

# Laurel McMechan

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## Education

MFA 2010 Painting, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, Boston MA

BFA 2004 Studio Art, University of Denver, Denver, CO (magna cum laude)

## Awards

2014 Artist Residency and partial fellowship, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, Woodstock, NY

2014 Artist Residency and partial fellowship, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

2012 Juror's Prize. *Politicizing Aesthetics*, University of South Dakota Art Galleries, Vermillion, SD

2009 Dedalus Foundation award nominee

2006 Honorable Mention. *Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006*, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art, CO

2004 Best In Show. *New Kids On The Block*, The Assembly, Denver, CO

## Selected Exhibitions (\* indicates solo)

2016 *Support and Defend*, Vets Gallery, Providence, RI

2016 *Boston Biennial 4*, Atlantic Works Gallery, Boston MA

2015 *Pattern Recognition*, Mahoney Gallery, UMass Lowell, MA

*Accumulation*, Student Life Gallery, Mass. College of Art + Design, Boston (Juror Lavaughn Jenkins)

2015 \**Laurel McMechan: Recent Work*, The Space, Jamaica Plain, MA

2014 \**Folded Mountains*, Art Gallery, Ohio University Eastern, St. Clairsville, OH 2014

*All That and a Bag of Chips*, DEAD SPACE Gallery, Brooklyn, NY

2013 *Across Sections: A Cross Section*, Art Faculty Biennial, University Gallery, Univ. of Mass. Lowell

2012 *Politicizing Aesthetics*, University of South Dakota Art Galleries, Vermillion, SD

*Borders & Boundaries*, Harwood Art Center, Albuquerque, NM

2011 *Flourish: Alumni Works on Paper*, Paine & Bakalar Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art and Design  
*painting (re)considered*, Doran Gallery, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

2010 \**Territories*, Sellars Project Space, Denver

*New Prints 2010/Spring: Selected by Philip Pearlstein*, International Print Center New York

*New at the Harnett*, Joel and Lila Harnett Museum of Art, University of Richmond, VA

*MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Paine & Bakalar Galleries, Massachusetts College of Art and Design

2009 *Boston Young Contemporaries*, 808 Gallery, Boston

2007 \**The Space Between*, Sellars Project Space, Denver

2006 *Rocky Mountain Biennial 2006*, Fort Collins Museum of Contemporary Art

\**Alright for now*, Pirate Contemporary Art, Denver

2005 *Embody*, Space Gallery, Denver (invitational, curator Michael Burnett)

\**Two Trains of Thought*, Pirate Contemporary Art

## Private Commissions

Marilynn Kreft, Seattle, WA

Jeff and Paula Roth, McMinnville, OR

## Selected Private and Public Collections (\* public)

Département des Estampes et de la Photographie, Bibliothèque Nationale de France, Paris\*

Special Collections, Godine Library, Massachusetts College of Art and Design\*

Special Collections Library, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

University of Richmond Museums, Richmond, VA

## **Teaching Experience**

- 2012-present Adjunct Instructor, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- 2011-2012 Adjunct Instructor, Montserrat College of Art, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- 2008-2010 Teaching Assistant, Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- spring 2005 High School Drawing Instructor, Denver Waldorf High School, Denver
- winter 2002 Teaching Assistant, University of Denver, *Continuing Education Drawing class*

## **Publications**

- 2015 *Paint Pulse Magazine*, Issue 3, September 30 2015, Boston, MA (Juror Rosa JH Berland)
- 2011 *Flourish: Alumni Works on Paper*. Exhibition catalogue.  
Published by Massachusetts College of Art + Design
- 2009 *Hold Everything Dear*. Artist book of etchings. Edition published by Center Street Studio, Milton, MA

## **Press**

Kyle MacMillan. "McMechan's Diverse World." *The Denver Post*. November 26, 2010

## **Lectures/Presentations**

November 6, 2010. Gallery talk for *Territories* Exhibition. Sellars Project Space, Denver

April 20, 2007. ARTS 3155 Senior Project Painting class. University of Denver