

# CHRIS OTTEN

CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **Education**

- 2011 MFA, Studio Art  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
- 2007 BFA, Photographic Arts  
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

## **Teaching Experience**

- 2017-Pres. Full-time Art & Photography Faculty  
Yakima Valley College, Yakima, WA
- Digital Design
  - Digital Photography
  - History of Photography
  - Intermediate Digital Photography
  - Advanced Digital Photography
- 2016-2019 Online Adjunct Faculty  
Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design, Denver, CO
- Digital Photography II
  - Lighting I: Fundamentals
  - Lighting II: Location
  - Portraiture
  - Commercial Photography I
  - Advanced Digital Imaging
  - Visual Language and Storytelling
  - Architecture & Industrial Landscapes
  - Conceptual Projects
- 2014-2017 Adjunct Faculty  
University of Tampa, Tampa, FL
- Beginning Photography (analog)

2013-2017 Adjunct Faculty  
Hillsborough Community College, Tampa, FL

- Design Fundamentals I
- Drawing I
- Drawing II
- Photography I (analog)
- Digital Photography

2012-2016 Adjunct Faculty  
St. Petersburg College, Clearwater, FL

- History of Photography
- Photography I (analog)
- Intermediate Photography (analog)
- Digital Photography
- Digital Imaging
- Large Format Photography

2011-2013 Adjunct Faculty  
Art Institute of Tampa, Tampa, FL

- Survey of Photography
- Black and White Photography I
- Black and White Photography II
- Creative Concepts
- Special Topics II
- Special Topics III

2010-2011 Instructor of Record  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

- Beginning Photography (digital)

### **Related Work Experience**

2011-2016 Administrative Services Specialist in Photography  
St. Petersburg College, Clearwater, FL

Responsible for managing budget and all equipment purchases, maintaining inventory and upkeep of all photographic equipment, advising students regarding their academic curriculum, serving as point of contact to potential students, advising students on internship/work placement, managing and scheduling student workers, coordinating student art exhibitions, maintaining social media presence, documenting and archiving student work, and performing research for department visual resources collection.

- 2008-2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL  
Responsible for assisting, grading and teaching multiple courses in Studio Art, including Beginning Photography, Intermediate Photography and Advanced Photography.
- 2005-2007 Photography Lab Attendant  
University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK  
Responsible for maintaining darkroom and lighting studio equipment.

### **Awards/Grants**

- 2011 Honorable Mention  
FMoPA, *11<sup>th</sup> Annual Member's Show*
- Finalist  
*Photographer's Forum* Best of College Photography
- 2010 Travel Grant  
School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida
- Research in Art  
Graphicstudio, University of South Florida
- First Place, \$1,250  
The Studio @620 Juried Art Show
- Finalist  
*Photographer's Forum* Best of College Photography
- Challenge Grant, \$5,000  
University of South Florida
- 2009 Research in Art  
School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida
- 2008-2009 Graduate Assistantship  
School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida
- Fellowship, \$4,500  
School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida

### **Solo/Two-Person Exhibitions**

- 2020      *Wounded Deer*  
Terrain Gallery, Spokane, WA
- 2017      *Fresh Squeezed (solo)*  
Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- 2014      *There's No Place Like Home*  
Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL
- 2011      *Big Trouble in Little America*  
Larson Art Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
- 2010      *West of My Imagination (solo)*  
Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL
- 2009      *Into Nowhere (solo)*  
Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL

### **Collaborative Projects**

- 2011      *Walk West*  
Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL  
(performance video with Justin Martin)
- 2010      *Hookers and Autobots*  
Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL  
(performance video with Robb Fladry)
- 2009      *CameraHeads*  
Collaboration with ACLU, Ybor City, FL  
(performance video with Justin Martin)
- 2009      *I Ripped My Own Heart Out*  
Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL  
(performance video with Robb Fladry)

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2020      *The Blue Show*, Confluent, Richland, WA

- 2018      *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Central Washington Artists' Exhibition*  
Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA  
(Curator: Devin Grimm)
- DoVA Show*  
Larson Gallery, Yakima, WA
- 2017      *SKYWAY: A Contemporary Collaboration*  
Tampa Museum of Art, Tampa, FL  
(Juror: Diana Nawi)
- In Between Meetings*  
Philip J. Steele Gallery, Denver, CO
- 2016      *High Plains Highways*  
Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo, TX  
(Juror: Wyatt McSpadden)
- 2015      *Faculty Exhibition*  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery, Tampa, FL
- Where the Grass is Green and the Girls Are Pretty*  
Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL  
(Curator: Danny Olda)
- 2014      *Hi-5*  
Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL  
*Faculty Exhibition*  
Scarfone/Hartley Gallery, Tampa, FL
- dry*  
Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL
- Paradise City*  
Workspace Gallery, Tampa, FL  
(Curator: Megan Voeller)
- Faculty Exhibition*  
Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art, Tarpon Springs, FL

- 2013 *Alive & Well*  
Brass and Bellows Gallery, Marine on St. Croix, MN  
(Juror: Dave Molnar)
- 2012 *Between Earth and Sky*  
Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL
- Up Close and Personal*  
Minneapolis Photo Center, Minneapolis, MN  
(Juror: Andrea Mellard)
- 2012 Midwest Center for Photography Juried Exhibition*  
Midwest Center for Photography, Wichita, KS  
(Juror: Linda Robinson)
- 2011 *11<sup>th</sup> Annual American Landscapes National Exhibition*  
Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD  
(Juror: Jack Rasmussen)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Member's Show*  
Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL  
(Curators: Lara Cerri, Victoria Cooke and Carol Upham)
- Starting Fires: MFA Graduation Exhibition*  
Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL
- Elements*  
ARC Gallery, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL
- Open*  
Blue Line Gallery, Roseville, CA  
(Juror: Lewis Kemper)
- Urban View / Rural Sights*  
Minneapolis Photo Center, Minneapolis, MN  
(Juror: David Travis)
- 2010 *SHIFT*  
Tempus Projects, Tampa, FL

*10<sup>th</sup> Annual American Landscapes National Exhibition*  
Circle Gallery, Annapolis, MD  
(Juror: Ann Schafer)

*Day One*

Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL

*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Member's Show*

Florida Museum of Photographic Arts, Tampa, FL

(Curators: Steven Katzman, Ted McLaren and Noel Smith)

*Unseen*

ARC Gallery, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL

(Curators: Zarth Bertsch, Michael Massaro and Ofra Friedman)

*2010 Member's Exhibition*

2<sup>nd</sup> City Council Art Gallery, Long Beach, CA

*34<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition*

Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL

(Juror: Sean Miller)

*Art Show 2010*

The Studio@620, St. Petersburg, FL

*One*

ARC Gallery, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL

2009

*Canvas 5*

Warehouse 2702, Brandon, FL

*Over Everything*

Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL

(Curator: Jean Carey)

*FLoCAS*

Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL

(Juror: Libby Lumpkin)

*33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition*

Centre Gallery, Tampa, FL

(Juror: Megan Voeller)

- 2008      *Poseurs*  
 Oliver Gallery, Tampa, FL  
 (Curator: Neil Bender)
- FLoCAS*  
 August, 621 Gallery, Tallahassee, FL  
 September, WARPhaus, Gainesville, FL  
 October, Bustillo y Diaz Cigar Factory, Tampa, FL  
 (Juror: Bonnie Clearwater)
- 2007      *12 Artists: BFA Graduation Exhibition*  
 Oklahoma City Science Museum, Oklahoma City, OK  
 (Curator: Dr. Bob Palmer)
- Across the Grand Canyon*  
 Donna Nigh Gallery, Edmond, OK  
 (Curator: Zina Gelona)

**Collective Projects**

2016-Pres.    Bleu Acier Inc.

**Works in Publications/Catalogs (Print)**

- 2020      Featured artist  
*Manifest Press*, International Photography Annual (INPHA 7)
- Featured artist  
 Shannon Mahre, "Beauty in the Eye of the Lens," *Yakima Magazine*,  
 January Issue: 30
- 2017      Exhibition catalog  
*Fresh Squeezed*, Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL
- Amarillo Globe, exhibition announcement with photograph, Amarillo  
 Globe News, January 1, 2017, C3
- 2012      Featured artist  
*Working Title Publications*, LLC, December Issue



Exhibition book

*Up Close and Personal*, Minneapolis Photography Center, Minneapolis, MN

2011      Exhibition catalog; cover photographer  
*Shift, VSA: The International Organization on Arts and Disability*,  
Terrace Gallery of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in  
Washington, DC, June 3-30

Exhibition catalog

*Starting Fires*, Contemporary Art Museum, Tampa, FL

2010      Exhibition catalog  
*Unseen*, ARC Gallery, Museum of Science and Industry, Tampa, FL, July  
– August

2009      Exhibition catalog  
*FLoCAS*, Florida State University Museum of Fine Arts, Tallahassee, FL,  
July – August

2006      Featured artist  
*Rangefinder*, June Issue

2005      Featured artist  
*Rangefinder*, June Issue

### **Works in Publications (Online)**

2017      Featured artist  
L.A. Photo Curator, “What Remains,” February Issue, Curated by Jody  
Miller  
[http://www.laphotocurator.com/what-remains-curator-jody-  
miller/group-exhibition-1/13](http://www.laphotocurator.com/what-remains-curator-jody-miller/group-exhibition-1/13)

CL Staff, “Spring Arts Preview: April,” Creative Loafing, January 19,  
2017  
[http://www.cltampa.com/artsentertainment/article/20849165/spring-arts-  
preview-april](http://www.cltampa.com/artsentertainment/article/20849165/spring-arts-<br/>preview-april)

- 2015 Danny Olda, "At the Far End of Whatever Separates House and Home,"  
Art at Bay, September 28, 2015  
<http://www.artatbay.com/blog/at-the-far-end-of-whatever-separates-house-and-home/>
- Featured artist  
Fountain of Pythons, photography collective  
<http://www.fountainofpythons.com>
- Featured artist  
Lenscratch, The States Project, Florida, August Issue  
<http://lenscratch.com/2015/08/chris-otten-the-states-project-florida/>
- 2012 Luis Gottardi, "Between Earth and Sky: Tampa Photographers' Collective  
Debut Show at Tempus," Art Taco, October 31, 2012  
<http://art-taco.blogspot.com/2012/10/between-earth-sky-tampa-photographers.html>
- Exhibiting artist  
*2012 Midwest Center for Photography Juried Exhibition*, Midwest Center  
for Photography, Wichita, KS  
[http://www.mwcponline.org/Midwest\\_Center\\_for\\_Photography/2012\\_mwcp\\_juried\\_exhibition.html](http://www.mwcponline.org/Midwest_Center_for_Photography/2012_mwcp_juried_exhibition.html)
- 2011 Featured artist  
Infinite Editions, Fine Art Printmaking  
<http://infinite-editions.com/chris-otten/>
- 2007 John Brandenburg, "Exhibit shows strong elements in a variety of styles,"  
The Oklahoman, November 30, 2007  
<http://newsok.com/article/3175076>
- 2005 James D. Watts Jr., "Show throws student's creativity into sharp focus,"  
Sketchbook: Bull's eye, July 7, 2005  
[http://www.tulsaworld.com/archives/sketchbook-bull-s-eye/article\\_fd987c9a-11c6-5494-9a7e-60998f4ed256.html](http://www.tulsaworld.com/archives/sketchbook-bull-s-eye/article_fd987c9a-11c6-5494-9a7e-60998f4ed256.html)

### **Artist Lectures**

- 2017 Florida Museum of Photographic Arts (FMoPA), Tampa, FL  
2016 Morean Arts Center, St. Petersburg, FL  
2014 Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL

### **Curriculum Development**

2015 St. Petersburg College, Photography Department  
Helped develop curriculum proposal for BAS in Photographic  
Technology.

### **Professional Development**

2020 Certificate of Teaching and Learning for Hispanic Serving Institutions  
Yakima Valley College, Yakima, WA

2015 Phase One camera system and Capture One software training  
St. Petersburg College, Clearwater, FL

2013 Salt printing with Steven Spencer  
St. Petersburg College, Clearwater, FL

2009 Photogravure printmaking with Tim Baker  
Graphicstudio, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

### **Professional Organizations**

College Art Association (CAA)  
Fountain of Pythons  
Society for Photographic Education (SPE)

### **Public Collections**

University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK  
Washington State Department of Ecology, Yakima, WA

### **Private Collections**

Bob Palmer, Bethany, OK  
Erika Schneider, Tampa, FL  
Julie Weitz, Los Angeles, CA  
Justin Martin, Bellingham, WA  
Kathy Gibson, Tampa, FL  
Mark Zimmerman, Edmond, OK  
Megan Voeller, Philadelphia, PA  
Paula Graham, St. Petersburg, FL  
Wendy Babcox, Tampa, FL

### **Service to the College/University**

- 2019 Search committee, Music Instructor  
Humanities Department, Yakima Valley College
- 2011-2016 Advisory committee, A.S. Photographic Technology  
St. Petersburg College
- 2009-2010 Search committee, Photography Faculty  
School of Art and Art History, University of South Florida

### **Exhibitions Curated**

- 2016 *Out of Sight*, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL
- 2015 *Happenstance*, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL
- 2014 *Envisage*, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL
- 2013 *Lightroom/Darkroom*, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL
- 2012 *Obscuration*, Crossroads Gallery, Clearwater, FL

### **Exhibition Juror**

- 2020 Allied Arts Association's Annual Juried Show, The Gallery at the Park,  
Richland, WA
- 2019 Student Exhibition, Sarah Spurgeon Gallery, Ellensburg, WA

### **Related Technical Skills**

#### Traditional Printing Processes:

Gelatin silver and RA-4 processes

#### Analog Print Enlargers:

Omega, Beseler, Durst, and Fujimoto CP-51

#### Alternative Processes:

Cyanotype, Van Dyke Brown, Salt Prints, Gum, and Pinhole

#### Editing Software:

Adobe Creative Suite, Capture One, Phase One, and Flexcolor

#### Camera Systems:

35mm, 120, 4x5, DSLR, and Mamiya Leaf Digital Camera Backs

#### Digital Printing:

Epson 3880, 4880, 4900, 7900, 9900, etc.

#### Film Scanning:

Epson Flatbed and Flextight Scanners

#### Lighting:

Use of multiple lighting systems for studio and location photography