

# ZOE AVERY NELSON

Brooklyn, NY

## EDUCATION

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- 2009 M.F.A. in Painting  
Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2006 B.A. in Art History, Visual Art Concentration  
Barnard College, Columbia University, New York, NY

## SOLO & TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

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- 2019 *The Measure of a Boi*, Rubber Factory, New York, NY (solo)
- 2018 *Body Building*, JDJ | The Ice House, Garrison, NY (solo)
- 2017 *Summer Skin: Judy Ledgerwood + Zoe Nelson*, Practise, Oak Park, IL (two-person)
- From Off to On: Katy Kirbach + Zoe Nelson*, Yellow Door Gallery, Des Moines, IA (two-person)
- Legacy Exhibition Series: New Work by Zoe Nelson*, The Lighthouse Works Gallery, Fishers Island, NY (solo)
- 2015 *Zoe Nelson: Recto/Verso*, Cleve Carney Art Gallery, McAninch Arts Center at College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL (solo)
- 2014 *Zoe Nelson*, Western Exhibitions, Chicago, IL (solo)
- 2012 *Deep Cuts: Zoe Nelson*, Lloyd Dobler Gallery, Chicago, IL (solo)
- Dear Resonance + the Memory Hole: Bradley Biancardi + Zoe Nelson*, Roots & Culture Contemporary Art Center, Chicago, IL (two-person)

## SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

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- 2019 *Surreality*, Crush Curatorial, New York, NY
- 2018 *Now You See It*, 1969 Gallery, New York, NY  
*RE\_ARRANGE*, Juxtapoz Projects, Mana Contemporary, Jersey City, NJ

- 2018 *New Acquisitions Exhibition*, DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
*Wish Fulfillment*, Curated by SineProjects (Kristen Smoragiewicz/Alex Tam), 190 Cook Street, Brooklyn, NY  
*Love Letter to Miro*, Fresh Window Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Cinnamon*, Produce Model, Chicago, IL
- 2017 *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 Projects, 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
- 2012 *Material Assumptions*, Columbia College Center for Book and Paper Arts, Chicago, IL  
*Issuing Forth*, Robert Bills Contemporary, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Portrait of a Soul*, NURTUREart Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Re-turn*, McCagg Gallery, Barnard College, New York, NY
- 2010 *The Triumph of Now*, Volume Black, New York, NY  
*X.x.*, Art 101 Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2009 *Settlements*, Horse Trader Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Fisher Landau Center For Art, Long Island City, NY
- 2008 *First-Year MFA Exhibition*, The Nash Building, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2006 *Dix-Neuf*, Centre International D'Art Contemporain, Pont-Aven, Brittany, France

## **PERFORMANCES**

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- 2018 (with Mark McCloughen) *So Many Lips*, *OPTIONS*, Little Berlin, Philadelphia, PA

**PRESS / PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2018 Editor's Pick, *Art Maze Magazine, Summer Issue 8* (Summer 2018).
- 2017 Bailee Penski, "Artist Spotlight: Zoe Nelson," *Chicago Woman Magazine* (December 4).
- 2016 Chris Miller, "Maximalist Paintings with Frenetic Color," *Newcity Art (recommended)* (November 21).
- Kate Sierzputowski, *INSIDE\WITHIN (interview)* (January 5).
- 2015 Thea Nichols, "Critic's Pick: Zoe Nelson," *Artforum (online)* (November 5).
- 2015 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," *Newcity Art (recommended)* (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," *Bad at Sports (top 5 weekend picks)* (October 25).
- 2013 Eric Crosby, *New American Paintings: No. 107 Midwest Edition (editor's pick)* (August).
- Stephanie Cristello, "Bradley Biancardi & Zoe Nelson/Roots & Culture," *Newcity Art (recommended)* (June 5).
- 2011 Julie Rodrigues Widholm, *New American Paintings: No. 95 Midwest Edition* (August).

**ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

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- 2019          Paint School, Shandanken Projects, New York, NY
- 2015          ACRE (Artists' Cooperative Residency and Exhibitions), Steuben, WI
- 2014          OxBow, Saugatuck, MI
- 2013          The Lighthouse Works, Fishers Island, NY
- 2006          Pont-Aven School of Contemporary Art, Pont-Aven, France
- 2005          Yale University Summer Program, Norfolk, CT

**GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2014          OxBow Residency Award (stipend & waived fees for 5-wk residency), Saugatuck, MI
- 2012          Community Arts Assistance Program (CAAP) Grant, City of Chicago, IL
- 2008          Ellen Gelman Endowed Fellowship, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2006          Josephine Paddock Post-Baccalaureate Fellowship (for post-baccalaureate study),  
Barnard College, New York, NY
- 2005          Ellen Battell Stoeckel Fellowship (waived fees for 6-week Norfolk program), Yale  
University School of Art, New Haven, CT

**COLLECTIONS**

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DePaul Art Museum, Chicago, IL  
Jiménez - Colón Collection, Ponce, Puerto Rico

**ART FAIRS**

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- 2018          Untitled Art Fair, South of the Tracks Gallery, Miami Beach, FL
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**VISITING ARTIST LECTURES / CRITIQUES / PANELS**

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- 2018          Artist Lecture for Undergraduate Class, Columbia University, New York, NY, July 6.
- Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY, April 23.

- 2018 Artist Lecture and Undergraduate Critiques, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 11.  
Undergraduate Senior Critiques, Parsons, New York, NY, April 3.
- 2017 Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY, April 2.  
Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, March 30.
- 2016 Public Artist Lecture, Tiger Strikes Asteroid, Chicago, IL, November 17.  
Panel, *Educating Artists at Ox-Box: Gossip, Play, and Magical Technologies*, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, April 19.
- 2015 Artist Lecture for Undergraduates, The College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL, October 27.  
Public Lecture and Undergraduate Critiques, *Zoe Nelson: Queering the Frame (work)*, Artists Now! Public Lecture Series, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, March 4.
- 2014 Undergraduate Critiques, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL, December 10.  
Artist Lecture and Undergraduate Critiques, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, November 6.  
Artist Lecture and Undergraduate Critiques, Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, Milwaukee, WI, March 26.