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EDUCATION

- 2009 M.F.A. in Visual Art
Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2006 B.A. in Art History, Visual Art Concentration, *summa cum laude*, Department Honors
Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2019 *The Measure of a Boi*, Rubber Factory, New York, NY
- 2018 *Body Building*, JDJ | The Ice House, Garrison, NY
- 2017 *Legacy Exhibition Series: New Work by Avery Z. Nelson*, The Lighthouse Works
Gallery, Fishers Island, NY
- 2015 *Recto/Verso*, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, McAninch Arts Center at College
of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL
- 2014 *Avery Z. (fka Zoe) Nelson*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Deep Cuts*, Lloyd Dobler Gallery, Chicago, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *36 Paintings*, Harper's Gallery, East Hampton, NY
Theorem X, Rachel Uffner Gallery, New York, NY
Theorem Y, Mrs. Gallery, Maspeth, NY
Family Business, JDJ | NYC, New York, NY
- 2019 *Sower*, Rubber Factory, New York, NY
Paint School, Klaus Von Nichtssagend Gallery, New York, NY
Surreality, Crush Curatorial, New York, NY
Drinking the Reflection, Russo & Lee, Portland, OR
- 2018 *Now You See It*, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY
RE_ARRANGE, Juxtapoz Projects, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ
New Acquisitions Exhibition, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL

- 2018 *Wish Fulfillment*, SineProjects (Kristen Smoragiewicz/Alex Tam), 190 Cook Street, Brooklyn, NY
Love Letter to Miró, Fresh Window Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
Cinnamon, Produce Model, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *Summer Skin: Judy Ledgerwood + Zoe Nelson*, Practise, Oak Park, IL
From Off to On: Katy Kirbach + Zoe Nelson, Yellow Door Gallery, Des Moines, IA
The Shape of Things, O'Connor Art Gallery, Dominican University, River Forest, IL
Zone of Totality, Fernwey Gallery, Chicago, IL
Terrain Biennial, Outdoor Installation in Hyde Park, Chicago, IL
Simultaneous Contrast, Durden and Ray, Los Angeles, CA
In Between Two Bodies, South of the Tracks, Chicago, IL
- 2016 *Never Far Away*, LVL3 Gallery, Chicago, IL
A World Where Flowers Mean Something, ACRE, Chicago, IL
How Much Land, McCormick Gallery, Chicago, IL
XYZ, Greenpoint Terminal Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2014 *Rocket Run, Abstraction from Chicago*, Elder Gallery, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, NE
Yr It: Zoe Nelson, Window Installation, Roots & Culture Contemporary Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2013 *Information Processors*, Usable Space, Milwaukee, WI
Power of 10, Threewalls, Chicago, IL
- 2012 *Material Assumptions*, Columbia College Center for Book and Paper Arts, Chicago, IL
Issuing Forth, Robert Bills Contemporary, Chicago, IL
Dear Resonance & the Memory Hole: Bradley Biancardi & Zoe Nelson, Roots & Culture Contemporary Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Portrait of a Soul*, Nurture Art, Brooklyn, NY
Re-turn, McCagg Gallery, Barnard College, New York, NY
- 2009 *Settlements*, Horse Trader Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
MFA Thesis Exhibition, Fisher Landau Center for Art, Long Island City, NY

PERFORMANCES

- 2018 (With Iris McCloughan) *So Many Lips, OPTIONS*, Little Berlin, Philadelphia, PA

PRESS / PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 William Corwin, "Zoe Avery Nelson: *The Measure of a Boi*," *The Brooklyn Rail* (May).

- 2019 Torey Akers, “Two Shows, One Q: The ‘Un-Body’ with Kristen Sanders and Zoe Avery Nelson,” *Artspace* (March 28).
- Balasz Takac, “Painting and Living New Bodies – Zoe Avery Nelson at Rubber Factory,” *Widewalls* (March 21).
- 2018 Christina Nafziger, “Zoe Nelson: The (Im)Possibility of Fully Inhabiting My Own Fluidly Gendered Body,” *ArtMaze Magazine (interview)* (November 1).
- Editor’s Pick, *ArtMaze Magazine, Issue 8* (Summer 2018).
- 2017 Bailee Penski, “Artist Spotlight: Zoe Nelson,” *Chicago Woman Magazine* (December 4).
- 2016 Chris Miller, “Maximalist Paintings with Frenetic Color” (recommended), *Newcity Art* (November 21).
- Kate Sierzputowski, “Zoe Nelson: The Reverse of the Reverse,” *INSIDE\WITHIN (interview)* (January 5).
- 2015 Thea Nichols, “Critic’s Pick: Zoe Nelson,” *Artforum (online)* (November 5).
- Sam Schwindt, “DePaul art professor’s work explores feminist intersectionality,” *The DePaulia* (November 5).
- Bridget Kingston, “Recto / Verso slices its way into Cleve Carney Art Gallery,” *College of DuPage Courier* (October 28).
- Matt Morris, “Bonus Holes,” *Catalogue Essay for Recto/ Verso Exhibition at Cleve Carney Art Gallery* (October 18).
- LVL3 Media, “Artist of the Week,” *LVL3 Media (blog)* (October 12).
- 2014 Stephanie Cristello, “Perpendicular Painting: Zoe Nelson at Western Exhibitions,” *New American Paintings (blog)* (January 23).
- Chris Miller, “Zoe Nelson/Western Exhibitions” (recommended), *Newcity Art* (January 20).
- Kevin Blake, “Off the wall, through the surface, and around the painting: A conversation with Zoe Nelson,” *Bad at Sports* (January 20).
- Steven Zevitas, “Must-see Painting Shows: Jan. 2014,” *Huffington Post* (January 7).
- Shane McAdams, “From the Curb in Milwaukee: Usable Space,” top 5 weekend picks, *Bad at Sports* (October 25).
- 2013 Eric Crosby, *New American Paintings: No. 107 Midwest Edition* (editor’s pick) (August).

- 2013 Stephanie Cristello, “Bradley Biancardi & Zoe Nelson/Roots & Culture”
(recommended), *Newcity Art* (June 5).
- 2011 Julie Rodrigues Widholm, *New American Paintings: No. 95 Midwest Edition* (August).

GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS / RESIDENCIES

- 2019 Sharpe-Walentas Studio Program Recipient, Brooklyn, NY
- 2018 Paint School, Shandanken Projects, New York, NY
- 2015 ACRE (Artists’ Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions), Steuben, WI
- 2014 OxBow Residency Award (stipend and fees), Saugatuck, MI
- 2013 The Lighthouse Works, Fishers Island, NY
- 2012 Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) Grant, City of Chicago, IL
- 2008 Ellen Gelman Endowed Fellowship, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2006 Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art, Pont-Aven, France
Josephine Paddock Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship, Barnard College, New York, NY
- 2005 Yale University Summer Program, Norfolk, CT
Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship (for Norfolk program), Yale University School of
Art, New Haven, CT

COLLECTIONS

SoHo House, New York, NY
DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL
Jiménez - Colón Collection, Ponce, Puerto Rico

ART FAIRS

- 2020 Dallas Art Fair, JDJ | The Ice House, Dallas, TX
- 2017, 2018 Untitled Art Fair, South of the Tracks Gallery, Miami Beach, FL