

Heather Mekkelson

Solo Exhibitions

- 2020 **65GRAND** *Reverse Prophecies*, Chicago, IL
2017 **65GRAND** *What It Is We're Measuring*, Chicago, IL
4th Ward Project Space *In Absentia Luci*, Chicago, IL
2014 **65GRAND** *Now Slices*, Chicago, IL
2013 **Medicine Cabinet** *Heather Mekkelson*, Chicago, IL
2012 **Roots and Culture** *Invisible Apocalypse* (with Bill Berger), Chicago, IL
2008 **Old Gold** *Limited Entry*, Chicago, IL
threewalls *Debris Field*, Chicago, IL
2003 **STANDARD** *Out Land*, Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions

- 2017 **Chicago Artists Coalition** *The ANNUAL*, Chicago, IL
2016 **Governors State University Visual Arts Gallery** *Pitchpoling*, University Park, IL
2015 **Terraformer** *Keep Your Mind in Hell and Despair Not*, Chicago, IL
2014 **Whitaker Gallery, Hood College** *Warmer*, Frederick, MD
Heaven Gallery *Here Lies Space*, Chicago, IL
A&D Gallery, Columbia College *Cargo Space*, Chicago, IL
INOVA, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee *Cargo Space*, Milwaukee, WI
Sector 2337 *The New [New] Corpse*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College *Division of Labor*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
2013 **A&D Gallery, Columbia College** *Wood Works*, Chicago, IL
2012 **Hyde Park Art Center** *EPIC SOMETHING*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College *Embracing the Farb*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
Hyde Park Art Center *Two Histories*, Chicago, IL
Possible Projects *Concept Plus Object*, online project, <http://conceptplusobject.net/>
Co-Prosperity Sphere *Field Static*, Chicago, IL
Southside Hub of Production *This House Is Not a Home*, Chicago, IL
2011 **NADA Hudson** *A Philip von Zweck Project* hosted by *Invisible Exports*, Hudson, NY
Performa *A Philip von Zweck Project* hosted by *Invisible Exports*, New York, NY
MDW Fair *Sculpture Garden*, Chicago, IL
MDW Fair *A Philip von Zweck Project*, Chicago, IL
2010 **Possible Press** *Artist Project*, Vol. 1 Issue 3, Philadelphia, PA
Hungryman *landscape/portrait/still life*, Chicago, IL
2009 **O'Conner Art Gallery, Dominican University** *Site Unspecific*, River Forest, IL
The Poor Farm *The Great Poor Farm Experiment*, Manawa, WI
Hyde Park Art Center *Artists Run Chicago*, Chicago, IL
Museum of Contemporary Photography *PhotoDimensional*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
2008 **Alternator** *Bellwether*, Kelowna, BC, Canada (traveling)
Vox Populi *Bellwether*, Philadelphia, PA
Gallery 400 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Chicago, IL (catalog)
NEXT Fair *5 Artists*, Old Gold at Art Chicago, Chicago, IL
Green Lantern *Useless Weaponry*, Chicago, IL
2007 **Hyde Park Art Center** *Clothesline*, Chicago, IL
Gallery 400 *Benefit Exhibition*, Chicago, IL
2006 **40000** *Vomitorium*, Chicago, IL
artLedge @ i-cabin *To London from Chicago, with Great Love*, London, UK
40000 *Versus*, a Mekkelson/Walters collaborative project, Chicago, IL

- 2005 **The Figge Art Museum** *41/90: Contemporary Landscape at The Figge Art Museum*, inaugural exhibition, Davenport, IA (catalog)
Gallery 400 *Temporary Allegiance*, Chicago, IL
- 2004 **Gardenfresh** *Paring Down*, Chicago, IL
Modest Contemporary Art Gallery *Small Victories*, Chicago, IL
RAID Projects *Chicago in LA*, Los Angeles, CA
- 2003 **1/Quarterly** *Fast Track 2003*, Chicago, IL
Guenzel Gallery *Here and There*, with SAIC's 1926 Exhibition Studies Program, Fish Creek, WI
The Stray Show *Metabolism*, Chicago, IL
Sioux City Art Center *...you sure about this place?*, traveling exhibition, Sioux City, IA (catalog)
- 2002 **The Pond** *...you sure about this place?*, Chicago, IL
Apt. 1R *Variations*, Chicago, IL
- 2001 **Gallery 2, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago** *Installations 2001: Alumni Exhibition*, Chicago, IL

Awards

- 2016 **Recipient:** Individual Artist Award, Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events
- 2012 **Recipient:** Artadia: The Fund for Art and Dialogue, Chicago 2012 Award
- 2010 **Nominee:** 3Arts Artist Award
- 2009 **Recipient:** Community Arts Assistance Program Grant; provided by Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council
Nominee: 3Arts Artist Award
Finalist: The Cartier Award 2009
- 2008 **Nominee:** 3Arts Artist Award
- 2007 **Recipient:** Navona Research Fellowship, University of Illinois at Chicago
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Nominee: The Dreihaus Foundation's Emerging Artist Award
- 2003 **Recipient:** Community Arts Assistance Program Grant; provided by Chicago's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Illinois Arts Council

Education

- 2008 **MFA**, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 1999 **BFA**, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC)
- 1998 Ox-Bow Summer Arts Program
- 1993-1995 Purdue University

Professional Art-Related Activities

- 2018 **Visting Artist:** "Introduction to Sculpture" Instructor: Kelly Kaczynski, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2017 **Instructor:** "Rewilding" Ox-Bow School of Art, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Saugatuck, MI
- 2015 **Instructor:** "Rewilding" Ox-Bow School of Art, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Saugatuck, MI

- Workshop Presenter:** “Encrustation” Shop Talks Series, University of Chicago
Visiting Artist: “Exploratory Media” Instructor: Jason Lazarus, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2014 Visiting Artist:** “Professional Practices” Instructor: Jeff Carter, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist: “Contemporary Issues in Sculpture” Instructor: Philip von Zweck, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Guest Critic: “Foundations” Instructors: Duncan MacKenzie, Brandon Alvendia, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
- 2013 Artist Lecture:** “Much Much More Lecture Series” A Philip von Zweck project, Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL
Co-Instructor: “Stillness” Ox-Bow School of Art, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Saugatuck, MI
Visiting Artist: “Photography Topic: Voice Lessons” Instructor: Jason Lazarus, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Artist Lecture:** “Two Histories of the World” Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2011 Visiting Artist:** “Research Topics” Instructor: Kirsten Leenars, The School of The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 Co-Curator:** Twelve Galleries Project: *MinimumixAM*, Pentagon Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2009 Artist Lecture:** “PhotoDimensional” Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist: “Graduate Photography Seminar” Instructor: Karen Irvine, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist: “Photo Series, Sequence and Structure” Instructor: Jason Lazarus, The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist: “Photography I” Instructor: Jose Velazco, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2008 Visiting Artist:** “Art and Discourse” Instructor: Mirella Tanta, Columbia College, Chicago, IL
Artist Lecture: “Debris Field” threewalls, Chicago, IL
- 2007 Graduate Representative:** Gallery 400 Advisory Committee, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL
Visiting Artist: “Undergraduate Photography” Instructor: Jenny Walters, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Artist Lecture:** “41/90 Contemporary Landscape at The Figge” Figge Art Museum, Davenport, IA
- 2003 Symposium Panelist:** “Not Just Another Pretty Face” Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2002 Founder and Co-director:** 1/Quarterly Exhibition Space (2002-2004), Chicago, IL

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