

## ALISON BESTE

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## EDUCATION

- 2014 MFA Lesley University College of Art and Design (formerly The Art Institute of Boston), Boston, MA  
2004 BA Cum Laude Honors, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
2003 Scuola de Lorenzo de Medici, Florence, Italy

## EXHIBITIONS

- 2018 *Contact*, Honolulu Museum of Art School Linekona, Honolulu, HI  
2018 *Tropical Disturbance*, The Luggage Store Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
2017 *SPE Exhibition*, McNamara Gallery, University of Nevada, Reno, NV  
2017 *Tahoe CoLab*, Granlibakken Tahoe Retreat Center, Tahoe, CA  
2017 *Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce 39<sup>th</sup> Commitment to Excellence Exhibition*, Honolulu Museum of Art Linekona, Honolulu, HI  
2017 **Two-Person Exhibition**, *Light Trespass*, Hawaii Pacific University Gallery, Kaneohe, HI  
2016 *International Juried Exhibition, Center for Photographic Art*, Carmel, CA (Juror: Linde Lehtinen, PhD)  
2016 *Accession*, Hawaii State Art Museum, Honolulu, HI  
2016 *Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce 38<sup>th</sup> Commitment to Excellence Exhibition*, Honolulu Museum of Art Linekona, Honolulu, HI  
2016 *New Figure Interpretations*, Pauahi Tower Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2016 *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2016*, The Arts at Mark's Garage, Honolulu, HI  
2015 *Artists of Hawai'i*, Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI  
2015 *Positions*, Hawaiian Mission Houses Museum, Honolulu, HI  
2015 *Reclassified*, Warehouse XI, Somerville, MA  
2015 *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2015*, The Arts at Mark's Garage, Honolulu, HI  
2015 *Works on Paper*, Pauahi Tower Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2014 *Mixed Media Miniature*, Koa Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2014 **Two-Person Exhibition**, *The Light We Are, The Light We See*, Koa Gallery Lama Library, Honolulu, HI  
2014 *MFA Thesis Exhibition*, Vandernoot Gallery, Cambridge, MA  
2014 *Elements*, Pauahi Tower Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2014 *Contemporary Photography in Hawaii 2014*, Andrew Rose Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2013 *Mixed Media Miniature*, Koa Art Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2013 *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2013*, South Street Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2013 *Light*, Pauahi Tower Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
2012 *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2012*, South Street Gallery, Honolulu, HI  
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2009 *Stranger Than Paradise*, 39 Hotel, Honolulu, HI  
2006 *Unguided Tour*, 39 Hotel, Honolulu, HI  
2005 *Faculty Art Exhibition*, Assets School, Honolulu, HI  
2004 *Senior Exhibition*, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA  
2002 *GENESIS College Student Juried Exhibition*, Peninsula Fine Arts Center, Newport News, VA

**Selected HONORS and AWARDS**

- 2017 First Place, Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce *Commitment to Excellence Exhibition*  
 2015 Cynthia Eyre Award, Honolulu Museum of Art  
 2014 FujiFilm Award, *Elements* Exhibition  
 2014 Peter Shaindlin Award, *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2014*  
 2013 Peggy Hopper Gallery Award, *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2013*  
 2012-14 Merit Award (recurring), Lesley University College of Art & Design  
 2012 Juror Award, *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2012*  
 2011 Kaimuki Camera Award, *Contemporary Photography in Hawai'i 2011*  
 2004 Best in Photography Award, *GENESIS College Student Juried Exhibitions*  
 2003 Best in Show Award, The College of William and Mary Studies' Abroad Department

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

- 2020 Jennifer Adams, "Going the Distance: Teachers and Staff at Hawai'i's Private Schools Tell Us How Remote Learning Not Only Tested Their Abilities to Adapt, But Also Redefined Their Ideas of Community," *Honolulu Magazine*, August 2020. Private School Guide Insert 2-3.  
 2018 Margo Machida. "Views From Contemporary Hawai'i: Globalized Localism & Island Imaginaries," *metrohawaii.com*, January 19, 2018.  
 2017 Noelani Arista. "Meaning in the Multiple: Tropical Disturbance Reflects Hawaii in Flux," *summitzine.com*, December 31, 2017.  
 2017 Jaimey Hamilton Faris. "Double Sunsets," in *Our Ocean Guide*, ed. MAP Office (Venice, Italy: Lightbox Publishing, 2017), 91-95.  
 2016 Steven Mark, "Images Go Beyond Beauty," *Honolulu Star Advertiser*, April 3, 2016.  
 2016 Diane Lee, "This New Exhibit Shows That You Can Take Beautiful Photos With a Smartphone," *Honolulumagazine.com*, January 18, 2016.  
 2015 David A.M. Goldberg, "Visual Artists Highlighted in Juried Exhibit," *Honolulu Star Advertiser*, July 12, 2015.  
 2015 James Charisma, "On the Horizon," *Flux Magazine*, Summer 2015. 82-84.  
 2015 Lesa Griffith, "A Sneak Peak Inside Honolulu Museum of Art's Competitive Summer Exhibit," *Honolulumagazine.com*, January 2, 2015.  
 2014 Gordy Grundy, "PechaKucha Light Shines Bright at the Honolulu Museum of Art," *Huffingtonpost.com*, April 23, 2014.  
 2012 David Ulrich and Laura Dunn, "The Alchemical Fire," *Parabola* 37, no. 1 (Spring 2012): 88, 90. (Photographs)  
 2011 David Ulrich, "Are You a Craftsman Dedicated to Mastery?," *Breathingcolor.com*, April 2011.  
 2006 Lesa Griffith, "Roam City in Students' Unguided Tour," *Honolulu Advertiser*, October 8 2006.

**RADIO/TELEVISION**

- Chris Vandercook, "Contemporary Photography: David Ulrich," Hawaii Public Radio, Honolulu, HI, March 30, 2016.  
 Dr. Kathleen Kozak, "Artists of Hawai'i 2015: Healoha Johnston," Hawaii Public Radio, Honolulu, HI, July 1, 2015.  
 Dan Cooke, Interview, Hawaii News Now, Honolulu, HI, June 23, 2015.  
 Dr. Kathleen Kozak, Interview, Hawaii Public Radio, Honolulu, HI, June 16, 2014.

**VISITING ARTIST LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS**

- 2021 “Covid Chronicles: Using Photography to Express, Connect, and Foster Hope During a Pandemic,” Schools of the Future Conference, Honolulu, October 27-29.
- 2020 “Kinolau Hawai‘i me ka No‘eau Ki‘i - Native Hawaiian Plants in Three Expressions: Photography, Hawaiian, English,” Schools of the Future Conference, Honolulu, HI October 29-30.
- 2019 Lecture, Molokai Arts Center, Kaunakakai, HI, February 25.
- 2018 Lecture, Hawai‘i State Art Museum, Honolulu, HI, April 24.
- 2017 Lecture, Hawai‘i Pacific University, Honolulu, HI, November 28.
- 2017 “What about Paradise?” University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, November 16.
- 2015 “Embracing the Arts and Allowing Students to Shine Outside Classroom Walls,” Schools of the Future Conference, Honolulu, HI, November 3.
- 2015 Lecture, f.808 Photo Hawai‘i Conference, Honolulu, HI, June 27.
- 2015 Lecture, University of Hawai‘i Outreach Pacific New Media, Honolulu, HI, February 26.
- 2014 “The Power of Images,” Schools of the Future Conference, Honolulu, HI, November 6.
- 2014 “Pecha Kucha #20: Light,” Honolulu Museum of Art, Honolulu, HI, April 18.
- 2014 Lecture, Eyes of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, February 24.
- 2013 Lecture, Hawaii Photographic Society, Honolulu, HI, August 13.

**COLLECTIONS**

Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts

**ARTIST RESIDENCIES**

- 2018-19 Molokai Arts Center, Artist-in-Residence, Molokai, HI

**EXHIBITIONS JURIED**

- 2018 7<sup>th</sup> Annual MAC Members Show, Molokai Arts Center, Molokai, HI
- 2018 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Contemporary Photography in Hawai‘i, Marks Garage, Honolulu, HI

**TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2017-present Mid Pacific Institute  
Full time High School Faculty
- Courses: *Digital Photography, Advanced Photography Levels 1-4, Advanced Studio Art, Fundamentals of Visual Art, Fundamentals of Digital Art, Art 1: New Media*
  - Empower students to engage deeply in the photographic process, develop personalized portfolios, and articulate ideas through image-making
  - Recipient of the 2021 Helen M. Ogata Teacher Excellence Award
  - Additional Responsibilities
    - Arts Research and Design Steering Committee Member (2018-2019)
    - Class of 2022 Co-Advisor (2018-2022)
    - Photography Club Advisor (2018-2019)
- 2018 Honolulu Museum of Art School  
Art Instructor
- Courses: *Intro to Digital Photography*
  - Create and teach adult education course introducing the art of photography and camera mechanics

**TEACHING/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont.)**

- 2015-2017 National Geographic Student Expeditions  
Photography Workshop Trip Leader in London (2015) and Australia (2016, 2017)
- Co-lead intensive photography workshops for high school students ages 14-18
  - Provide engaging and dynamic lessons in the field focused on storytelling, exploration, and conservation
  - Critique and facilitate “on assignment” projects
- 2009-2017 Pacific New Media, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI  
Faculty
- Courses: *Image and Identity, The Photographic Essay, The Extended Moment, Photographing People and Places at Night*
  - Create and teach adult outreach photography workshops
- 2009-2011 Pacific New Media, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI  
Digital Print Lab Monitor
- Monitor digital print lab, open and close facility
  - Assist, teach, and support artists learning the digital printing process
  - Operate large format Canon 8000, Canon 8100, and Epson 4800 printers
- 2005-2017 Assets School, Honolulu, HI  
Full Time High School Faculty
- Courses: *Digital Photography, Advanced Digital Photography 2 & 3, Graphic Design, Integrated Photography & Philosophical Literature, Assistive Technology, Photography Mentorship, Advanced Photography Mentorship*
  - Empowered students to engage deeply in the photographic process and share artwork publicly through publications, online communities, exhibitions, and contests
  - Founded an annual public exhibition featuring over two hundred images of student work at galleries in the Honolulu arts district (2009-current)
  - Launched and co-edited student-run literary arts magazine, *Aloha Na Makana* (2012, 2013)
  - Member of the Hawaii Schools of the Future Grant Initiative Assets Leadership Team (2009-14)
  - Academic alumni coach to support student transition during first year post-high school (2011, 2012, 2014)
- 2004-2006 International Hospitality Center, Honolulu, HI  
Summer ESL Teacher and Activities Coordinator
- Prepared English as a Second Language lesson plans and activities for foreign exchange students ages 5-18 from Japan, China, Korea, Tahiti, and France
  - Provided hands-on and interactive cultural and academic activities for students
  - Gained exposure to the fields of international educational exchange and cross-cultural programming
- 2004-2005 Mokapu Elementary School, Kaneohe, HI  
Part Time Teacher
- Assisted administrative team with documentation required to provide educational support to students qualified for a Title 1 mathematics after school program
  - Co-taught one after-school class four times a week to elementary students grades 3-5
  - Developed curriculum, activities, and tutorials to aid student learning and growth in grade-level mathematics