

# JOHN HOUCK

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Whitney Independent Study Program, New York, NY, 2010

Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, Skowhegan, ME, 2008

MFA, UCLA Department of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 2007

BA, Architecture, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, 2000

Lives and works in Portland, OR and Los Angeles, CA

## Solo exhibitions

- 2024            *Perfect Temperature Lava*, CANDICE MADEY, New York, NY [forthcoming]
- 2018            *Holding Environment*, Marianne Boesky Gallery, New York, NY
- 2017            *Hands, See Mouth*, fused space, San Francisco, CA  
*Tenth Mountain*, Boesky West, Aspen, CO  
*The Anthologist*, Dallas Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2016            *Playing and Reality*, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY
- 2015            *New Weather*, Johan Berggren Gallery, Malmö, Sweden
- 2013            *A History of Graph Paper*, On Stellar Rays, New York, NY  
*Ij*, Max Wigram Gallery, London, UK
- 2012            *To Understand Photography You Must First Understand Photography*, Kansas  
Gallery, New York, NY  
*Recursion*, Bill Brady/KC, Kansas City, MO
- 2011            Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN

## Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2022            *On Repeat: Serial Photography*, Milwaukee Art Museum, WI  
*Painters Painting*, Melanie Flood Projects, Portland, OR
- 2021            *We Are Here*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
- 2020            *Keeper of the Hearth*, Houston Center for Photography, Houston, TX  
*Conversational Spirits I*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA  
*The Quiet Show*, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2019            *Stains on a Decade: Ten Years at Josh Lilley*, Josh Lilley, London, England, UK  
*Allan Kaprow: Words*, produced by the Allan Kaprow Estate and Hauser & Wirth,  
Church of San Paolo Converso, Milan, Italy

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- 2018 *Eighty @ Eighty : Recent Gifts to the Permanent Collection*, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA  
*Screenspace*, Roesler Hotel, Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil  
*Made in L.A.*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*Kinship*, Jessica Silverman, San Francisco, CA
- 2017 *By the River*, ACME Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cross Currents*, COMA Gallery, Sydney, Australia  
*Light Play: Experiments in Photography, 1970s to Present*, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*How to be being*, Super Dakota, Brussels, Belgium
- 2016 *New Builds*, Josh Lilley Gallery, London, UK  
*Omul Negru*, Galeria Nicodim, Bucharest, Romania  
*Public, Private, Secret*, International Center of Photography, New York, NY
- 2015 *Speed Space*, Tif Sigfids, curated by Alexandra Gaty, Los Angeles, CA  
*Mending Wall*, The Pit, curated by Alexis Rose, Los Angeles, CA  
*Linear Abstraction*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA  
*Repetition and Difference*, The Jewish Museum, New York, NY  
*Painting the Sky Blue*, Stefan Lundgren Gallery, Palma de Mallorca, Spain  
*Part Picture*, Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art, Toronto, Canada  
*Passing Leap*, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY  
*Theories on Forgetting*, Gagosian Gallery, Beverly Hills, CA  
*Kill All Zombies*, Property Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Camera of Wonders*, Kadist Art Foundation, curated by Jens Hoffmann, Paris, France, travelled to Museo de Arte Moderno de Medellín, Medellín, Columbia;  
*Colección Isabel y Agustín Coppel*, Mexico City, Mexico  
*Ocean of Images: New Photography*, Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY
- 2014 *California Dreamin': Thirty Years of Collecting*, Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Springs, CA  
*Fixed Variable*, Hauser & Wirth, New York, NY  
*Halftone: Through the Grid*, Galerie Max Hetzler, Berlin, Germany / Paris, France  
*Aggregate Exposure*, George Lawson Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
*Me and Benjamin*, Galerie Xippas, Paris, France  
*The Actual*, Eleven Rivington, New York, NY
- 2013 *Decenter: An Exhibition on the Centenary of the 1913 Armory Show*, Abrons Art Center, curated by Andrianna Campbell and Daniel S. Palmer, New York, NY, travelled to George Washington University, Luther W. Brady Art Gallery, Washington, D.C.  
*Museum of Modern Art and Western Antiquities, Department of Light Recordings, Section IV; Lens Drawings*, Marian Goodman Gallery, curated by Jens Hoffmann, Paris, France  
*Still Life Picture Plane*, Redling Fine Art, Los Angeles, CA  
*Building Materials*, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT  
*Fearful Symmetry*, Balice Hertling, curated by Zoe Stillpass, New York, NY  
*Merge Visible*, Horton Gallery, New York, NY

- 2012 *Moves Thinks Repeats Pauses*, Tony Wight Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Dualities, Omissions, Loops, and Ruptures*, Luis De Jesus, Los Angeles, CA  
*OPTOTYPE: A Show of Skowhegan Alumni*, 92YTribeca, New York, NY  
*The Crystal Chain*, Invisible Exports, New York, NY  
*Photography Is*, Higher Pictures, New York, NY  
*Towards A Warm Math*, On Stellar Rays, curated by Chris Wiley, New York, NY  
*New Photography in Palma*, Mallorca Landings, Mallorca, Spain  
*Brand Innovations for Ubiquitous Authorship*, Higher Pictures, New York, NY  
*Photogenus*, DAAP Galleries, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH  
*Building Material*, Control Room, curated by Lucas Blalock, Los Angeles, CA
- 2011 *Through The Warp*, Regina Rex Gallery, Queens, NY  
*Leads to Another*, Kate Werble Gallery, New York, NY  
*Productive Steps*, Mount Tremper Arts, Mount Tremper, NY  
*Aggregates*, Franklin Art Works, Minneapolis, MN  
*The Real World: Function*, Ligne Roset, New York, NY  
*Cauldron Projects*, Birmingham, AL
- 2010 *RIPTIDE*, The Kitchen, New York, NY  
*Whitney Independent Study Program 2009 – 2010 Studio Program Exhibition*, Art In General, New York, NY
- 2009 *Nightingale*, Workspace 2601, Los Angeles, CA
- 2008 *Al's Pizzeria*, Skowhegan, ME  
*Works on Paper*, Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, NJ  
*Toledo Friends of Photography*, Toledo, OH
- 2007 *Collisions*, Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
*MFA Exhibition*, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA  
*Feedback*, LABoral Centro de Arte y Creación Industrial, Gijón, Spain  
*Closed*, New Wight Gallery, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2006 *California Biennial*, Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA  
*Second Natures*, UCLA EDA Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Zero1*, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose, CA  
*CODE:BLUE*, Millennium Museum, Beijing, China  
*Morphosis: Continuities of Incomplete*, Centre Pompidou, Paris, France
- 2005 *Short*, New Wight Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
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2013 John Houck, Aggregates 2012-2013, A History of Graph Paper 2013. Texts by Lucas Blalock, Joanna Fiduccia, and John Houck, Artist's book. Los Angeles, CA.  
Hoffmann, Jens. Museum of Modern Art and Western Antiquities: Lens Drawings, Marian Goodman Gallery, Paris, France.

2012 Lodret A3, Number 2, fold-out poster.  
Three Hours Photographing the Same Page, Brand Innovations for Ubiquitous Authorship (New York, NY)  
2011 Abe's Penny.  
LODRET, fold-out poster.  
No Layout, 3 Exclusive Digital Guides to Photography, 2, 3, and 11.  
PARALLELOGRAMS, web project.

### Fellowships / Grants

2022 Hallie Ford Fellow in the Visual Arts

2011 Swing Space, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

2008 National Endowment for the Arts, Anderson Ranch Residency

2007 UCLA Arts Forum Grant

### Public Collections

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
Blanton Museum of Art, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX  
Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA  
The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA  
Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN  
Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
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