

## **Rae Ayden Strozzo**

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### **Education**

\*Headed to Pacific School of Religion for a Masters in Social Transformation 2015  
M.F.A in Photography, University of Arizona, May 2008  
1997 B.A. in English and philosophy, Georgia Southern University (Magna Cum Laud)  
2005 completed coursework for M.A. in English, Georgia Southern University  
2002-2004 completed coursework towards a B.F.A in graphic design, Georgia Southern University

### **Previous Employment**

Dec. 2013 to July 2015

Case Manager and Parenting and Life Skills Teacher, Common Unity Program, Homeless Youth Services, Our Family Services  
(Intensive Case Management and advocacy for clients ages 18-21 (with their children) who are experiencing homelessness and living in transitional housing. Teaching, developing and maintaining Life Skills, Parenting, and Art class curriculum on site with clients from OFS Homeless Youth Services)

Instructor, Art 128, Art 232 Beginning and Intermediate Digital Photography, Pima Community College, 2004 to Spring 2014

June 2011 – Nov 2013

Programs Coordinator, Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, June 2012 November 2013  
(Advocacy and Community Education, facilitation of groups, event planning and coordination, community building)

Summer 2012, Summer and Fall 2011, Summer and Fall 2010, Summer and Fall 2009, Summer and Fall 2008, Summer 2007, Summer 2006, Instructor, Institute of Reading Development

Fall 2007

Curriculum Writer, Art Center Design College, Intermediate Digital Photography

Spring 2006-Spring 2008

Instructor, Art 244, Beginning Digital Photography, University of Arizona  
Workshop Lead, Multimedia Learn Lab, Office of Student Computing, University of Arizona (writing and teaching workshops in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Dreamweaver, and video editing)

2005-2006

Print Viewing, Center for Creative Photography (handling and cataloging art photographs)

1998-2005

Statesboro Herald, Morris Multimedia Corporation

worked in prepress doing post production work

worked in editorial doing page layout, special section layout and design, and copy desk

worked in prepress doing ad design and pagination

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2013

“Breathing Lessons”, Fluxx Productions and Gallery, Tucson, Az

“Breathing Lessons”, Studio One, Tucson Az

2011

“over and over”, Gallery at Desert Dolls Photography, Tucson, Az

2008-2009

“tell me something else”, Gallery Katzenellenbogen, Truth or Consequences NM

2007

“this is what waiting looks like”, Katchina Gallery, University of Arizona Union Galleries

“what we talk about when we talk about love” Rhombach Gallery , University of Arizona

### **Group Exhibitions**

2015

Ya’ll Come Back Now Queer Experience and Southern Migration, San Francisco, CA

2014

Poetry and Photography Collage Show and Reading, University of Arizona Poetry Center, Tucson, Az

Electron Salon, Los Angeles Center for Digital Art, Los Angeles CA.

2013, Bring Your Own Beamer, A night of projected images in conjunction with Tucson MOCA.

2012

Chasing the Light, Two person show at Studio ONE, Tucson, Arizona

A night of collaboration with Trickhouse. Casa Libre, Tucson, Arizona

2011

“moving faster than I can see” with Ann Simmons-Myers, Local Motion, Tucson, AZ

Gender Identities, Fluxx Gallery, Tucson, Arizona

Art Slide, Dinnerware Art Space, Tucson, Arizona

2009

IDKE Exhibition, Dinnerware Art Space, Tucson, Arizona

Defying Gravities, Fresh Meat in the Gallery production, San Francisco

2008

“Bent: Subversive Realities in Visual Media”, Gallery 2315, Tucson, Arizona  
“Momentum”, A three person show, The Voice Factory, San Francisco  
Exhibition/Auction, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Tucson, Arizona  
“Riots and Revelations”, Fresh Meat Gallery with San Francisco LBGT Center, San Francisco  
“The Kids Are Alright” Union Gallery, University of Arizona,  
“tell me something else” MFA Thesis Show, University of Arizona Art Museum  
Video, exhibition of class work for Sama Alishabi, Rhombach Gallery , University of Arizona

2007

Juried Photography Show, Todd Walker Gallery, University of Arizona  
Arte 13, “Exhibition 4” Union Gallery, University of Arizona  
“Her Shorts: Video and Performance Art Show” Dinnerware gallery alternative space, Tucson AZ  
“T and persuasion”, show with TC Tolbert, Rainbow Planet, Tucson AZ  
Arte 13, ‘Exhibition 3” Freemont House, Tucson Arizona  
Arte 13 Lucky Street Studios Exhibition  
International Exchange Show, University of Dubai, Dubai, UAE

2006

“Making a Statement”, University of Arizona, Union Gallery  
“Artists Speak”, Katchina Gallery Exhibition with other Arizona artists  
“Photography Now”, MFA and Faculty, Joseph Gross Gallery, University of Arizona  
Arte 13, Exhibition 2, Rhombach Gallery, University of Arizona  
MFA Photography Graduate Show, Todd Walker Gallery, University of Arizona

2005

“Baby Mules in Misty Meadows” Photography Show, University of Arizona  
MFA Photography Graduate Show, Todd Walker Gallery, University of Arizona  
Arte 13, ‘Exhibition 1” Freemont House, Tucson Arizona

2004

MFA Photography Graduate Show, Todd Walker Gallery, University of Arizona  
“Creative UnScene” Gallery on Main, Statesboro, Georgia  
Juried Student Show, Gallery 303, Georgia Southern University  
Juried Student 3-D Show, Gallery 303, Georgia Southern University

### **Artist talks and Professional Presentations (most recent)**

2015 Presenter – LBGT 101, St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, Tucson, Az

Presenter – C.O.R.E Training, LBGT 101

2014 Visiting Artist at University of Indiana including LBGT 101 Presentation, artist talk, and Keynote address for U Indy’s honor society

2014 Presenter – C.O.R.E Training, LBGT 101, Our Family Services

2014 Presenter – Let’s Get Better Together Conference, Working with Trans\* identified children.

2014 Presenter/Reader – Readings from workshops at University of Arizona Poetry Center

2013 Artist talk/Reading, Breathing Lessons, Fluxx Productions and Gallery, Tucson, Az

2013 Artist talk/Reading, Breathing Lessons, Studio One, Tucson, Az  
2013 Artist talk/Reading, Contained, Troubling the Line Conference, Casa Libre, Tucson, Az  
2013 Artist presentation for Transgender Literature class, University of Arizona, Tucson, Az.  
2013 Presenter – artist panel for Advanced Composition class, University of Arizona, Tucson, Az  
2013 Presenter – C.O.R.E Training, LBGT 101, Our Family Services

## **Professional Development**

2015 Non-violent Communication and the Enniagram, Our Family Services, Tucson, Az  
2015 Tools for working with Race Issues in ministries, Webinar, Pacific School of Religion  
2015 Cultivating Compassion and Calming Your Inner Critic utilizing Compassionate Therapeutic Model at Community Partnership for Southern Arizona  
2015 Advanced Non-violent Communication Training at Our Family Services  
2015 Be Art Now Earl Lectures on Art, Social Justice and Spirituality, Pacific School of Religion  
2014 Sex Trafficking Workshop at Our Family Services  
2014 Poetry and Photography Ephraïsis and Beyond. Course in writing and photography at University of Arizona Poetry Center  
2014 Parenting Skills (120 hours) at Parent Connection  
2014 Working with African-American Clients in Mental Health Settings at La Fronterria Mental Health Services  
2014 Non-violent Communication at Our Family Services  
2014 HTR3: Engaging Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking: Respect, Recognition, and Response in RHY Programs through the University of Tennessee  
2014 C.O.R.E Training at Our Family Services  
2014 Trauma Informed Care at Our Family Services  
2013 C.O.R.E Training at Our Family Services  
2013 Mediation Training and Certification with Our Family Services and the Center for Community Dialog  
2013 Completed facilitation training at Our Family Services in conjunction with the Center for Community Dialog  
2013 Completed peer to peer mediation training at Our Family services.  
2013 Participated in “Troubling Tucson, Trans and Gender Queer Poetry Symposium”, Tucson, Az  
2012 Extensive time with trainings and panels in the community  
2010 National SPE: “Expanding the Canon”. A panel on bringing diversity into the studio and photo history classrooms.  
2009 Equiss Social Justice Retreat as staff  
2009 The house we live in, racism workshop, Tucson  
2008 Equiss Social Justice Retreat, Tucson  
2006 – 2009 Volunteer with Eon Youth Project, LBGT Youth Lounge, Tucson  
2008 IFGE Spring Conference, Tucson Arizona  
“Queering the Lens: the history of Photography in Transgendered Art”

2007

Hawaii International Conference on Arts and Humanities, poster session: "Queering the Lens: the history of Photography in Transgendered Art"

2006 Regional SPE in Ogden, Utah

2001 Newspaper Layout and Design Workshop, Georgia Press Association, Macon Georgia

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Studies Conference, Safe Places Risky Spaces, Valdosta State University, Valdosta Georgia: Paper presentation: "Let Down Your Hair: Unraveling Issues of Oppression and Safety in the Fairy Tale Rapunzel"

## **Publications**

2012

Evening May Come, Trans and Queer issue of The Volta,  
<http://www.eveningwillcome.com/mainpage.html>

2011

"up up but never away", Courageous Creativity, Sept. 2011.

2010

Interview with TC Tolbert for Trickhouse Live,  
<http://www.trickhouse.org/vol10/interview/raestrozzo.html>

## **Internships and Committees**

2012-present

Member of the Tucson LBGT Behavioral Health Coalition

Member of the Tucson LBGT Behavioral Health Coalition Training Committee

Volunteer Mediator with the Center for Community Dialogue at Our Family Services

2011 – present

Member of the Camp Born This Way planning committee and staff, currently Camp Co-Director

2006-2007, 2011-present

Member of the Tucson Transgender Awareness Week committee

2006-2008

Harold Jones Distinguished Alumni Committee member

Harold Jones Distinguished Alumni Committee, Publicity Chair

2006

Voices of Photography Project, Center for Creative Photography, Video and interviewing crewmember

## **Academic Scholarships, Grants and Awards**

2015

Dean's Award, Pacific School of Religion

2007

Edmund Lund Scholarship, College of Fine Arts, University of Arizona

P-Flag Merit Scholarship

Photography Division Scholarship

University of Arizona Faculty/Student Interaction Grant

2006

T-Pac Grant, for conference travel

College of Fine Arts, travel grant

Photography Division Scholarship

2004-2005

Photography Division Fellowship

1996

Phi Kappa Phi Outstanding Junior

Georgia Southern University Women's Alumni Award

Outstanding Student in Philosophy