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Solo | Two-Person Exhibitions

- 2022 Objects of Absence, Neidorff Gallery, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
- 2016 Accumulated Erosions, Southwest School of Art, Russell Hill Rogers Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2010 The Persistence of Moment, Women and Their Work Gallery, Austin, TX(catalogue)
- 2008 Window Works, Artpace Foundation for Contemporary Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2008 any given moment, Gallery4, Blue Star Contemporary Arts Space, San Antonio, TX
- 2007 The Yellow Wallpaper, Unit B Gallery, San Antonio, TX (curator: Risa Puleo)
- 2005 Artists Looking at Art, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2005 Karen Mahaffy: Recent Work, Sala Diaz, San Antonio, TX
- 2001 Wallflower, Three Walls Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2000 Plain, Instant, Seedless, Project Room, San Antonio, TX
- 1999 without ceremony, Cactus Bra, San Antonio, TX
- 1996 (post-), Satellite Space, 115 Blue Star, San Antonio, TX

Group Exhibitions

- 2022 Donald Moffett + Nature Cult + The McNay, The McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2021 18th Annual Collegiate Invitational Exhibition, San Antonio Art League & Museum
- 2019 The Culture of Materials, Dock Space Gallery, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 The Sound of Hope, Terminal 136, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 Common Currents, Artpace Foundation for Contemporary Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2017 Quatro/Four Say Si, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 Blue Moon: The Feeling of Light, Kunsthalle HGN, Duderstadt, Germany (Curator: Dr. Catherine Nichols)
- 2015 Back from Berlin, Blue Star Arts Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 Overwater Underland, Screening at Habitable Spaces, Kingsbury, TX
- 2015 Move Me (CAM Perennial), Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio, TX (Curator: Amy Mackie, PARSE Gallery, New Orleans, LA)
- 2014 Moveable Art Party, Artist Foundation of San Antonio, TX
- 2014 Open Studios, Kunsterhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 Tech Talk: The Joan Davidow Collection, University of Texas at Dallas, School of the Arts and Humanities, Dallas, TX
- 2014 Luminaria, site-specific video installation, San Antonio, TX
- 2013 Alternate Currents, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio, TX (curated by Patty Ortiz, Director)
- 2013 Nature, Nurture, Torture, Sala Jesús Gallardo, Instituto de Cultura de León, León, Mexico. (Curator: Barbara Perea)
- 2013 Moveable Art Party, Artist Foundation of San Antonio, TX
- 2012 One-night only, video installation, Hotwells, San Antonio, TX
- 2011 Luminaria, outdoor, site-specific video installation, San Antonio, TX

2011 Home Grown in San Antone: Educators in Art, Beeville Museum, Beeville, TX
 2010 SA Draws, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
 2010 La Mezcla / The Mixture, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio, TX
 2009 Perceptible Systems, New York Center for Art & Media Studies, New York, NY
 2009 All Ladies Video Review, UTSA Satellite Space, San Antonio, TX (catalogue)
 2008 Playing with Time, Blue Star Contemporary Arts Space, San Antonio, TX
 2007 A Quiet, UTSA Satellite Space, San Antonio, TX
 2007 Still Life in New Time, University of Texas at San Antonio (Curator: David Rubin) (catalogue)
 2007 Hope College Alumni Exhibition, Holland, MI
 2006 E-flux Video Rental (EVR); Austin, Istanbul, Canaries (Selected by Renee Barilleaux, Chief Curator/Curator of Art after 1945 at the McNay Art Museum
 2006 Impossible Exchange, Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX (Curator: Lynn McCabe)
 2006 Sincerity, Fine Silver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 2006 Alumni Exhibition, Hope College, Holland, MI
 2005 Moving Pictures, Dallas Center for Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX
 2005 What's Behind What's Going On: 2nd Annual UTSA Video Show, Satellite Space, San Antonio, TX
 2004 Drawing, Three Walls Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 2004 The Soft Machine, artWhere, Alameda Theatre, San Antonio, TX
 2004 The Stray Show Art Fair, Kingsbury Place, Chicago, IL (Represented by Three Walls Gallery)
 2003 Beyond the Academy, Arthouse, Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, TX
 2003 Remember the Rodeo, Satellite Space, San Antonio, TX
 2002 10x3, San Antonio Museum of Art, San Antonio, TX
 2002 Shared Sensibilities, Museo del Arte, Queretaro, Mexico
 2001 PepperMint (Curiously Strong), Smack Mellon Studios, Brooklyn, NY
 2001 Drawing the Thread, Southwest School of Art and Craft, San Antonio, TX
 2001 Here/There: An Exploration of Public Art, Blue Star Arts Space, San Antonio, TX
 2001 Once There Was a Spot, Locust Street Projects, Miami, FL (Curator: Chris Ingalls)
 2000 Annual Sculpture Conference Exhibition, Continental Airlines Building, Houston, TX
 2000 Neo-Rococo, University of Texas at San Antonio, TX
 2000 Spring Fling, Finesilver Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 1999 Juried exhibition, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
 1999 Blurring the Lines, Satellite Arts Space, San Antonio, TX
 1999 XI Biennial Faculty Exhibition, University of Texas at San Antonio
 1999 11th Annual Exhibition, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO
 1998 Art on Tour, traveling exhibition selected from New American Talent 12
 1997 Women's Work, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
 1997 Work/Play: Back and Forth, Rrose Amarillo Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 1997 Time, Body and Memory, Women's History Month, Satellite Art Space, San Antonio, TX
 1996 Blue Star 11, "Doubles: Mirrors, Twins, Lovers, Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio, TX (Curator: Dana Friis-Hasen)
 1996 New American Talent: The Twelfth Exhibition, Austin Museum of Art at Laguna Gloria, Austin, TX
 1996 30th Annual National Sculpture and Drawing Competition, Cain Gallery, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi
 1996 Women's History Month, The Primary Object Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 1995 Materials Hard & Soft, Greater Denton Arts Council, Denton, TX
 1995 inasmuchas, The Primary Object Gallery, San Antonio, TX
 1995 Profiles, Satellite Art Space at Blue Star, San Antonio, TX

Commissions | Public Works

- 2021 *Living Wall*, Commission, Exterior Entryway of Private Family Home, San Antonio, TX (in-progress)
- 2019 *Bus Benches (Maps)*, S. Alamo St. + Cedar St., King William Historic District, San Antonio, TX
- 2015 *PLAYhouse*, large-scale, sculptural work, Yanaguana Gardens, Hemisfair/HPArc, San Antonio, TX
- 2009 *Look Up/Listen Up*, site-specific video installation, Info Centro, San Antonio, TX

Honors | Awards | Residencies

- 2014 Residency, Kunstlerhaus Bethanien, Berlin, Germany
- 2009 Media Arts Award, Artist Foundation of San Antonio
- 2009 Fulbright Scholars Grant (Lecture/Research), Estonia
- 2009 Residency, Estonia Artist Association, Tallinn, Estonia
- 2007 Nominee/Applicant, Arthouse Texas Prize for Contemporary Art
- 2006 Dozier Travel Grant, Dallas Museum of Art
- 2006 Residency, Red Gate Gallery, Beijing, China, June 2006
- 2004 Fulbright-Hays Seminar, China

Lectures | Panels

- 2022 *Objects of Absence*, Artist Talk, Trinity University Department of Art & Art History
- 2014 *Back from Berlin* Panel Discussion, Blue Star Art Museum, San Antonio, TX (co-panelists: Cathy Cunningham-Little, Vincent Valdez, Ricky Armendariz)
- 2010 *The Phenomena of Place*, Panel Discussion, *Women and Their Work*, Austin, TX (co-panelists: Chris Oglesby, Megan Crigger, Chris Sauter)
- 2005 *2 to Watch*, ArtPace Foundation for Contemporary Art, San Antonio, TX
- 2005 *Artists Looking at Art*, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, TX
- 2003 *Charting Communities: Artists Speak from Beyond the Academy*, Panel Discussion, Arthouse at the Jones Center, Austin, TX
- 1999 Alumni Panel Discussion, *Making Art in a Mediated Society*, Hope College, Holland, MI (co-panelists: Nate Cassie and J. Chadwick Johnson)

Catalogs

- Persistence of Moment*, *Women and Their Work*, Austin, TX 2010
- All Ladies Video Review*, University of Texas, San Antonio 2009
- Still Life in New Time*, University of Texas, San Antonio 2008
- Beyond the Academy* Arthouse, Jones Center for Contemporary Art 2003
- 11th Annual Exhibition*, Truman State University 1999
- New American Talent:12*, Austin Museum of Art, Texas Fine Arts Association 1996
- Women's Work*, Arlington Museum of Art 1997
- 30th Annual National Sculpture and Drawing Competition*, Del Mar College, Corpus Christi 1996
- Materials Hard & Soft*. Center for Visual Arts, Denton 1995

Collections

Del Mar College, Corpus Christi, TX

The West Collection, Oaks, PA

University of Texas at Dallas, School of Arts and Humanities, Dallas, TX (Gift of Joan Davidow)

Teaching:

2016-present Professor of Art, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

2010-2016 Associate Professor of Art, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

2005-2010 Assistant Professor of Art, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX (Tenured 2008),

2007-2009 Department Chair, Fine & Performing Arts\Speech Communication Department, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

2002-2005 Instructor of Art, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX.

2009 Guest Lecturer, Estonia Academy of Art, Tallinn, Estonia

Course: Graduate Seminar, Considering Place: The role and influence of place in art

2001-2002 Adjunct Lecturer, Palo Alto College, San Antonio, TX

1999-2001 Adjunct Lecturer, St. Philip's College, San Antonio, TX

1998-2000 Adjunct Lecturer II, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

1999-2000 Undergraduate Advisor of Record, Department of Art and Art History, University of Texas at San Antonio

1997-1998 Assistant Professor (Part-Time), Freshman Foundation Program, New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University, Alfred, NY

1993-1996 Adjunct Lecturer I, University of Texas at San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Art and Art History, University of Texas at San Antonio

Professional Service

2015-2018 Board Member, Blue Star Contemporary Art, San Antonio, TX

2015 Selection Panel, Public Art San Antonio (PASA), District 4 Pedestrian Bridge Public Art Project, San Antonio, TX

2013-2014 Curatorial Advisor, Women and Their Work Gallery, Austin, TX

2012-2013 Advisory Board, Casa Chuck Residency Program, San Antonio, TX

2013 Selection Panel, Mission Reach Bench Project, San Antonio River Foundation, San Antonio, TX

2011-2013 Cultural Arts Advisory Board (District 4), Department of Culture and Creative Arts, San Antonio, TX

2012-2013 Artist Advisory Board, Contemporary Art Month (CAM), San Antonio, TX

2010-2011 Co-Chair, Visual Arts Committee, Luminaria Arts Night (March 2011), San Antonio, TX

2011 Media Arts Grants Review Panel Coordinator, Artist Foundation of San Antonio, TX

2007 Grants Panelist (Media Arts + Visual Arts) Houston Arts Alliance, Houston, TX

Publication as Author

2006 "From East to West: Karen Mahaffy on Contemporary Art in Beijing" ...might be good, issue # 73, (July 14, 2006) <http://www.fluentcollab.org/mbg/archived/issue73.htm>

Selected Bibliography

2015 Dan Goddard, "San Antonio Artists Come 'Back from Berlin'," [*San Antonio Current*](#), (March 25, 2015).

- Elda Silva, "'Alternate Current' sparks conceptual art at the Guadalupe," [My San Antonio](#), (November 16, 2013).
- Elda Silva, "S.A. artists move out-of-town curator," [San Antonio Express News](#), (April 3, 2015).
- Steve Bennett, "S.A. Artists Changed by Time in Berlin," [San Antonio Express News](#), (March 6, 2015).
- Wendy Atwell, "Artists Share Inspiration for 'Back from Berlin'," [The Rivard Report](#), (March 7, 2015).
- 2014 Elda Silva, "The Art of Teaching" San Antonio Express News (October 24, 2014).
Alison Hugill, "Review: Exhibition // Open Studio Event at Künstlerhaus Bethanien," Berlin Art Link (blog), (June 11, 2014).
- 2011 Nan Cuba and Riley Robinson, (eds.), *Art at Our Doorstep* San Antonio Writers and Artists (San Antonio: Trinity Press, 2011). 105.
- 2010 Laura A. Lindenberger Wellen, "Karen Mahaffy: Women and Their Work," *Art Lies* no. 67, (Fall/Winter 2010). 77.
- 2009 John Ewing, "Perceptible Systems," *Art Lies*, no.62, (Summer 2009). 101.
- 2007 Elaine Wolff, "The Paper Chase," *San Antonio Current* (August 1-7, 2007). 19+22.
Jessica Belasco, "Video Explores Everyday Subtleties," *210SA*, vol.1, issue 27, (August 29, 2007). 26.
Wendy Atwell, "Erin Curtis and Karen Mahaffy," *Art Lies* no. 55, (Fall 2007). 114.
- 2006 Christopher French, "Review: Lauren Kelley/Impossible Exchange," [Glasstire](#), (October 2, 2006).
Catherine Walworth, "On Beauty: Karen Mahaffy, Andrea Calliouet and Chris Sauter" [Glasstire](#), (July 2, 2006).
Lori Burling Ilves, "5 to Watch," *Sombrilla Magazine*, vol.22, issue 1, (Winter 2006). 24-29.
- 2005 Patrick Putze, "Karen Mahaffy Slows Your Roll at Sala Diaz," *Voices of Art*, vol.13, issue 2 (2005). 8.
- 2004 Elaine Wolf, "CAM Redux," *San Antonio Current*, (October 7, 2004).
- 2002 Frances Colpitt, "Jewel in the Rough: Report from San Antonio," *Art in America*, (February 2002). 59-65, photo 60.
- 2000 Wendy Atwell, "Neo-Rococo: University of Texas at San Antonio," *Art Lies*, Volume 26, (Spring 2000). 88.

Radio | Television | Video

- 2015 Video Interview, Berlin Residency Program Blue Star Arts Museum (available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hSmHGUMwbgg>)
- 2014 Video Interview for KLRN ARTS, San Antonio, TX January 31, 2014
- 2010 Michael Lee Radio Interview, Arts Eclectic on KUT, Austin, TX July 22, 2010
- 2000 One-Minute Egg, Video Interview, The Egg on KLRN San Antonio, show #218