

Paula Damasceno

Visual Artist

Born in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil 1975.

Lives in Greensboro, NC, U.S. since 2012.

Education

2022

- Master of Fine Arts at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 2024'

2022

- Cal State East Bay's Certificate in Art Museum and Gallery Studies

2021

- Getty/MAC USP CURATORIAL PRACTICES: Critical Curating and Decolonial Studies in Visual Arts - African Diasporas in the Americas

2018

- Bachelors of Fine Arts in Photography at The University of North Carolina Greensboro

2017

- Wet Plate Pic Nic with Dan Estabrook and Monty McCutchen - Penland School of Craft and Arts

2014

- Art & Activity: Interactive Strategies for Engaging with Art - MoMa

1981 - 1991

- Classic ballet, Jazz and Contemporary Dance professional training in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

1991 - 2001

- Theater professional training in Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil

Residencies

2022

- Light Works AIR program - Syracuse., N.Y.

2012

- Elsewhere Living Museum, Greensboro, NC, US.

2010

- La Casa del Tunnel, Tijuana, BC, Mexico.

Publications

2033

- **Contact Sheet, Light Work publication,**
- **Art Seen Magazine**

2020

- **Hariban Award Catalog - Kyoto, Japan**

2017

- **The Hand Magazine Issue #18**
- **The Hand Magazine Issue #16**
- **Photographer's Forum Magazine Best College and High School Photography**
2017 book

Exhibitions

SOLO

2023

- **Horace House, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (Fall)**

COLLECTIVE

2023

- **D'Art Gallery Conceptual Photography Exhibition, Denver, Colorado (March)**

2019

- **Light Factory members exhibition**

2017

- **Art Showcase** at the Weatherspoon Museum of Contemporary Art, Greensboro, NC, US.
- **Just Breath Photography Exhibition** | *Greensboro Project Space*, Greensboro, NC, US | Curated by Lori Vrba and Christopher Wayne
- **485 Capstone Photography Exhibition** | *Greensboro Project Space*, Greensboro, NC, US | Curated by Leah Sobsey

2016

- **Portal Exhibition** Southeastern Center For Photography, juried by Lori Vrba. Greenville, SC, US.

2012

- ***Coletivona***. Casa Aipim Exhibition - Salvador, BA, BR.

Awards, grants, and scholarships

2022

- 100% **New Artist Society Scholarship** to pursue the Master of Fine Arts at the School of the Institute of Art and Design of Chicago

2022

- **Artist Support Grant**, Arts Greensboro , NC

2020

- **Hariban Juror's Choice Award** granted by Lucy Gallun, Kyoto, Japan

2020

- **Silver 2020 Fine Art Award** from the Budapest International Photo Award

2018

- **The Light Factory Throwdown Portfolio** First Place Award

2012

- **The North Carolina Humanities Council** mini-grant for the production of the documentary project *Carolina 85*
- **The Secretary of Culture of Bahia State** Artistic Mobility Award granted to participate in an Artistic Residency at Elsewhere Living Museum, North Carolina, U.S.

2010

- **The Secretary of Culture of Bahia State** Artistic Mobility Award granted to participate in an Artistic Residency at La Casa del Tunel, Tijuana, Baja California. *Mnemocine Tijuana*
- **The Cultural Foundation of Bahia State** granted the production of the *The Cinema of My neighborhood* project.

Work in Collections

Light Work

Southeastern Center for Photography

Teaching

2019 - present

- Multimedia instruction and workshops at the University of North Carolina Greensboro UI DMC/Makerspace

2020

- **The Hen Institute** - Ase - intuitive art-making workshop inspired by Yoruba cosmology and iconography.

2017

- **Introduction to Digital Photography** at Mendenhall Middle School, Greensboro, NC, US.
- **Introduction to Digital Photography** at High Point Central High School, High Point, NC, US.

- **Introduction to Digital Photography and Digital Darkroom**, Summer Camp at the Center for Visual Arts, Greensboro, NC, US.
- **Alternative Processes in Digital Darkroom**, Summer Camp at the Center for Visual Arts, Greensboro, NC, US.

2011

- **Introduction to Stop-Motion and Chroma Key Workshop** at the " Quebra Bunda" community | Cinema Society of Santo Antônio, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.
- **Digital Photography Workshop** at the " Quebra Bunda" community | Cinema Society of Santo Antônio, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.

2010

- **Video documentary workshop** "*Threes of Memory*"

2009

- **16mm Film workshop** at the " Quebra Bunda" community | Cinema Society of Santo Antônio, Salvador, Bahia, Brazil.