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Lives and works in Austin, TX

[Chasing Light Project](#)

[Fine Art Portfolio](#)

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education	2018	Master of Fine Arts, interdisciplinary studio Arts, University of Texas, Austin, TX
	2012	Bachelor of Fine Arts, photography & Art history, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME
solo exhibitions	2017	<i>Body is a Bridge</i> (two-person show with Amber Shields) Center Space Gallery, Visual Arts Center, Austin, TX
	2016	<i>Chasing Light</i> , Francis Colburn Gallery, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
	2013	<i>Still Life Photographs</i> , 659 Congress Street Gallery, Portland, ME
	2012	<i>Skin &amp; Surface</i> , June Fitzpatrick Gallery, Portland, ME <i>Still Life Photographs</i> , Think Tank Gallery, Portland, ME
group exhibitions	2021	<i>Hear &amp; Now</i> , TEDxUTAustin, San Antonio Parking Garage, Austin, TX
	2020	<i>Open-Air Digital Projections</i> , Photo NOLA, New Orleans, LA
		<i>PhotoNola 2020 Virtual Reality</i> hosted by MetaCulture in partnership with Abdul Aziz, digital gallery
		<i>Work Project</i> , Sunhouse Arts, digital gallery
		<i>14th Annual Julia Margaret Cameron Award Exhibition</i> , Gallery FotoNostrum, Barcelona, Spain
	2019	<i>From Tragedy to Light</i> , 30 Years of The Alexia at Photoville NYC, New York, NY
	2018	<i>Proxemics</i> , MASS Gallery, Austin, TX
		<i>Affordable Dream House</i> , Visual Arts Center, Austin, TX
		<i>Room Before</i> , Visual Arts Center, Austin, TX
	2017	<i>Paraphrase</i> , Visual Arts Center, Austin, TX
		<i>The Underworld, The Decay</i> , New Fruit, Portland, ME
		<i>Nailed It</i> , Treat Gallery, New York, NY
	2015	<i>Seeing Through</i> , PhoPa Gallery, Portland, ME
		<i>Featured Shoot: A Group Photography Show</i> , P3 Gallery, Portland, ME
	2011	<i>From The Inside: The Maine College of Art Staff Show</i> , June Fitzpatrick Gallery, Portland, ME
<i>Frontiers of Photography</i> , VisArts Center, Rockville, MD		
<i>PRC Student Exhibition</i> , Photograph Resource Center, Boston MA		
2010	<i>Still Life Photographs</i> , Merit Competition, Maine College of Art, Portland, ME	
	<i>Bachelor of Fine Arts Show</i> , Maine College of Art, Portland, ME	
	<i>Summer Show</i> , Maine College of Art, Portland, ME	
	<i>Thinking Outside the Body</i> , Institute of Contemporary Art, Portland, ME	
	<i>Merit Competition</i> , Maine College of Art, Portland, ME	
awards	2021	Center for Photographic Arts, Artist Grant, finalist
		Leica Women Foto Project Invite-only Portfolio Review
		Fine Art Photography Awards, Chasing Light, Nomination in Professional Photojournalism category
		Austin Community Initiatives Grant for <i>Skin Prints</i>
		Spazio Labo, Tutorship in Visual Storytelling, mentorship with Marico Fayre,
		Bird in Flight Prize '20, portfolio review, with Ari Versluis, and Shadman Shahid
		Houston Center of Photography, Joan Hohlt and Roger Wich Emerging Artist Scholarship
		Austin Studio Tour 2020, fellowship recipient
		Photoville X Visual Thinking Collective, portfolio review
		The Haven Foundation, grant recipient
	2020	Critical Mass, Photolucida, finalist
		Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University, Essay Prize in Photography, semifinalist
		Big Medium Gallery, Artist's award
		Austin Creative Alliance, Austin Emergency Fund
		Women Photograph, Emergency Grant
New Orleans Photo Alliance, Michael P. Smith Award for Documentary Photography, grant recipient		
CENTER, Mentorship Program		
CENTER, Santa Fe Portfolio Review (rescheduled for 2021)		

- Artist Relief Fund, Award recipient
- NYFA - Rauschenberg Emergency Grant, recipient
- West Collection, Emergency Funds for Visual Artists
- Artists' Fellowship Award, grant recipient
- Julia Margaret Cameron Award, Honorable Mention in *Women Seeing Women*
- 2019 Neutral Density Photography Award, Honorable Mention in Editorial Photo Essay / Story Category
- The Alexia, Professional Grant, for *Chasing Light*, shortlist
- IPA Photo Awards, Documentary category, for *Chasing Light*
- PDN Emerging Photographer Award
- Lens Culture Emerging Photographer Award
- The Magenta Foundation, Flash Forward Award
- The Arch and Anne Giles Kimbrough Fund, Dallas Museum of Art
- Professional Development Grant, Photography & Media Center, Maine College of Art
- The Kindling Fund Project Grant, SPACEgallery and the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
- 2018 Portfolio Review, Charcoal Book Club, Chico Hot Springs, MO (invited - couldn't attend)
- Post-graduate Fellowship, Bat City Review, Michener Center for Writers & English Department, UT Austin
- UT COFA Spring 2017 Travel Grant, UT Austin
- 2017 UT COFA 2017-2018 award, UT Austin
- Fine Arts Diversity Grant, UT Austin
- Lucie Foundation, Photo Taken Scholarship, finalist
- UT COFA Vermont Studio Summer 2017 Award, UT Austin
- John Kittredge Grant for *Chasing Light*
- Award of Excellence for *Chasing Light*, Alexia Foundation
- UT COFA Spring 2017 Travel Grant, UT Austin
- UT COFA 2016-2017 award, Riso Graduate Fellow, UT Austin
- UT COFA 2016-2017 award, UT Austin
- 2016 Best in Show, "Nailed It," Treat Gallery, New York, NY
- UT COFA Spring 2017 Travel Grant, UT Austin
- 2015 Critical Mass, Photolucida, finalist
- Project Grant, Maine Arts Commission
- 2012 Good Idea Grant, Maine Arts Commission
- Google Photography Prize, recipient
- 2011 Artist to Artist Award, Juried Show, Maine College of Art
- Photographic Resource Center Student Show, Art Institute of Boston
- Yale Norfolk Summer Program, MECA Nominee, Yale University
- Beatrice Abbott Endowed Scholarship, Merit Competition, Maine College of Art
- 2010 Ellis Glickman Endowed Scholarship, Maine College of Art
- Dean's Scholarship for academic achievement, Maine College of Art
- 2009 WSCH Arthur Hahn Endowed Scholarship, Maine College of Art
- Dean's Scholarship for Academic Achievement, Maine College of Art
- 08-09 Scholarly Achievement & Competitiveness Grant, Maine College of Art
- 2008 Bernard Osher Scholarship, Maine College of Art

## publications

- 2021 *Fresh faces: striking images from debut photographers – in pictures*, The Guardian, online
- Pictura Gallery, feature, online
- Hear and Now*, TEDxUTAustin, riel Sturchio Skin Prints, show catalog essay by Zoe Roden
- Direct Object, issue 1, feature, print
- 2020 Sunhouse Arts, Brown University Magazine, feature, print
- PSST Magazine, feature, print
- HCP Member Spotlight*, online
- Chasing Light*, Float Magazine, online
- 2020 *Grantee Riel and Bianca Sturchio*, Michael P. Smith Fund For Documentary Photography, online
- Riel Sturchio: Chasing Light*, International Photographic Magazine, online
- The Alexia: 30 Years in Review*, The Alexia Foundation, print
- Flash Forward 2019*, The Magenta Foundation, print
- 2019 *Emerging Photographer*, Vol. 11, No. 2, digital publication
- 5 Years in Review*, Alexia Foundation, print
- ND Awards 2019 Winners Gallery*, Neutral Density Photography Awards, online
- Portfolio Spotlight: Multidisciplinary Art*, Format, online

- Photographic Museum of Humanity, feature, online  
*5 Years of The Kindling Fund*, Kindling Fund, online and print  
 Incandescent Magazine, issue 15, print  
 The Hunger Journal, select images, issue 4, online  
*20 Fine Arts Photographers Redefining The Medium*, Format, online  
*Chasing Light* by riel and Bianca Sturchio, Dodho, online
- 2018 *Riel Sturchio: Chasing Light*, Inge Morath, online  
*IM Mag Presents Riel Sturchio*, IM Mag, *Chasing Light*, online  
*20 Fine Arts Photographers Redefining The Medium*, Format, online
- 2017 *Riel Sturchio, Chasing Light*, The Alexia Foundation, online  
*Body is a Bridge*, Visual Arts Center, online  
*Chasing Light*, The Alexia, Student Award of Excellence, online  
*On Cerebral Palsy, Identity, Shame, and Stigma within Non-normative Bodies*, Alexia Foundation, interview, online
- 2016 *The Photographers Capturing Unseen Environments*, Dazed Digital, online  
 Fotografia Magazine, interview, online  
*Chasing Light* by Riel Sturchio, Positive Magazine, online  
*Chasing Light* by Gabriella Sturchio, Ignant, online  
*Portfolio Highlight*, Maine College of Art, online  
 Superstition Review, feature, online  
*riel Sturchio - Chasing Light*, LensCulture, online
- 2015 *Gabriella Sturchio: Green To Blue*, Bleek Magazine, online  
*A Brief Interview with Gabriella Sturchio*, Strant Magazine, online  
*Half-Year*, vol 2. Streit House Magazine, selected photographs, online  
*Gabriella Sturchio - Ain't Bad*, Ain't Bad Magazine, online  
 F-stop Magazine, select images, online  
 Saint Lucy, feature, online
- 2014 *Papersafe #02: Keepers of the Dark*, Gyroscope Prints & Papersafe, interview & print mail-out
- 2012 *Words & Images*, feature, print  
 Creative Quarterly, fall issue 27, feature, print and online  
*Poetic Objects: Still Life as Subject*, PhotoPlace Gallery, online