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Documentary Photographer Specializing in Faith & Religion

EDUCATION

- 2014 **Ohio University: Athens, OH**
M.A. in Photography, Concentration in Photojournalism
- 2009 **Northwestern University: Evanston, IL**
B.S. in Journalism
B.A. with Honors in Art Theory and Practice
Minor in French

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 08/2016-Present **Ohio State University Center for the Study of Religion: Columbus, OH**
Multimedia Producer, American Religious Sounds Project
- 10/2015-Present **Fresh A.I.R. Gallery (Artists In Recovery): Columbus, OH**
Manager
- 12/2006-Present **Lauren Pond Photography: Various locations**
Publications and clients include: *The Guardian*, *The New York Times*, New York University, Northwestern University, Ohio State University, *The Oxford American*, Religion News Service, *Smithsonian Magazine*, University of Chicago, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, Yale University
- 09/2014-06/2015 **Athens Photographic Project: Athens, OH**
Exhibitions and Outreach Assistant
- 09/2012-02/2015 **Ohio University: Athens, OH**
Photographer / Web Assistant
- 09/2009-06/2010 **Smithsonian American Art Museum: Washington, D.C.**
New Media Initiatives Intern
- 06/2008-09/2008 **The Hutchinson News: Hutchinson, KS**
Photography Intern
- 03/2007-06/2007 **The Miami Herald: Miami, FL**
Photography and Web Intern
- 06/2006-09/2006 **The Press-Enterprise: Riverside, CA**
News Intern

SELECT AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018 **Ohio State Religion COMPAS Visual Arts Show**
Grand Prize
- Greater Columbus Arts Council Artist Resource Grant**
- 2016 **Duke Center for Documentary Studies/Honickman First Book Prize in Photography**
- Smithsonian Magazine Photo Contest**
First Place, American Experience Category
- 2014 **Eddie Adams Workshop XXVII**
- Ohio University Paul Schutzer Memorial Scholarship**
- New York Times Portfolio Review**
- Lucie Foundation Emerging Photographer Scholarship**
Shortlisted
- FotoVisura Student Spotlight Grant**
Finalist
- 2013 **Magnum/Inge Morath Foundation Inge Morath Award**
Finalist
- College Photographer of the Year Competition**
Gold, Solo Journalist Multimedia Essay

- 2012 **Religion Newswriters Association Annual Contest**
Third Place, Magazine Graphic/Illustration
- 2010 **International Jodi Awards**
Commendation for Sustainable Growth Award
- American Geological Institute *Life in the Field* Contest**
First Place, Video Category
- 2009 **PDN Photo Annual Contest**
Winner, Student Category
- 2008 **William Randolph Hearst Journalism Awards**
Winner, Picture Story Category
- Illinois Student Best of Photojournalism Contest**
Second Place, Portraiture
Honorable Mention, Picture Story
- 2007 **Illinois Student Best of Photojournalism Contest**
Honorable Mention, Portraiture
- Columbia Scholastic Press Association Gold Circle Awards**
First Place Feature Photograph Portfolio
- NPPA Women In Photojournalism Contest**

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 ***Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation***
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: Denver, CO
- Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation***
West Virginia University Library: Morgantown, WV
- Diversity Is Our Strength***
Martin de Porres Center: Columbus, OH
- Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation***
Ohio University Schoonover Gallery: Athens, OH
- 2017 ***Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation***
Rubenstein Photography Gallery at Duke University: Durham, NC
- 2016 ***American Pagans***
The Magical Druid: Columbus, OH
- 2012 ***Faith in Action***
Art Matters Gallery: Mt. Ranier, MD
- 2011 ***Re-Evaluation***
The Tasting Room: Chevy Chase, MD
- 2009 **Portfolio Exhibition**
Northwestern University McCormick-Tribune Center: Evanston, IL

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 **Wide Open: Excellence in Photography**
Dairy Barn Arts Center: Athens, OH
- Slow Exposures: Celebrating Photography of the Rural South**
Cochran Gallery: La Grange, GA
- Religion COMPAS Visual Art Show**
STEAM Factory: Columbus, OH
- 2016 ***Peace***
Martin De Porres Center: Columbus, OH
- Global Community: What We Have in Common***
Studios On High Gallery: Columbus, OH
- The Narrative Portrait***
SE Center for Photography: Greenville, SC
- 2015-
Present ***Looking At Appalachia***
Traveling exhibit with multiple locations

- 2014 **School of Visual Communication Spring Exhibition**
Dairy Barn Arts Center: Athens, OH
- FotoVisura Spotlight*
powerHouse Gallery: Brisbane, Australia
- 2013 **Women Photojournalists of Washington Annual Exhibition**
FotoNOMA Gallery: Washington, D.C.
- 2009 *Progression*
Dittmar Gallery at Northwestern University: Evanston, IL
- 2008 *Project FOCUS*
Artistic Jeanius Gallery: Chicago, IL
- 2007 *Open Shutter*
Norris University Center: Evanston, IL

BOOKS

- 2017 *Test Of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation*
Duke University Press/Center for Documentary Studies

COLLECTIONS

- 2015-
Present **Duke University Archive for Documentary Arts**

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2018 *Test of Faith Author Talk*
American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting: Denver, CO
West Virginia University: Morgantown, WV
Shawnee State University: Portsmouth, OH
Seminary Co-op Bookstore: Chicago, IL
St. John Fisher College: Rochester, NY
Appalachian Studies Association Conference: Cincinnati, OH
Ohio University: Athens, OH
Michigan State University: East Lansing, MI
Taylor Books: Charleston, WV
Gramercy Books: Bexley, OH
- 2017 *Test of Faith Author Talk*
Ohio State University: Columbus, OH
Duke University: Durham, NC
- 2016 *Exploring Religion Through Photography and Sound Artist Lecture*
Ohio University Classics and World Religion Colloquium: Athens, OH
- Finding Empathy Through Photography Artist Lecture*
Ohio Art League: Columbus, OH
- Photography and Sound: A Multidimensional Approach to Religion Artist Lecture*
Midwest American Academy of Religion Conference: Muncie, IN
- 2015 *Test of Faith Artist Lecture*
Ohio University: Athens, OH
- 2014 *American Heathens Artist Lecture*
Ohio University: Athens, OH
- Test of Faith Artist Lecture*
Ohio University: Athens, OH
- 2013 *Documenting A Faith and Its Price Artist Lecture*
Carson-Newman University: Jefferson City, TN
- Death of a Snake-Handler: A Conversation About Ethical Research Artist Lecture*
Appalachian Studies Association Conference: Boone, NC

- 2012 *Photographing Religion* Artist Lecture
University of Maryland: College Park, MD
- Serpent-Handling for Young Pentecostals* Artist Lecture
Appalachian Studies Association Conference: Indiana, PA
- 2011 *Fading Faith* Artist Lecture
American University: Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Lauren Pond, "On Being Pagan in Prison," *The Revealer*, NYU's Center for Media and Religion, 11 October 2018
Interview with Kate Bissell, "The Digital Human," *BBC Radio 4*, 1 October 2018
Lauren Pond, "Photographing Faith," *Sightings*, The University of Chicago Divinity School, 17 May 2018
Leo Hsu, "Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation," *Fraction Magazine*, Issue 109, April 2018
"Finding Religion," *Ohio State Insights*, 05 April 2018
Jim Fischer, "Diversity Is Our Strength," *Columbus Alive*, 15 March 2018
Ralph Hood, "Test of Faith: Signs, Serpents, Salvation," *Reading Religion*, 08 March 2018
Interview with Kali Handelman, *The Revealer*, NYU's Center for Media and Religion, 12 February 2018
Interview with Yasmeen Khan, *talkRADIO*, 03 February 2018
Sean O'Hagan, "'Praise the Lord and pass the rattlesnakes': The pastor killed by the viper he preached with," *The Guardian*, 26 January 2018
Jeff Grabmeier, "The Photographer and the Serpent Handlers," *Ohio State News Service*, 23 January 2018
Interview with *Faith & Leadership*, Duke Divinity School, 09 January 2018
Elizabeth Palmer, "Serpents and Salvation," *The Christian Century*, 03 January 2018
Roger May, "14 Books That Meant the Most to Me in 2017," *100 Days in Appalachia*, January 2018
- 2017 Danae King, "Photographer captures life, death, and religious beliefs of serpent handler and his family," *The Columbus Dispatch*, 22 December 2017
Bill Lynch, "Journalist finds forgiveness with Mercer snake handlers for photobook," *The Charleston Gazette-Mail*, 08 December 2017
"Photo of the Day," *Photo District News*, 27 November 2017
Alexa Dilworth and Lauren Pond, "Signs, Serpents, Salvation," *The Oxford American*, 22 November 2017
Interview with Frank Stasio, WUNC's *The State of Things*, 16 November 2017
James McWilliams, "How Can Journalists Cross Cultural Divides in the Age of Trump?" *Pacific Standard Magazine*, 18 July 2017
Interview with Skyler Reid, *American Photo Magazine*, 21 February 2018
Stan Alost, "Lauren Pond Wins Eighth Biennial Center for Documentary Studies/Honickman First Book Prize in Photography," *As I See It*, 08 February 2017
- 2015 Laurence Butet-Roch, "What's in a Name?" *Raw View Magazine* no. 04, pp. 142-143, Autumn 2015
Eric Scott, "Lauren Pond's 'American Heathens,'" *The Wild Hunt*, 11 September 2015
- 2014 "Ink, Leather, Grit - and The Church: Off the Beaten Path with Lauren Pond," *Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding*, 29 January 2015
Lauren Hansen, "Meet the millennial who is a serpent-handling pastor," *The Week*
- 2012 Interview, NPR's *On The Media*, 15 June 2012
Lauren Pond, "Why I Watched a Snake Handling Pastor Die for His Faith," *The Washington Post*, 01 June 2012
Julia Duin, "Snake Handling as Spiritual Practice," *The Wall Street Journal*, 6 April 2012
Lauren Pond, "Religious Activism: A Concrete Example of 'Occupy' Ideals," *The Huffington Post*, 16 February 2012
- 2011 Julia Duin, "PAPA Festival Highlights Christianity, Anarchism and Community Spirit," *The Washington Post*, 1 September 2011
- 2009 Ellen Byron, "Seeing Store Shelves Through Senior Eyes," *The Wall Street Journal*, 14 September 2009