

CHRISTIAN ARRECIS

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ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

- 2018 Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2012 Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Exhibitions Coordinator, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2018-present Instructor, Side Street Studio Arts
2014-15 Adjunct Instructor, Photography, Waubensee Community College
2013 Adjunct Instructor, Northern Illinois University
Curator, founding member, Exhibition Project
2012 Instructor, Photography, Discovery Center
2011-12 Adjunct Instructor, Kishwaukee College
2011-12 Instructor, Photography, Illinois Central College
2008-11 Visiting Assistant Professor, Photography, Northern Illinois University
2003-11 Adjunct Instructor, Kishwaukee College
2007-08 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Instructor of Record, Northern Illinois University
2006-08 Graduate Assistant, Photography Department, Northern Illinois University
2006 Graduate Assistant, Foundations Department, Northern Illinois University
2003-05 Continuing Education Instructor, Photography, Kishwaukee College

EDUCATION

- 2008 M.F.A., Photography, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
2002 B.F.A., Photography, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
1994 B.A., History, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL
1991 A.A., General Education, Wright College, Chicago, IL

SOLO, TWO & THREE-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Sticks and Stones* (solo), Joliet Junior College, Joliet, IL
2019 *Recent Work* (solo), Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2014 *Rituals* (solo), Peoria Art Guild, Peoria, IL
2013 *Where Superstition Meets History*, Contemporary Art Center, Peoria, IL
Figmenta et Arcana, (solo), Picture This, Peoria, IL
2012 *Dissolve* (solo), greymatter gallery, Milwaukee, WI
Phænomena Naturalis, Starline Gallery, Harvard, IL
2011 *Intersection* (solo), Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL
2010 *Phænomena Naturalis* (solo) SFCC Gallery, Spokane Falls Community College, Spokane, WA
2009 *Visual Narrative*, Olin Gallery, Washington-Jefferson College, Washington, PA
2008 *Root & Shadow*, Dunham Gallery, Aurora University, Aurora, IL
Brief Histories (solo), Freeport Art Center, Freeport, IL
Revelations (solo), DeKalb Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Phænomena Naturalis (solo), Master of Fine Arts Thesis Exhibition, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL
Phænomena Naturalis (solo), West Chicago Public Library District, West Chicago, IL

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2021 *Install*, Invitational, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2020 *Contemporaries*, Invitational, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2019 *2019 Alumni Exhibition Invitational*, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
Vernal Equinox: Spring Awakens, Plum Creek Nature Center, Beecher, IL
Year 6, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
2018 *Monochrome: Violet*, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL

365 Artists 365 Days Juried Exhibition, Frank Juarez Gallery, Milwaukee, WI
 5th Annual Regional Alumni Exhibition Invitational, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
 Sweet Golden and Delicious: Jack Arends Hall 50th Anniversary Alumni Exhibition, DeKalb, IL
 Something Wicked..., Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
 2017 4th Annual Regional Alumni Exhibition Invitational, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
 2016 Lumen, A. Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX
 Monochrome: Blue, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
 2015 Through the Lens, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY
 Alternative Process, PhotoPlace Gallery, Middlebury, VT
 Actinic Alternative Photography Festival, Stills Gallery, Edinburgh, Scotland
 2014 Exposure: An Exhibition of Contemporary Photography, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
 PCA Regional Alumni Invitational, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
 WCC Faculty Exhibition, Arrowhead Gallery, Waubonsee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL
 2013 Fixed Shadow, Exhibition of Camera-less Images, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
 Fourth Annual Of Memory, Bone and Myth, Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead, MN
 Alive and Well, Brass and Bellows Gallery, Marine on St. Croix, MN
 Mini Masterpieces, Fundraiser Exhibition, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL
 2012 CIAO & Friends Invitational Exhibition, Peoria Riverfront Museum, Peoria, IL
 72nd Rockford Midwestern Biennial Exhibition, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
 Continuum 2012 MWSPE, Carnegie Visual & Performing Arts Center, Covington, KY
 DrawBack, Second Annual Fundraiser Exhibition, Backspace Collective, Peoria, IL
 Rare Air, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
 Regional Juried Exhibition IX, Freeport Arts Center, Freeport, IL
 Filter: Unfiltered, Maria's, Chicago, IL
 Vernissage, Prairie Center of the Arts, Peoria, IL
 1st Annual Photography Competition, Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs, Hot Springs, AK
 Put A Bird On It, Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis, IN
 Faculty Exhibition, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
 Blank Page, Studio 22, Berwyn, IL
 Community College Faculty Invitational, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
 Fourth Friday, Starline Gallery, Harvard, IL
 2011 Filter: Unfiltered, Fine Arts Building, Chicago, IL
 Bound, Fourth Annual Group Book Art Exhibition, Harrison Center for the Arts, Indianapolis, IN
 Open Walls, Black Box Gallery, Portland, OR
 School of Art Faculty Biennial, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL
 Words, Invitational, Prairie Street Gallery, Rockford, IL
 2010 Suwheelism!, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL
 Regional Juried Exhibition VII, Freeport Arts Center, Freeport, IL
 Degrees of Separation, Invitational, Prairie Street Gallery, Rockford, IL
 Kishwaukee College Artist/Educators Biennial, Malta, IL
 Paducah Photo 2010, Yeiser Art Center, Paducah, KY
 Magic Silver 2010, Eagle Art Gallery, Murray State University, Murray, KY
 Photography & Literature: Light Writing, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
 Growth and Decay, invitational, Pleasant Street Gallery, DeKalb, IL
 Lucid Directions Surrealism National Juried Exhibition, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
 2009 Regional Juried Exhibition VI, Freeport Arts Center, Freeport, IL
 33rd Annual Beverly Art Competition Exhibition, Beverly Arts Center, Chicago, IL
 International 24th Annual Juried Competition, Florida State University, Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL
 NIU School of Art Faculty Exhibition, Northern Illinois University Art Museum, DeKalb, IL
 Kishwaukee College Artist/Educators Biennial, Malta, IL
 2008 Staged: The Constructed Photograph, Gallery RFD, Swainsboro, GA
 II International Festival of Design 2008, Lodz, Poland
 Mythological Renderings, Interpreting Myths and Legends Through Art, Brickbottom Gallery, Somerville MA
 Foto 2009, NIU faculty and graduate student invitational, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL
 artXposium 2.0, invitational exhibition/symposium, West Chicago, IL

- Kishwaukee College Artist/Educators Biennial*, Malta, IL
Outdated - Polaroid Art Show, Country Club Chicago, Chicago, IL
Rockford Midwestern Exhibition, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL
Pile-Up: niu.mfa.2008, Master of Fine Arts group exhibition, Chicago Arts District, Chicago, IL
32nd Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition, Augustana College Art Museum, Rock Island, IL
Get It While It's Hot, February 14th Student Scholarship Fundraiser, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL
- 2007
Regional Juried Exhibition IV, Freeport Arts Center, Freeport, IL
Graduate Group Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Vicinity 2007, jurors: Anne Becker & Hector Munoz, Norris Cultural Arts Center, St. Charles, IL
Kishwaukee College Artist/Educators Biennial, Malta, IL
artXposium, invitational exhibition/symposium, West Chicago, IL
Emerging Illinois Artists '07, McLean County Arts Center, Bloomington, IL
Ars Nova Student Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL
60115, Graduate Group Show of postcard art, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL
Conception, Pleasant Street Galleries, DeKalb, IL
Focus on Chicago, juried, 33 Collective Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2006
Graduate Group Exhibition, Pleasant Street Galleries, DeKalb, IL
Composed, Group Exhibition, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL
Memento, Bluedoor Gallery, Invitational, DeKalb, IL
Kishwaukee College Artist/Educators Biennial, Malta, IL
Chicago-area Artists Exhibition, curated by Daris Jasper, National City Bank, Chicago, IL
Graduate Group Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL
- 2005
Photography Invitational, Gallery 214, NIU, DeKalb, IL
Toys Group Exhibition, Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL
- 2004
Kishwaukee College Artists/Educators Biennial, Malta, IL
One Night Only, Images Gallery, Chicago, IL
Group Exhibition, One Day Only Gallery, DeKalb, IL
- 2003
Undies and Underwear Group Exhibition, Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL
Love/Hate Group Exhibition, Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL
- 2002
BFA Senior Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Ars Nova Student Exhibition, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Impressions from Diversity, Inaugural Exhibition, Glass Gallery, DeKalb, IL
- 2001
A Show of Photographs, Glass Gallery, DeKalb, IL
Midwest Society for Photographic Education Student Exhibition, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
- 2000
Kishwaukee College Photography Competition, Malta, IL

AWARDS

- 2019
Jurors' Choice, *Year 6*, Side Street Studio Arts, Elgin, IL
- 2016
Director's Selection, *Lumen*, A. Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX
- 2013
Purchase Award, Robert and Elaine Stein Galleries, Wright State University, Dayton, OH
Honorable Mention, Fourth Annual *Of Memory, Bone and Myth*, Rourke Art Museum, Moorhead, MN
- 2012
Best in Show, *Fourth Friday*, Starline Gallery, Harvard, IL
Merit Award, Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs, Hot Springs, AK
- 2010
1st Place, *Regional Juried Exhibition VII*, Freeport Arts Center, Freeport, IL
- 2009
Honorary, Olin Gallery, Washington-Jefferson College, Washington, PA
- 2008
Honorable Mention, 28th Annual Spring Photography Contest, Photographer's Forum
Honorable Mention, *2008 Rockford Midwestern*
Graduate Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
2nd Place, *Thirty-second Annual Rock Island Fine Arts Exhibition*
- 2007
1st Place, *Regional Juried Exhibition IV*
Graduate Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
Jack and Eleanor Olson Art Scholarship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2006
Graduate Assistantship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2002
Cora B. Miner Art Scholarship, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
1st Place, *Ars Nova Student Exhibition*, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

- Dean's List, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2001 Wold Art Scholarship
Finalist, 21st Annual Spring Photography Contest, *Photographer's Forum*
- 2001 Dean's List, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

PRESENTATIONS / WORKSHOPS

- 2013 Visiting Artist, Bradley University, Peoria, IL
- 2012 *Camera Obscura*, Illinois Central College, East Peoria, IL
- 2011 *Camera Obscura*, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL
Basic Drawing, The Art Attack, Sycamore, IL
- 2009 Artist Talk, Olin Gallery, Washington-Jefferson College, Washington, PA
- 2008 *Phaenomena Naturalis* Artist Talk, West Chicago Public Library District, West Chicago, IL
- 2006 Symposium, Paper: *The Hildesheim Leaf*, Historia Artis, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL
- 2004 *Pinhole Cameras*, Kishwaukee College, Malta, IL

PUBLICATIONS / WEBSITE

- 2016 *Still Life*, Don't Take Pictures Magazine (online exhibition), February 2016,
<http://www.donttakepictures.com/gallery-still-life/>
- 2015 365Artists/365Days Project, Interview: Chris Arrecis (website), May 6, 2015
<http://365artists365days.com/2015/05/06/chris-arrecis-chicago-illinois/>
- 2013 Zina Mussman and Rachel Quirk, "Interview:Christian Arrecis" (website), May 9, 2013
<http://www.greymattergallery.com/blog/interview-christian-arrecis.html>
- 2012 *InphA*, Manifest Press, 1st International Photography Annual
Americana, Lenscratch (web blog) curated by Aline Smithson
Art Lives in Central Illinois, Leunig, Doug and Eileen, ArtsPartners of Central Illinois
- 2011 *Reframing Photography: Theory & Practice* (companion website to textbook), Rebekah Modrak / Bill Anthes 2010
Through This Window (webzine)
- 2009 *artXposium 2.0*, edited by Anni Holm, Irene Perez and Meghan Borato. Stepsister Press, 2009
- 2008 *Photographer's Forum*, Best of College Photography Annual
Bruce Carter, Steve Banks, "Under the Skin", *River Cities Reader*, #680, Volume 15, April 16, 2008
- 2007 *Light Leaks Magazine*, Showcase Artist, Issue #8, four-page spread of *Myth Making* project
F-Stop Magazine (Online Magazine - March/April #22) 2003 *Towers*, NIU Literary and Art Magazine

CURATORIAL PROJECTS

- 2014 *New Landscapes*: work by Allison Grant, Anastasia Samoylova and Mark Dorf, co-curated with Sarah Jamison (The Exhibition Project), Gallery 19, Chicago

COLLECTIONS

Wright State University
Kishwaukee College
Busy Beaver, So & So's Buttonomatic

EXHIBITIONS JURIED

- 2019 Kishwaukee College, Student Art Exhibition, Malta IL
- 2015 20th Annual Maine East Art Exhibition, Maine Township High School East, Park Ridge, IL
- 2007 Belvidere Art Fair, Belvidere, IL
- 2006 Keystone Press, Pennsylvania Newspaper Association
Kishwaukee College 19th annual Student Art Exhibition
- 2004 DeKalb County High School Art Exhibition
- 2003 Kishwaukee College 16th annual Student Art Exhibition