

# JUAN MANUEL FERNANDEZ

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## Education:

*MFA* 2013                      Photography    Northern Illinois University  
*BFA* 2010                      Photography    Columbia College Chicago (magna cum laude)

## Exhibition Record: (\* Denotes Solo or Two Person Exhibition)

**2016** \* *Two Person Show with Kim Turner*, College of the Sequoias Art Gallery, Visalia, CA

**2015** *DARKROOM*, Benefit Auction for Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL

*The Trap*, Hammond Arts Center, Hammond, IN  
Juror Sergio Gomez, Owner of 33 Contemporary Gallery

*Alumni on 5*, Columbia College Chicago Library, Chicago, IL  
Juror Lisa Lindvay

**2014** *Rockford Midwestern Biennial*, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL  
Juror William Lieberman Owner and Director, Zolla/Lieberman Gallery, Chicago

*Borders and Barriers* Gallery 19, Chicago, IL

*Edition Chicago*, Chicago Artists Coalition w/ Gallery 19, Chicago, IL

*Space Between*, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

*Untitled Fabrications*, Gallery 19, Chicago, IL

\* *Solo Show*, Kane County Chronicle Gallery at Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL

*Spectacular*, DeKalb Area Womens Center, DeKalb, IL

*The Enigmatic Object*, at Johalla Projects, Chicago, IL  
Jurors Kyohei Abe and Caroline Picard

*Projector Poetry*, Cobalt Studios, Chicago IL

**2013** *Northern Illinois University Faculty Exhibition*, NIU Art Museum, DeKalb, IL

*Chicago Project V*, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL

*19th Juried Exhibition*, Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA  
Juror Kathy Ryan, Photography Editor New York Times Magazine

*4th Year Anniversary Show*, Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL  
Juror Glenn Wexler

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**2013** *Newspace 2013 Juried Exhibition, Newspace Center for Photography, Portland, OR*  
Juror Sarah Stolfa, Executive Director of the Philadelphia Photo Arts Center

*Midwest Contemporary, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL*

Juror Karen Irvine and Natasha Egan, from the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL

*PPAC 4th Annual Exhibition, Philadelphia Photo Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA*

Jurors Andy Adams (Flak Photo) and Lesley Martin (Aperture Books)

*Mini Masterpieces, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL*

Fundraising exhibition for the Freeport Art Museum

\* *The Aesthetic of Agency, Solo Show, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*1035 Days, Ebersmoore Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*Rise: Art Showcase, Lacuna Artist Loft Studios, Pilsen, IL*

\* *The Aesthetic of Agency, Solo Show, Fourth Street Gallery, Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL*

*On the Mend, The Pig and Weasel, Evanston, IL*

Curated by Diana Gabriel

**2012** \* *Facade, Solo Show, Morton College, Cicero, IL*

*Photography Show, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*Photography Now 2012, The Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY*

Juror Natasha Egan, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL

*Rockford Midwestern Biennial, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL*

Juror Lisa Stone, Curator of the Roger Brown Study Collection of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago

\* *Truth and Being, The Plains Project, Chicago, IL*

Duo show with artist Jason Judd.

*Freeport Art Museum Regional Juried Exhibition IX, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL*

*Migrate, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL*

*Lens 2012, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL*

Juror Catherine Edelman, Owner and director of The Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL

*Dystopia, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL*

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**2012** *What a Long Night It has Been*, Gallery 214, DeKalb, IL  
Juror Maria Dimanshtein, Artist

*Las Manos Group Show*, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2011** *Midwest Center for Photography Juried Exhibition*, Center Gallery, Wichita, KS  
Juror Linda Robinson, Gallery Director, Center Gallery

*Photography in Color*, Las Manos Gallery, Chicago, IL

*29th Annual Juried Membership Exhibition*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX  
Juror Ariel Shanberg, executive director at The Center for Photography at Woodstock.

*Lens 2011*, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL

Juror Natasha Egan, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL

*Filter Photo Festival Exhibition*, Black Cloud Gallery, Chicago, IL

Jurors Barbara DeGenevieve, professor and chair of the Department of Photography at the School of the Art Institute and Christy Karpinski, editor and founder of *F-Stop Magazine*.

*MFA Show*, Northern Illinois University, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL

Juror Jeff Crisman, Assistant Professor of Photography at Chicago State University

*NIU Graduate Arts Association*, Bad Dog Gallery, DeKalb, IL

*ArtPrize*, Grand Rapids Community College Collins Art Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI

*Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition*, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL

Juror Michael Dinges, Artist

*Necessary Fictions*, Columbia College Chicago, Alumni on 5, Chicago, IL

*Façades*, La Grange Art League, LaGrange, IL

Juror John Fraser, Artist

**2010** *In Transit*, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA

*MFA Show*, Northern Illinois University, Jack Olson Gallery, DeKalb, IL

Juror Carol Jackson, Adjunct Assistant Professor at the School of the Art Institute, Chicago, IL

*Hors D'oeuvres*, First Year Graduate Show, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL

*Fantastic Landscape*, 310 conTEMPORARY Gallery, Hyde Park Art Center/Columbia College Chicago, IL

*Manifest* Columbia College Senior B.A. / B.F.A. Exhibition Chicago, IL

**2009** *Photo II Exhibition*, Columbia College, Chicago, IL

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**2008 Faculty Exhibition**, West Michigan Center for Arts & Technology, Grand Rapids, MI

**2005 Regional Arts Competition**, Lowell Area Arts Council, Lowell, MI

**2003 Maine Event Workshop**, Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI

**2002 Midwest Student Photographic Exhibition**, Urban Institute of Contemporary Art, Grand Rapids, MI

## Artist Talks / Panel Discussions:

**2014 Artist Talk**, Rockford Art Museum, Rockford, IL

**2014 Gallery Talk**, Rockford Art Museum Midwestern Biennial, Rockford, IL

**2014 Artist Talk**, North Eastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

**2013 Artist Talk, The Chicago Project V**, Chatherine Edelman Gallery Chicago, IL

**2013 As It Is**, Photography Panel Participant, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL

**2012 Artist Talk**, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL

## Awards / Scholarships / Recognition :

**2015 Honorable Mention**, Hammond arts Center, Hammond, IN

**2014 Juror**, Greenwich Village Art Fair, Rockford, IL

**2013 Best In Show**, Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL

**2013 Honorable Mention**, Water Street Studios, Batavia, IL

**2012 1st Place**, Freeport Art Museum Regional Juried Exhibition, Freeport, IL

**2012 Selection to the Midwest Photographers Project**, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL  
A portfolio of my project *Facade* will be in collection at the museum for a period of three years.

**2012 Lester K. Smith Endowed Creative Art Scholarship**, Northern Illinois University  
Awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**2012 Selection to The Chicago Project**, Catherine Edleman Gallery, Online Exhibition  
The gallery will keep an online archive of my *Facade* project making editions available for purchase.

**2012 University Fellowship Nominee**, NIU School of Art  
One of three nominees selected by the School of Art for the university wide fellowship competition.

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**2012 Jeffrey Lunsford Fellowship Nominee**, NIU School of Art

One of three nominees selected by the School of Art for the Lunsford underrepresented fellowship.

**2011 Frances Gates Memorial Scholarship**, Northern Illinois University

Awarded a \$400 scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year.

**2011 Graduate Assistantship**, Northern Illinois University

Included full tuition waiver and stipend.

**2011 First Place**, Facade, La Grange Art League Regional Juried Art Show

**2011 1st Runner-Up**, Lens 2011 National Juried Show

**2010 2nd Place**, Northern Illinois University MFA Show

**2010 Graduate Assistantship**, Northern Illinois University

Included full tuition waiver and stipend.

**2010 Purchase Award**, Columbia College Chicago

**2009-2010 CCC Retention Award**, Columbia College Chicago

Awarded \$6,000 scholarship for the academic year of 2009-2010.

## **Publications :**

**2013** TCPV Profile, The Cyclops Blog, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2013** The Chicago Project V Exhibition Catalog, Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2013** 19th Annual Juried Exhibition Catalog, Griffin Museum of Photography, Winchester, MA

**2013** Midwest Contemporary Exhibition Catalog, Lillstreet Art Center, Chicago, IL

**2012** Freeport Art Museum Regional Juried Exhibition Catalog, Freeport Art Museum, Freeport, IL

**2012** "*Further Investigations: Interview with Juan Fernandez.*" Make Space Art Blog, Chicago. March 16, 2012  
Interviewed by artist / writer Jason Judd.

**2012** Press Release, Photography Now 2012, Center for Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY

**2012** Lens 2012 Exhibition Catalog, Juror Catherine Edelman, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL  
Essay by Catherine Edelman, Owner and director of The Catherine Edelman Gallery, Chicago, IL

**2011** Lens 2011 Exhibition Catalog, Juror Natasha Egan, Perspective Gallery, Evanston, IL  
Essay by Natasha Egan, Director of the Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL

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## **Publications (Continued):**

**2011** Make Space, Online (Jan 2011)

Online archive of contemporary emerging artists.

**2010** Manifest Exhibition Catalog Columbia College Chicago B.F.A. / B.A. Exhibition

## **Collections :**

The Center of Photography at Woodstock, Woodstock, NY

Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL, Midwest Photographers Project

Columbia College Chicago

Spectrum Health Private Collection

Private Collectors Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, New York

## **Professional Experience :**

**2014-2015 Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Rapids, MI**

*Assistant Professor of Photography*

- Taught Intro to Photography, Intro to Darkroom Techniques, and Intro to View Camera Techniques.
- Served as department representative for the Academic Governing Council.
- Advised students on career path and articulation plans.
- Researched and recommended curriculum updates specifically related to digital technologies.
- Developed a strategic recruiting plan to grow photo student enrollment.
- Updated, streamlined, and maintained the darkroom labs and lighting studio.
- Managed the ordering and budgeting of supplies for each course.
- Designed, prepared and presented demonstrations, lectures, & assignments.
- Led discussions of assigned readings and in-progress and final critiques.
- Assigned grades for assignments and course final examination.
- Presented slide lectures of contemporary artist's work.

**2013-2014 Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL**

*Full-Time Instructor of Photography*

- Taught Intro to Photography, Intermediate Digital Photography, Documentary Photo, Senior Seminar, and supervised Graduate Student Independent Studies.
- Managed the operations of the digital and analog labs.
- Organized the department ordering and budget.
- Managed student workers in all photo lab areas.
- Repaired darkroom enlargers, view cameras, tripods, computers, printers, and networked environment.
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### **2014 Rockford Art Museum Rockford, IL**

#### ***Preparator***

- Deinstall and Install artwork
- Repair and paint walls for display.
- Effectively light all artwork on display.

### **2010-2013 Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL**

#### ***Digital Photographic Lab Manager***

- Designed and instituted a networked and calibrated environment.
- Instruct and aid students during lab hours
- Educate students with all the technology of the Digital Photography Lab. Including the use of high end Imacon Virtual Drum Scanners, Fluid Mount flatbed scanning, Mural Printing, Monitor Calibration, Color Management, and a variety of image editing and organizational software.

## **Professional Associations :**

Society for Photographic Education 2012 - present

Griffin Museum of Photography 2013

Houston Center for Photography 2011 - 2012

Student Photographic Society 2009

Northern Illinois University Graduate Arts Association 2010 – 2012