# **Benjamin Lee Sperry**

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## Education

- 2019 MFA Painting and Printmaking University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 BFA Visual and Critical Studies, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2006 H.A.C.C. Photography Department Harrisburg, PA

## Awards / Residencies

- 2024 Pedvāle Artist Residency, Sabile, Latvia
- 2019 MFA Solo Exhibition Award, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 Alumni Scholarship Award, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 Chairman's Merit Award, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY

## Solo / Two Person Exhibitions

- 2023 Car (yellow) and other recent work, Cottey College, Nevada MO
- 2023 Strange Bruises (the mailings works), Divisible Projects, Dayton, OH
- 2022 PVD-NA-OS-ETC, Recitation Gallery, University of Delaware, Newark DE
- 2019 *The Nothing Series and Pooka up close,* The Delaware Contemporary Museum of Art Wilmington, DE
- 2016 Strange Bruises/Ghosts Emerging, Curated by Jeffrey Cortland Jones, University of Dayton, Dayton OH
- 2014 The Predecessor: an exploration in tradition, Fenetre Gallery, Harrisburg, PA
- 2012 I Pass By, The Brink Gallery, Missoula, MT
- 2011 Offshore, Moving, The Mantis Collective, Harrisburg, PA
- 2008 *The Feeling in Your Chest: a transient notion and a night to champion,* Project Gallery, Stillwater, OK

### Artist Talks / Guest Lectures

- 2024 Visiting Artist / Guest Lecturer, University of North Dakota, ND
- 2023 Artist Talk with Tim McFarlane and Jonathan VanDyke, Susquehanna Art Museum, PA
- 2023 Roundtable Discussion with Rico Gatson and Dianne Smith, The Church Sag Harbor, NY
- 2022 Visiting Artist / Guest Lecturer, University of Delaware, Newark, DE

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2024 Residency Exhibition, Pedvāle Art Museum, Sabile, Latvia
- 2023 Shifting Forms, 5 Decades of Abstraction, Susquehanna Art Museum, Harrisburg, PA
- 2021 Autumn Art Auction, North Dakota Museum of Art, Grand Forks, ND
- 2021 Connected: New Printmakers, Second State Press, Philadelphia, PA
- 2020 In Manual Mode, AREA Gallery, At The Yard, Boston, MA
- 2019 Roadside Picnic, Heit Gallery, Berlin, Germany
- 2019 CUSP, MFA Thesis Exhibition, Delaware Contemporary Museum of Art, Wilmington, DE

- 2018 SABA IV, Delaware Contemporary Museum of Art, Newark DE
- 2018 DIY ethics we don't embody, 32 Prospect, Newark, DE
- 2017 Jekyll Grand Dining, Sea Mist, We Too Lived, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2016 SUBTERRANEAN: An Unsolicited, Unsanctioned, Undocumented Sculpture Exhibition Curated by Julia Stoddard in the rooftop garden of MoMA PS1, Long Island City, NY
- 2016 Temporarily Imbued, Open Studios, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2016 Planting Season, Curated by Suzanne Joelson, Flatiron Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 Sincerity (The Post-Americans), Curated by Devon Watson, DEP ART, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 Thank Heaven for Boys and Girls, Curated by Jovana Stokic, SVA, New York, NY
- 2015 Either Way I'm Celebrating, Curated by Rachel Zaretsky, 148 Stanton St, New York, NY
- 2015 Yeah must be twenty (and I can choose to smile) SVA (Open Studios), New York, NY
- 2015 Making History, StoreFront Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 The Cardboard Illusion (the future burns brighter), Bushwick Open Studios, Brooklyn, NY
- 2015 Drrrt, Flatiron Gallery, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 Divisible, Curated by Jeffrey Cortland Jones, Front St Gallery, Dayton, OH
- 2013 Anniversary Exhibition, Lambert Fine Arts, New York, NY
- 2013 Back To Mine, Curated by Jeffrey Cortland Jones, Neon Heater Gallery, Findlay, OH
- 2013 NURTUREart Benefit, Charles Bank Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 Linda Creed Foundation, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 ARTnude, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 PERCEPTIONS, North Gallery, Harrisburg, PA
- 2012 ALGEDONICS, Dacia Gallery, New York, NY
- 2012 *FEMME*, James Oliver Gallery, Philadelphia, PA

#### **Curatorial Projects**

- 2016 Conjoining Islands, Sheen Center Gallery, New York, NY
- 2016 *Collective Memory (the past and future is ours),* Exchange exhibition with Anna Bauer, Brooklyn NY, and Celine Gallery, Glasgow, SCT

#### **Teaching / Experience**

- 2023 2024 Adjunct Professor, Anne Arundel Community College, Arnold, MD
- 2018 2023 Instructor of Record, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston, MA
- 2019 2023 Adjunct Professor, Lincoln University, Oxford, PA
- 2018 2019 Instructor of Record, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2018 Think Tank 10, Integrative Teaching International, Newark, DE
- 2017 Studio Assistant, David Stark Design, Brooklyn, NY
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Contemporary Practices, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, City As Site, with Ofri Cnaani, SVA, New York, NY
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Painting and Mixed Media, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2016 Studio Assistant, Studio of Suzanne Joelson, New York, NY
- 2015 Curatorial Intern, NO LONGER EMPTY, Chief Curator Manon Slome, New York, NY
- 2015 Studio Assistant, to Kenny Rivero at L.M.C.C. Workspace Program, New York, NY
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Painting and Mixed Media, School of Visual Arts, New York, NY
- 2014 Gallery Intern, Two Rams Gallery, New York, NY
- 2014 Intern, Coburn Projects, with Director and Founder Brandon Coburn. New York, NY