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One Person Exhibitions

2024

Recent Work 2018-2023. James Harris Gallery. Dallas, TX. January 6th - February 17th.
Nothing to Say. Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. February 24th - March 30th.
Niets te Zeggen. de boer gallery. Antwerp, Belgium. July 19 - August 31st. Gallery Website.

2022

On Being Here. Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. June 4th-July 16th. Gallery Website.
Narrated Video - Artist Statement.

2021

Empty Vessel Excerpts. MOAH (Museum of Art & History). Lancaster, CA. January 23rd-May 9th. Video Documentation.
Empty Vessel. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. Online Exhibition. May 18th-July 7th. Web link.

2020

Empty Vessel. UC Riverside Culver Center of the Arts. Riverside, CA. January 18th-October 4th.
Amir Zaki. Katoosh Contemporary. Interactive digital exhibition created on the Nintendo Switch platform using the game engine Animal Crossing. Organized by Dicky Bahto. May 23rd-31st.
Flow Through Space. The Canggu Shortcut Road. An installation of 20 photographs on 10 double-sided billboards along a famous 1/2 mile one lane road. Canggu, Bali, Indonesia. Video documentation.
11-1 (Eleven Minus One). Locker: Magic Rectangles. Los Angeles, CA. Virtual exhibition/screening at John Marshall High School. November 19th-December 4th. Online.

2019

(In)formal Matter. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. March 7th-April 21st.
Empty Vessel. Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. Costa Mesa, CA. September 19th-December 5th.

2018

Getting Lost. Edward Cella Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. April 7th-May 26th.
Formal Matter - Portfolio. Placewares. Gualala, CA. September 1st-November 11th.
The World I Desire. Survey Exhibition. Dalian Modern Museum. Dalian, China. September 23rd-30th.

2017

Formal Matter. ACME. Los Angeles, CA. February 25th-March 25th.

2016

Amir Zaki: Survey 1999-2015. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. October 15th-November 19th.

2015

Amir Zaki. Paris Photo Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA. May 1st-3rd.
Seeking Clarity. ACME. Los Angeles, CA. January 10th-February 7th.

2014

Impermanence. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. April 17th-May 17th.

2013

Time Moves Still. ACME. Los Angeles, CA. March 23rd-April 27th.

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2012

Amir Zaki: Video Works. Wallflower Photomedia Gallery. Mildura, Australia. June 15th-July 11th

2010

Relics. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. January 7-February 20

Relics. Perry Rubenstein Gallery. New York, NY. May 6-June 26

Eleven Minus One. LAXART. Los Angeles, CA. July 17th-August 21st.

Finished. Hagedorn Foundation. Atlanta, GA. October 28th-November 30th.

2007

? • . Perry Rubenstein Gallery. New York, NY

At What Point is the Wax No Longer Wax. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA

2006

Gesture. Gold Coast Arts Centre. Surfers Paradise, Australia

2005

Spring Through Winter. Perry Rubenstein Gallery. New York, NY

Spring Through Winter. Mak Center for Art and Architecture. Los Angeles, CA

SOUTH...WEST...COLD...WATER...SOUTH...WEST...STUDIO...CITY. Roberts and Tilton Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

2004

Amir Zaki: Front and Center. Sweeney Art Gallery, UC Riverside. Riverside, CA

2003

VLHV (Valley Lake Hollywood Village). Roberts and Tilton Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

VLHV (Valley Lake Hollywood Village). James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA

2002

Art Statements. Art Basel-Miami Beach. James Harris Gallery. Miami, FL

2001

Various Recordings of Ambient Noise (from at Least Ten Feet above Ground) and A Long, Dark Look at Common Roofing Materials and Their Surroundings and What Cats Might See. Roberts and Tilton Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

2000

Photographs From. Roberts and Tilton Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

Photographs From. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA

Photographs From. Caren Golden Gallery. New York, NY

1999

Spot-Lit Stages of a Nocturnal Voyage. Sweeney Art Gallery. University of California, Riverside

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2008

Amir Zaki and John Opera. Shane Campbell Gallery. Chicago, IL

Group Exhibitions

2024

Hollywood Dream Bubble: Ed Ruscha's Influence in Los Angeles and Beyond. The Hole. Los Angeles, CA. April 27th - June 8th.

Twelve: Anniversary Exhibition. Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. June 8th - July 6th. [Website](#).

Digital Capture: Southern California and the Pixel-Based Image World. Part of Pacific Standard Time.

California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA. September 21st, 2024 - February 2nd, 2025. [Website](#).

Running Alongside. Ventura College Art Galleries. Ventura, CA. October 17th - November 14th.

2023

Moment Momentum. James Harris Gallery. Dallas, Texas. September 30th-December 21st.

2022

Mapping the Sublime: Reframing Landscape in the 21st Century. Brand Library & Art Center. Glendale, CA. April 2nd - June 11th.

Out of Control: The Concrete Art of Skateboarding. Audain Art Museum. Whistler, BC. Canada.

September 17th, 2022 - January 8th, 2023.

2021

Golden Hour: California Photography from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Traveling Exhibition to 4 Museums in California. MOAH (Museum of Art & History. Lancaster, CA. February 7th-May 9th, 2021.

Riverside Art Museum. Riverside, CA. June 5th-September 26th, 2021. Vincent Price Art Museum.

Monterey Park, CA. October 16th, 2021-February 5th, 2022. California State University Northridge

(CSUN) Art Gallery. Northridge, CA. February 19th-May 14th, 2022.

2020

Talking to a Stranger. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. February 8th-March 21st.

To Bough and to Bend. Bridge Projects. Los Angeles, CA. March 11th - July 25th. Exhibition traveled to the Fredrick R. Weisman Museum of Art at Pepperdine University. Malibu, CA. August 30th, 2022 - March 26th, 2023.

The Gallery is Closed. Three Day Weekend. Organized by Dave Muller. Blum & Poe. Los Angeles, CA.

April 25th-no closing date. [Online](#).

Pictures of Elsewhere. Flag Art Foundation. New York, NY. May 29th. Instagram Exhibition guest curated by Kamrooz Aram.

Beauty Within Reach. Compound LBC. Long Beach, CA. July 12th. Instagram Exhibition curated by Lauri Firstenberg. [Online](#).

Between Worlds. Edward Cella Art + Architecture. Los Angeles, CA. July 13th - December 31st. [Website](#).

2019

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20/20: A 20th Anniversary Survey. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. June 8th-August 17th.
Innovation at the Intersection of Science, Technology, and Photography. Photographic Center Northwest.
Seattle, WA. September 19th - December 15th. Website.

2018

Four-Dimensional Universe. Edward Cella Gallery. Culver City. CA. September 8th-November 3rd.
Eye of the World: Shots of Dalian. Dalian Modern Museum. Dalian, China. September 23rd-30th.
Forsaken Utopias: Photographs from the OCMA Permanent Collection. Orange County Museum of Art
OCMAExpand. Santa Ana, CA. October 6th, 2018-March 17th, 2019.

2017

By the River. ACME. Los Angeles, CA. January 14th-February 18th.
#1. Grant Wahlquist Gallery. Portland, ME. May 26th-July 1st.

2016

Farewell Eden. Stuart Haaga Gallery. Flintridge, CA. January 19th-April 3rd.
We Were Here: Absence of the Figure. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA. April 1st-July
2nd.
Defying Darkness: Photography at Night. Museum of Photographic Arts. San Diego, CA. June 4th-
October 2nd.
Passage. ACME. Los Angeles, CA. August 6th-September 17th.

2014

Binding Image. Pop-up Gallery @ Tetterode. Amsterdam, Netherlands. February 8th-16th.
Lay of the Land. Von Lintel Gallery. Culver City, CA. March 22nd-May 10th.
20 Years of ACME. ACME. Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. September 6th-October 4th.
Being Here and There. Museum of Art and History. Lancaster, CA. November 22nd, 2014 - January 11th,
2015.

2013

Being Here. Andi Campognone Projects. Pomona, CA. February 9th-April 27th.
Focal Points. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Madison, WI. May 18th-September 1st.
Something about a Tree. Flag Art Foundation. NY. July 10th-September 7th.
Landscape into Abstraction. Orange County Museum of Art. CA. December 15th 2013- March 9th 2014.

2012

Devouring Time. Western Bridge. Seattle, WA. February 17th-April 7th.
In Spite of Their Defeat. Greene Exhibitions. Culver City, CA. June 9th-July 17th
Grounded. James Harris Gallery. Seattle, WA. July 12th-August 24th.
Binding Image. Pop-up Gallery @ MUZYQ. Amsterdam, Netherlands. December 1st-December 22nd.

2011

The Digital Eye: Photographic Art in the Electronic Age. Henry Art Gallery. Seattle, WA. July 9th-
September 25th.
Threefold: Selections from the Indie Photobook Library. Curated by Larissa Leclair, Shane Lavalette, and
George Slade. Photographic Resource Center at Boston University. Boston, MA. September 13th-
November 12th.
The Altered Landscape: Photographs of a Changing Environment. Nevada Museum of Art. Reno, NV.
September 24th, 2011- January 8th, 2012.

2010

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The City Proper: Curated by James Welling. Margo Leavin Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. November 20th-December 15th.

Art Video-The Regional: Curated by Lauri Firstenberg. Art Basel Miami Beach. Miami Beach, FL. December 2nd-5th.

2009

Underwater. Western Bridge. Seattle, WA

2008

Utopia. Traveling Exhibition – Multiple venues. Photoespaña, Museu Berardo. Lisbon, Portugal. May-July, 2008. Fundación Municipal de Cultura, Valladolid, Spain. January-February, 2009.

Truthiness: Photography as Sculpture. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA
Desertshore. Luckman Gallery. Cal State Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

2007

California Context. Madison Museum of Contemporary Art. Madison, WI

Viewfinder. Henry Art Gallery. Seattle, WA

Exit Music (For a Film). Grimm/Rosenfeld. Munich, Germany

Imaging + Imagining California. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA

2006

Boys and Flowers. Western Bridge. Seattle, WA

Façade. Soil Gallery. Seattle, WA

Sub-Urbane. Rio Hondo College Art Gallery. Whittier, CA

California Biennial. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA

Suburban Escape: The Art of California Sprawl. San Jose Museum of Art. San Jose, CA

2005

The New City: Sub/Urbia in Recent Photography, Whitney Museum of American Art. New York, NY

Empire Style. Art 2102. Los Angeles, CA

Frontier. Roberts & Tilton. Los Angeles, CA

Still, Things Fall from the Sky. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA

Happenstance. Harris Lieberman Gallery. New York, NY

James D. Phelan Art Award in Photography. SF Cameraworks. San Francisco, CA

2004

Direct Exposure: Perspectives on the Southern California Landscape, Ontario International Airport. Ontario, CA.

2002

New Additions to the Curiously Strong Collection, New Museum of Contemporary Art. New York, NY

For Real, The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust. Pittsburgh, PA

New Additions to the Curiously Strong Collection, Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions. Los Angeles, CA

Majestic Sprawl, Pasadena Museum of California Art. Pasadena, CA

Caught, Montserrat College of Art. Beverly, MA

Anti-form, Center for Contemporary Photography. Kansas City, MO

2001

Friends of the West, Santa Barbara Museum of Art. Santa Barbara, CA

Vision Embraces the World, Echo Park Projects. Los Angeles, CA

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2000

Scanner, CCAC Oliver Art Center. Oakland, CA

Legal Paper Show, Beyond Baroque. Venice, CA

1999

Take a Walk Around the Room, Tularosa Dr., Los Angeles, CA

MFA Thesis Exhibition, UCLA Wight Art Gallery. Los Angeles, CA.

CAA / MFA Juried Exhibition, Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

1998

Home, Los Angeles Culture Net. Internet Project : www.lacn.org

1997

Malibu Sex Party, Purple Fine Art. Venice, CA

1996

Thesis Exhibition, Sweeney Art Gallery. Riverside, CA

Writing in Journals, Periodicals, and Magazines

2024

Zaki, Amir. Dualism in Photographer John Divola's LAX NAZ Series. PopMatters. June 11th. Online.

2023

Zaki, Amir. On Being Without Race. Journal of Free Black Thought. May 26th. Online.

Zaki, Amir. Does Representation Really Matter? PopMatters. July 31st. Online.

Zaki, Amir. Why We Camp...And Why We Don't. Front Porch Republic. August 2nd. Online.

Zaki, Amir. A Case for Pretending: Why Identity is a Sham and Authenticity is an Illusion. PopMatters. September 14th. Online

Projects, Commissions, Curated Exhibitions, and Writing

2021

5 Minutes. Interviews with Artists by MFA Candidates. University of Oregon. Printed booklet. Interview excerpt taken from the question and answer portion of a lecture I was invited to give. Pages 58-61. Hardcopy and Downloadable PDF.

2020

Ray Barbee: In Full View. Curated Exhibition. UC Riverside Culver Center of the Arts. February 1st-July 5th.

Where We Read. Crowdsourced participatory photography project in collaboration with OCMA (Orange County Museum of Art). Participants submit a pair of photographs depicting the spaces in which they read. Project culminated in both social media and web-based presentations. Website.

Drumskull: Interlocked. Vinyl record cover art for a UK based electronic band. Reproduction of two photographs (cover and gatefold). Website.

2019

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Empty Vessel - Documentary Film. A short documentary film was made about my project Empty Vessel. Directed by Aaron Khaw.

2018

A Machine Wrote this Song is a book of poetry written by Jennifer Hayashida. My photograph was used on the front and back cover of the book. Published by Gramma Poetry. Seattle, Washington.

2015

Original text written for the California Museum of Photography exhibition pamphlet to accompany a photograph by Sharon Lockhart as part of the museum's Flash series.

2014

Public Display #3. Invited to design a digital book/catalog of original works available to view online and for end-user printing. Published by Public Access Journal. January 15th.

The Sevens. Invitational contribution to an online project hosted by artist Mark Alice Durant on the website Saint Lucy. September 1st.

2013

Flash. One photograph exhibited and gallery guide brochure produced. Curated and original essay by Joanna Szupinska-Myers. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA. June 1st-July 27th.

2012

One Picture/One Paragraph. Invitational contribution to an online project hosted by artist Mark Alice Durant on the website Saint Lucy. January 10.

2010

Creative Inneneinrichter Magazine. Images from 'Relics' series chosen for two design magazine covers, and a website feature. German. September.

2009

Amir Zaki Selects Vintage Photographs of Southern California, 1870-1950. A selection and re-contextualization of historical photographs from a large archive. Steve Turner Contemporary. November 21st-December 19th. Los Angeles, CA.

2008

Words Without Pictures Essay Response. Original essay response entitled "Not Yet" commissioned by Charlotte Cotton, curator of photography at LACMA, as part of an online critical discussion forum surrounding issues of contemporary photography. January 3rd.

Wright Auction House Image Series. Commissioned project to photograph and respond to the Wright Auction House's 60000 sq/ft warehouse space containing 20th century modernist furniture and art. Catalog reproduces 7 original works. Chicago, IL.

2006

Mouvement Magazine: l'indisciplinaire des arts vivants. Project featuring a double page reproduction of a photograph. July-September. Pages 134-135

2005

Amir Zaki: Billboard Project. Mak Center for Art and Architecture / City of West Hollywood. West Hollywood, CA. January-June

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Domus Magazine. Artist project. Portfolio feature and cover of magazine. Issue #885. October. Tripartite cover and Pages 32-35.

Grazia Magazine (Italian Version). Photographs of the Walker Art Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota - new extension by architects Herzog and de Meuron. Issue 43. October, 25th, 2005. Pages 119-122.

Ripe Magazine. Artist project. Juried selection of images. Issue: Open. November. Page 11

2004

Brown Constructions. Curated Exhibition. Lemon Sky Projects. Miami Beach, FL

Monographs, Anthologies, and Books

2024

Nothing to Say. Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Los Angeles. Softcover. 104 pages. Monograph on occasion of solo exhibition.

2022

Building + Becoming. X Artists' Books and DoppelHouse Press. Los Angeles. Hardcover. Double Gatefold. 272 pages. Survey Monograph. Includes an interview conducted by Corrina Peipon and an essay by Jennifer Ashton and Walter Benn Michaels.

2019

California Concrete: A Landscape of Skateparks. Monograph. Merrell Publishers. London & New York. Hardcover. 128 pages. Includes Essays by Los Angeles based architect Peter Zellner and legendary professional skateboarder Tony Hawk.

2018

The Eye of the World: Shots of Dalian. China Photographic Publishing House. Beijing, China. Pages 138-161.

2015

Both Sides of Sunset: Photographing Los Angeles. Metropolis Books, ARTBOOK, D.A.P., NY. Pages 141,192,222,276.

Photography is Magic. Charlotte Cotton. Aperture. Pages 240-243.

2010

Eleven Minus One. Monograph. Co-published by LAXART and Eighth Veil. Los Angeles, CA

The Digital Eye. Anthology. Prestel Verlag. Munich, Berlin, London, New York. Pages 166-167

2009

Words Without Pictures. Book. LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art). Transcription of artist talk and panel discussion, as well as publication of original essay. Los Angeles, CA. Pages 48-51, 103-117.

2006

Vitamin Ph.: New Perspectives in Photography. Anthology. Phaidon Press. London, England. Pages 328-329

2005

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Expanding the Center: Walker Art Center and Herzog and de Meuron. Book. Distributed Art Publishers. New York, NY. Page 14

2003

Amir Zaki. VLHV (Valley Lake Hollywood Village) Monograph. Co-published by Roberts and Tilton, and James Harris Gallery. Los Angeles, CA

Catalogs for Exhibitions

2024

Digital Capture: Southern California and the Pixel-Based Image World. Curated by Nikolay Maslov and April Baca. UCR Arts: California Museum of Photography and the Culver Center of the Arts. Riverside, CA. Pages 15, 96. [Full Catalog Download Here](#).

2022

Mallinson, Constance. Mapping the Sublime: Reframing Landscape in the 21st Century. Curated by Lawrence Gipe and Beth Davila Waldman. Brand Library & Art Center. Glendale, CA. April 2nd-June 11th. Pages 24, 34.

Andersson, Patrik. Out of Control: The Concrete Art of Skateboarding. Audain Art Museum. Whistler, BC, Canada. Pages 76-81, 180.

2021

No Author Noted. Golden Hour: California Photography from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Traveling Exhibition to 4 California museums organized by LACMA. Pages 6-8.

2020

No Author Notes. To Bough and to Bend. Bridge Projects. Los Angeles, CA. Pages 8, 45-46, 50.

2019

Stallings, Tyler. Empty Vessel. Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. Curated by Tyler Stallings. Additional essay by Corrina Peipon. Pages 1-20.

2018

No Author Noted. The First "Belt and Road" International Ocean City Cultural Photo Week of Dalian, China. Dalian Modern Museum. Dalian, China. Pages 84-85.

Coblentz, Cassandra. Forsaken Utopias: Photographs from the OCMA Permanent Collection. Co-curated by Rodrigo Valenzuela. Pages 17-20.

2014

Khalsa, Sant. Being Here and There. Museum of Art and History. Lancaster, CA. Pages 60-61.

2013

Cameron, Dan. California Landscape into Abstraction. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA. Pages 54-55.

2011

Firstenberg, Lauri. LAXART 5. LAXART. Culver City, CA. Page 88.

Wolfe, Ann. The Altered Landscape. Nevada Museum of Art. Reno, NV. Page 228.

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2008

Wombell, Paul. Utopia. Photoespana 08, Museu Berardo. Lisbon, Portugal. Pages 192-211.

Stallings, Tyler. Truthiness: Photography as Sculpture. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA. pp. 41-42

2007

Lopez, Michelle. Exit Music (For a Film). Grimm/Rosenfeld. Munich, Germany. Includes an article and interview. Pages 87-90.

Krajewski, Sara. Viewfinder. Henry Art Gallery. Seattle, WA. Page 11.

2006

Armstrong, Elizabeth; Gonzalez, Rita; Moss, Karen, California Biennial. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA. Pages 35-45. Includes an additional article on my work by Jan Tumlrir. Pages 168-171.

Wolfe, Ann. Suburban Escape: The Art of California Sprawl. San Jose Museum of Art. San Jose, CA. Page 82.

2005

Ennis, Ciara. Still, Things Fall from the Sky. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA. Page 2.

2002

Amir Zaki: Statements. Art Miami/Basel. Miami, FL. Pages 358-59.

Donaldson, Laura. Caught. Montserrat College of Art. Beverly, MA. Page 3-4.

Press - Reviews

2024

Zellen, Jody. Amir Zaki: 'Nothing to Say': A Master of Compositing. ArtNowLA. March 22nd. Online.

2022

Knight, Christopher. Much more is going on below the surface. Los Angeles Times. Section E3. June 27th. Hardcopy. Review also appeared online on June 18th under the headline 'Why these photos of California's coast are not what they seem.'

Michno, Christopher. A Measured Coolness: Building + Becoming by Amir Zaki. Book Review. Artillery Magazine. July/August Issue. Pages 28-29.

Zellen, Jody. Gallery Rounds: Amir Zaki at Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Review. Artillery Magazine. July 6th. Online.

Dambrot, Shana Nys. Art, Design, Poems, & Stories: Summer Books Stash. LA Weekly. July 28th. Online.

2019

Goldner, Liz. Empty Vessel exhibition highlights beauty and spirituality in the ordinary. Irvine Weekly. November 13th. Volume 2, Number 2. Pages 3, 13-14. Hardcopy and Online.

Slocombe, Matthew. California Concrete: A Landscape of Skateparks. SPAB (Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, UK). Book Review. Winter Issue. Page 67.

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2018

Shaw, Michael. Amir Zaki. ArtScene. May 2018. Pages 18-19.

No Author Listed. Must-See Shows. Artforum Online. April.

2017

Pagel, David. Look closer at nature's many layers. Los Angeles Times. April 9th. Calendar Section F2.

Michno, Christopher. Amir Zaki - ACME. Artillery Magazine. May/June issue. Page 51.

2016

Upchurch, Michael. Artist's 'hybrid photography' revels in essences, enigmas. The Seattle Times.

November 11th. W+, Page 23.

2015

Ollman, Leah. Images of Beauty and Mystery. Los Angeles Times. January 19th. Calendar Section E3.

Zellen, Jody. Amir Zaki - Seeking Clarity. ArtScene. February.

Michno, Christopher. Critic's Picks: Los Angeles. Art Ltd. January.

Finkel, Jori. Paris Photo Los Angeles Loses its International Accent. The Art Newspaper. May 4th. Online.

2014

Senn, Evan. Inland Empire Artists Capture a Sense of 'Being Here'. KCET, Southern California Cultural Journalism. April 25th.

Smith, Jennifer. MMoCA's Focal Points Photography Show Examines American Life from Many Angles. May 22nd.

2013

Myers, Holly. Architecture, nature in motion. Los Angeles Times. April 12th. Calendar Section D16.

Johnson, Robin. Looking a Little Closer. Inland Empire Weekly. April 18th.

2011

Shaw, Michael. John Divola and Amir Zaki. Modern Painters. Review. November. Page 81.

Leclair, Larissa. Amir Zaki: Eleven Minus One. GUP International Photography Magazine. Issue 31. Pages 10-11.

2010

Faigan, Gary. The Art of Everyday Objects. KUOW Radio. Audio Feature. Seattle, WA. January 21st.

Faigan, Gary. Amir Zaki at James Harris and Katya Marritz at Zeitgeist Café. January 22nd.

Regen, Kyle. Yesterday the Stranger Suggested: Amir Zaki at the James Harris Gallery. January 13th.

Graves, Jen. California, Seattle, and Las Vegas. The Stranger. Volume 19, No. 18. January 14th-20th. Page 23.

Miller, Brian. Amir Zaki. Seattle Weekly. Calendar Section. January 13th.

Grima, Joseph. Architecture and Photography: Beach Types. DOMUS Magazine. May 31st. Review and Video Interview.

Dykstra, Jean. Amir Zaki. Art in America. No. 9. October. Page 185.

Warchol, Kit. Amir Zaki. Modern Painters. Review. October. Page 70.

Zellen, Jody. Eleven Minus One by Amir Zaki and The Green of This Notebook by John Divola.

Afterimage: The Journal of Media Arts and Cultural Criticism. Review. November. Volume 38, Number 3. Page 27-28.

Ollman, Leah. Taking Shots at Urban Landscape. Los Angeles Times. Review. Calendar Section, D21. December 10th.

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2009

Ollman, Leah. A Constructive Look into the Past. LA Times. December 11th. Calendar, D15.

2008

Cochran, Jessica. Gallery Watch. Chicago Social. January. Page 44.

Lang, Karissa. Art. New City. January 24th. Page 19.

Zellen, Jody. Amir Zaki. artUS. Issue 22, Spring. Page 31.

2007

Graves, Jen. At What Point is the Wax No Longer Wax?. artinfo.com. May 24th. Online.

Graves, Jen. At What Point is the Wax No Longer Wax?. The Stranger. May 23rd-30th. The Stranger Suggests section.

Lippens, Nate. Amir Zaki's Photographs Give Depth to Artifice. Seattle Post-Intelligencer. May 17th. Theatre and Fine Arts Section P-1.

Nelson, Christian. Looking vs. Seeing. The Daily of the University of Washington. August 1st. Arts Section.

Schwendener, Martha. Amir Zaki. The New York Times. October 26th, Arts Section. Page B29

Pence, Elizabeth. Viewfinder. artUS. Issue 20. Winter. Page 61.

2006

Pollack, Barbara. Happenstance. Time Out New York. Review. January 5th-11th. Page 80.

Glueck, Grace. The New City: Sub/Urbia in Recent Photography. New York Times. Review. January 6th. Page E34.

No Author Noted. Happenstance. The New Yorker. Review. January 16th. Page 17.

Campagnola, Sonia. Focus on Los Angeles: Amir Zaki. Flash Art. January-February. No. 246. Page 75.

Berwick, Carly. Happenstance. ARTnews Magazine. April. Page 146.

Frank, Peter. Still, Things Fall from the Sky. Artweek. Review. February. Pages 15-16.

Knight, Christopher. Forget 'isms' – Except Eclecticism. Los Angeles Times. Feature. October 1st, Section E40.

Douglas, Theo. Let's Talk About Us. OC Weekly. October 5th. Volume 12, No. 5. Page 31.

2005

No Author Noted. Seeing the Suburbs through a Different Lens. Los Angeles Times. January 6th. Home Section – F2.

Myers, Holly. A Dramatic Gaze up at the Hilltop. Los Angeles Times. Review. January 28th. Calendar Section. E24.

Frank, Peter. Amir Zaki.. LA Weekly. Review: Pick of the Week. January 28 – February 3. Volume 27, Number 10. Page 138.

No Author Noted. Amir Zaki: Spring Through Winter. artdaily.com. February. Online.

No Author Noted. Amir Zaki. Art Scene Magazine. February. Online.

Valentin, Jude. Amir Zaki's Powerful Photos Adorn Chelsea. New York Resident. Review. March 21. Page 42.

Schwendener, Martha. Amir Zaki. artforum.com. Review: Critic's Pick. April 10. Online at <http://artforum.com>.

Aletti, Vince. Amir Zaki. The Village Voice. NYC Guide. April 20th-26th. Volume L, Number 16. Page 74.

Tumliir, Jan. Amir Zaki. Artforum. Review. April. Page 195.

Zellen, Jody. Amir Zaki at the Mak Center and Roberts & Tilton. Artweek. Review. April. Page 22.

No Author Noted. *Amir Zaki*. Institute of Contemporary Art, University of Pennsylvania. Curatorial Hot Picks. April. Online.

No Author Noted. Amir Zaki, Spring Through Winter. skuawk.com. April. Online.

Wood, Eve. Amir Zaki. Art Papers. Review. May/June. Page 55.

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Pogrebin, Robin. Art/Architecture: The New City: Sub/Urbia in Recent Photography. New York Times. Review. October 9th. Arts and Leisure section 2. Page 39
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1998

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2023

PubWest Gold Award for Best Photography Book Design

2010

Foundation for Contemporary Arts Emergency Grant

2005

James D. Phelan Art Award in Photography

Lectures, Speaking Engagements

2025

The End of Art School Critiques - Amir Zaki. Featured Guest. What's My Thesis Episode #244. January 5th. Podcast and YouTube Video.

2023

Gallery Talk about exhibition Echoes of Perception: Peter Alexander and California Impressionism. UC Irvine Institute & Museum of California Art. Invited by Cassandra Coblenz. January 14th.

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Artist Lecture. Otis MFA Visiting Artist Lecture Series. January 26th.

Artist Lecture. Ventura College. February 3rd.

2022

Virtual Studio Visit. Amir Zaki. Brentwood Art Center. Organized by Meg Linton. May 6th.

Talk and Book Launch for Building + Becoming. Brand Library and Art Center. Glendale, CA. May 20th.

Gallery Talk and Book Signing with Corrina Peipon. Diane Rosenstein Gallery. Los Angeles, CA. June 11th.

Pretty Much Pop: A Culture Podcast. Featured Guest. Episode #138: What are Creatives? November 20th.

2021

Lecture/Conversation. Hybridity and Fluidity. Lecture/Conversation with Virginia Heckert, Head Curator of Photography at the Getty Museum. Part of the Intersect 21 Art Fair which presents a selection of galleries from Southern California, the Middle East, and North Africa. February 21st. [Link to Video of the Event](#).

Lecture. Amir Zaki: Building + Becoming. University of Oregon. Eugene, Oregon. May 6th. [Link to Video documentation of the lecture](#).

Lecture. Amir Zaki: Building + Becoming. Princeton University. Princeton, New Jersey. November 10.

2020

Lecture/Conversation with Tyler Stallings. Photographic Arts Council, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA. July 24th. [Link to Video of the Event](#).

Pretty Much Pop: A Culture Podcast. Featured Guest. Episode #61 Photography. September 22nd.

Lecture. Kansas City Art Institute. Kansas City, MO. October 22nd.

2019

Lecture. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. April 4th.

Exhibition Tour and Book Signing. Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. Orange Coast College. Costa Mesa, CA. September 21st.

Lecture. Orange County Museum of Art. Part of Creative Mornings series. September 27th.

Artist Talk and Book Signing. Frank M. Doyle Arts Pavilion. Orange Coast College. Costa Mesa, CA. October 16th.

Lecture. Building & Becoming. University of Southern California (USC). Los Angeles, CA. October 23rd. Tour. Invited by Voluptas collective, a group of faculty and student architects from ETH Zurich (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) to organize a tour as part of their project Voyager which analyses Los Angeles through the lens of Charles Baudelaire and Hieronymus Bosch. The daylong tour I organized consisted of visiting two skateparks and my exhibition Empty Vessel at the Doyle Arts Pavilion. An image of mine was also reproduced in their reader.

Masterclass and Lecture. Amir Zaki. Photographic Center Northwest. Seattle, WA. November 1st and 2nd.

2018

Lecture. UC Santa Cruz. May 17th.

Lecture. Los Angeles Community College. November 13th.

2016

Lecture and Panel Discussion for exhibition We Were Here: Absence of the Figure. Orange County Museum of Art. May 15th.

2015

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Lecture and student meetings. University of San Diego. October 19th.

2014

Museum Walkthrough for *Landscape into Abstraction* exhibition. Orange County Museum of Art. January 12th.

Partially Examined Life Podcast. Guest Member. Episode #107 Edmund Burke on the Sublime. December 19th.

2013

Panel Discussion. Colloquy: Parenthood in the Artworld. MOCA (Museum of Contemporary Art). Los Angeles, CA. March 3rd.

2012

Lecture and Graduate Studio Visits. UC Los Angeles. February 1st.

2010

Graduate Studio Visits, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. January 7th.

2009

Museum Walkthrough and Video Interview for the New Topographics Exhibition. November 8th. LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art). Los Angeles, CA

2008

Artist Lecture. USC. Los Angeles, CA

Artist Lecture. Chapman University. Orange, CA

2007

Artist Lecture and Graduate Critiques. Yale University. New Haven, CT

Artist Lecture and Group Critique. University of Washington. Seattle, WA

Artist Lecture and Panel Discussion. Foundation for Art Resources (FAR). CalTrans building, Los Angeles, CA

2006

Artist Lecture. Art Center. Pasadena, CA

Artist Lecture. UCLA. Los Angeles, CA

Artist Lecture and Studio Visits. Claremont Graduate School. Claremont, CA

Artist Lecture and Studio Visits. San Francisco Art Institute. San Francisco, CA

Artist Lecture and Studio Visits. Cal Arts. Valencia, CA

Artist Lecture and Exhibition Walkthrough. Rio Hondo College Art Gallery. Whittier, CA

Artist Lecture. Otis College of Art and Design. Los Angeles, CA

Artist Lecture and Exhibition Walkthrough. Orange County Museum of Art. Newport Beach, CA

2005

Artist Lecture/Exhibition Walkthrough. Mak Center for Art and Architecture at the Schindler House. West Hollywood, CA.

Visiting Artist Panelist. SCIArc (Southern California Institute for Architecture). Los Angeles, CA.

Visiting Artist Panelist. California Museum of Photography. Riverside, CA

2003

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Keynote Speaker. Society of Photographic Educators Northwest Conference. University of Washington. Seattle, WA.

2002

Keynote Speaker. Citizens University Committee Calendar and Board Members. University of California, Riverside. Riverside, CA.

Selected Collections

J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA

Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY

Henry Art Gallery, Seattle, WA

Orange County Museum of Art, Newport Beach, CA

Santa Barbara Museum of art, Santa Barbara, CA

Progressive Corporation, Mayfield Village, OH

Microsoft, Redmond, WA

Madison Museum, Madison, WI

Nevada Museum of Art, NV

LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art), CA

Hammer Museum, CA

San Francisco Museum of Art, CA

Escalette Permanent Collection. Chapman University. Orange, CA

Art in Embassies, Nuevo Laredo, Mexico

Education

2015 - Registered Yoga Teacher 200 hour training - Yogaworks, Costa Mesa, California

1999 - Masters of Fine Arts - University of California, Los Angeles

1996 - Bachelors of Arts - University of California, Riverside

Teaching Positions

2002-present: Professor of Photography and Digital Technology - Art Department. University of California, Riverside.

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