Terra Non Firma*, Front Room Gallery and Legation Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Touch and Scale, curated by Janice Lessman-Moss, Trumbull Art Gallery, Warren, OH
Biennial Faculty Exhibition, Kent State University, Kent, OH
Ingenuity Festival (w/ Asterisk Gallery), Cleveland, OH
The May Show, Mansfield Art Center, Mansfield, OH
The Drawing Show, Asterisk Gallery, Cleveland, OH
- 2008 *Mark Keffer and Kathy Ilg: Paintings and Drawings*, Bliss Gallery,
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH
At the Cellular Level, curated by Daiv Whaley, Brandt Gallery, Cleveland, OH
All Things Cleveland, Asterisk Gallery, Cleveland, OH
Fresh Art 4, Summit Art Space, Akron, OH
8-Hour Projects, Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
Opposites Attract, San Jacinto College, Houston, TX

- 2007 *Bridge Art Fair Miami*, w/ Perihelion Arts (Phoenix, AZ), Miami, FL
Toxic Color, Exit, Cleveland, OH, (catalog)
Open T.A.N.K., Kent State University Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
Forté: Youngstown State University Faculty Exhibition, The McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, OH
- 2006 *Personal Geographies*, curated by Joanna Lindenbaum, Hunter College Times Square Gallery, NYC, (catalog)
Here and Elsewhere, BK Smith Gallery, Lake Erie College, Painesville, OH
The Rockford Midwestern, The Rockford Museum, Rockford, IL
Northbound, Part 1, Boreas, Pittsfield, MA
Sweet Sixteen, Brandt Gallery, Cleveland, OH
The Midyear Exhibition, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, w/ Boreas (NYC), NYC
Youngstown State University Faculty Exhibition, The McDonough Museum of Art, Youngstown, Ohio
Small Works, selected by Jack Shainman, New York University, NYC
- 2005 *New Gallery, New Work*, Kent State University, Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH
NEO+ONE, curated by Ellen Rudolph, Murray Hill Galleries, Cleveland, OH
Salon Series, Hotel Klopp, Reykjavik, Iceland
Milan Flash Art Show, ATA Hotel Executive, Milan, Italy
Small Works, New York University, NYC
- 2004 *Six Windows*, curated by Malin Abrahamsson, Citicorp Building, NYC
AAF Contemporary Art Fair, NYC (w/ Boreas, NYC)
Becoming - Mark Keffer and Janel Swangstu, Boreas, NYC
Brooklyn Preview, Boreas, Pittsfield, Mass
Mark Keffer and Daniel Hill, Gallery 138, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio
Drawings Off the Wall, Byram Arts Center, Greenwich, Connecticut
Girls Against Boys, District of Columbia Arts Center, Washington, DC
- 2003 *Mapping it Out*, curated by Leslie Heller, The Work Space, NYC
Hello Franklin!, Im n IL, NYC
Recession 2003, curated by Tim Thyzel, Cynthia Broan Gallery, NYC
- 2002 *2-D*, organized by Eung Ho Park, Parker Gallery, Fort Lee, NJ
Benaddiction, Goliath, NYC
Symbology, sponsored by Common Ground, Times Square Lobby Gallery, NYC
I-BEAM, Cynthia Broan Gallery, NYC
- 2001 *Ripe and Hazy*, Goliath, NYC
Small Works, New York University, NYC
- 2000 *Here and Elsewhere*, Farrell/Pollock Fine Art, NYC
Flat File Show, Bellwether, NYC
Group Show, Golding Gallery, NYC
- 1999 *Size Matters*, curated by Mike Weiss, Gale Gates, NYC
Inaugural Group Show, Brickhaus, NYC
The Hell's Kitchen Show, Washington-Jefferson Hotel, NYC
Small Works on Paper, Kentler International Drawing Space, NYC
- 1998 *Works On/With/Out of Paper*, Sideshow Gallery, NYC
Slide File, The Drawing Center, NYC
Reading Between the Lines, (artist book), Rotunda Gallery, NYC
- 1997 *Current Undercurrent*, The Brooklyn Museum of Art, NYC
New American Talent, University of North Texas, Denton, selected by

Robert Storr, traveling exhibition, catalog
Flatfiles, Pierogi 2000, NYC
Traveled to: - The Gasworks, London, England
- Corner House, Manchester, England

- 1996 *Artists' Marks*, curated by Peggy Kwong Gordon, FAVA, Oberlin, OH
Between Word and Image, Sandusky Cultural Center, Sandusky, OH
- 1995 *Off the Wall*, Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH
Mark Keffer, Craig Martin: Paintings, Cleveland Independent Art, Cleveland, OH
- 1994 *Faculty Exhibition*, Kent State University, Kent, OH
New Orleans National, Still-Zinsel Contemporary, New Orleans, LA
National Exhibition, Berkeley Art Center, Berkeley, CA
National Exhibition, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, NY
Three Rivers Arts Festival, in association with the Carnegie Museum of Art,
Pittsburgh, PA
Hoyt Regional Show, The Hoyt Institute of Fine Arts, New Castle, PA
- 1993 *Form Out of Context*, SPACES, Cleveland, OH
New American Talent, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, Texas, (traveled)
Inaugural Exhibition, Contemporary Artists Center, North Adams, Mass
Area Artists Annual, The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, OH
- 1992 *The All-Ohio Show*, Ohio State University, Mansfield, OH

AWARDS & RESIDENCIES

1st Place, *A View From Within*, Summit Artspace, Akron, Ohio 2019
1st Place, *FRESH Exhibition*, Summit Artspace, Akron, OH, 2018
William Busta Prize, *[Re]define*, The Morgan Conservatory, Cleveland, OH, 2015
Best in Show, *The May Show*, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH, 2013
Juror's Award, *McNeese National Works on Paper Exhibition*, McNeese State
University, Lake Charles, LA, 2010
Nominee, Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Award, 2008
Nesnadny + Schwartz Visiting Critics Program, selected by Katy Siegel,
Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland, OH, 2006
Honorable Mention, *The Rockford Midwestern*, Rockford Art Museum,
Rockford, IL, 2006
Best in Show, *New Gallery, New Work*, Kent State U. Downtown Gallery, Kent, OH, 2005
Artist Grant and Residency, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, Vermont, 1998
Individual Artist Fellowship, The Ohio Arts Council, 1995
Residency, Ucross Foundation, Clearmont, Wyoming, 1994
Residency, The Millay Colony for the Arts, Austerlitz, NY, 1993
Merit Award, *New American Talent*, Laguna Gloria Museum of Art, Austin, Texas, 1993

TEACHING

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, Adjunct Instructor, 2007-9, 1994-5
Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio, Adjunct Instructor, 2006-8
The Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio, Instructor, 1994-5

COLLECTIONS

The Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin, OH
ARTneo, The Museum of Northeast Ohio Art, Cleveland, OH
Equitable Life Insurance, NYC

The Progressive Collection, Cleveland, OH
Zygote Press Archive, Cleveland, OH
Richard Fearon, Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, OH
Margaret Bodell, The Margaret Bodell Gallery, NYC
Tim Hunt, NYC
Steven Butz, NYC
Harold Graves, NYC
Marilyn Gold/Paul Baumann, NYC
Tod Lippy, NYC
Dr. Udo Hoppe, Hamburg, Germany
Poetry/Rare Books Collection, SUNY, Buffalo

PRESS

Anderson Turner, Akron Beacon Journal, "See What's 'Fresh' at Summit Artspace," 3/8/18
Lee Gainer, PEEK, blog, 9/11/14
Brandon Juhasz, Hello My Name is Art, blog, 1/13/14
Andrea Joki, "Dual Exhibition at Heights Arts," Heights Observer, 1/2/14
DJ Hellerman, CAN Journal (Collective Arts Network), Winter 2013/14.
Fortress to Solitude (online curatorial platform, NYC), feature, Fall 2013.
MAKE8ELIEVE, Issue 2: Levitation, p. 36-37, 2012.
Christopher Richards, "Sequencing Modernist Hybridizations." Perceptual Context, blog, 8/17/11.
Joseph Clark, "Hazy Days of Sommer." Scene Magazine, 8/17-23/11.
Messy Magazine, Issue 6, Winter, 2009/10.
Pink Eye Magazine, feature, Issue 6, October, 2009.
David Lauer, Stephan Pentak. Design Basics (college textbook), 2008.
Douglas Max Utter. "Don't Try This at Home." Cleveland Free Times, 5/21-27/08.
Scott Andrews. "Mark Keffer at Pravus." Java Magazine, April, 2008.
Jennifer McKevitt. "Taking a New View of 'Here'." The News-Herald, (NE Ohio), 8/25/06.
Dan Tranberg. "Cleveland Artist's Work Displays Pleasure at Solving Life's Puzzles." Cleveland Plain Dealer, 11/25/05.
Zachary Lewis. "Flowers for Disappearing." Scene, 11/30-12/6, 2005.
Esopus Magazine, The Esopus Foundation, artist's project, No. 3, Fall 2004.
Daniel Oppenheimer. "Icelandic Notions." ValleyAdvocate.com, 7/15/04.
"Exhibit of Paper Collages of Mark Keffer..." Greenwich Time, 2/29/04.
Jonathan Padgett. "At the D.C. Arts Center, Works Without a Hint of Pink or Blue." (preview), The Washington Post, 1/8/04.
Amanda Church. "I-BEAM at Cynthia Broan." Flash Art, 10/02.
James Little. "The Hell's Kitchen Show." Night, No. 42, Spring 1999.
"Four to Show in Fall FAVA Display." Oberlin News-Tribune, 9/10/96.
"Choices" listing, Cleveland Plain Dealer, 8/26/95.
Douglas Max Utter. "Painting Divided by Two." Cleveland Free Times, 4/26/95.
Dorothy Shinn. "Ten From Area Win Fellowships." The Beacon Journal, 4/30/95.
Amy Sparks. "Visual Arts: The Object Is..." Cleveland Free Times, 7/28/93.
Steven Litt. "An Exhibition Modest in Scope." Cleveland Plain Dealer, 7/6/93.
Saundra Goldman. "Categories of New American Talent."
Austin American-Statesman, 4/3/93.
Kerry Brougher. "New American Talent." catalog essay, 3/93.