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AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

2022 Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Public Understanding of Science and Technology grant in support of her book *Attention Is Discovery: The Life and Legacy of Astronomer Henrietta Leavitt* (MIT Press 2024)

2021 Smithsonian Artist Research Fellowship, Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, Cambridge, MA

2010 United States Artists Fellowship in Visual Arts

2007 Louis Comfort Tiffany Foundation Biennial Award

COLLECTIONS

Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA

Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Boston, MA

Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI

Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery, Washington, D.C.

The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Elements and Objects, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2023 Henrietta Leavitt: A Life Spent Looking, Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, OH Glass, Metal, Thread: Building our Observable World, University Galleries of Illinois State University, Normal, IL
- 2022 Altogether Elsewhere, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Boston, MA Ground/Field/Edge (exhibition with Victoria Burge), Drive-by Projects, Watertown, MA
- 2020 [IN]Finite, Archer Gallery, Clark College, Vancouver, WA Nature and Other Relationships, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2019 Love Letters, Sharon Arts Center Gallery, Peterborough, New Hampshire
- 2018 Measure, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Color: A Love Story, University Gallery, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
- 2017 Another Time, Handwerker Gallery, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY Shape/View, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2014 Above, between and in, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2013 Gold! And Other Fallen Empires, Mills Gallery, Boston Center for the Arts, Boston, MA What Could Be, Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, Flagler College, Saint Augustine, FL
- 2011 Portraits, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2010 Dawn and Dusk, ProjectRoom, Lincoln, Nebraska
- 2009 Portraits, Sara Meltzer Gallery, New York, New York As the Stars Go By, Thacher Gallery, University of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- 2008 Look to the Heavens, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon Endings, Sara Meltzer Gallery, New York, New York While, OKOK Gallery, Seattle, Washington
- 2007 Burned Out by the Rising Sun, University Art Museum, California State University, Long Beach, Long Beach, CA
- 2006 As the Stars Go By, Jack Hanley Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 2005 Suggested North Points, University Art Museum, University of California, Santa Barbara Black and White, Shades of Gray, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, California
- 2004 Point of View, Mills College Art Museum, Oakland, CA
- 2003 MATRIX 207/Suggested North Points, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA
- 2002 New Work, Gallery Paule Anglim, San Francisco, California
- 2001 *Migrations*, Project Space, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, California *VIA*, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, California

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 About Place: Quilts from Vermont Museums, Fleming Museum of Art, University of Vermont
- 2022 Parallax: Framing the Cosmos, The Frances Young Tang Teaching Museum, Skidmore College The Sun, The Moon, & Stars, North Seattle College Art Gallery, Seattle, WA
- 2021 Objects: USA 2020, R & Company Gallery, New York, NY, Curated by Glenn Adamson Messages to the Future, Drive-by Projects, Watertown, MA, Curated by Crystalle Lacouture
- 2020 Afterlives of the Black Atlantic, Allen Memorial Art Museum, Oberlin College, OH Radical Tradition: American Quilts and Social Change, Toledo Museum of Art, OH
- 2019 Selections from the Permanent Collection, Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery
- 2018 Seeing is Understanding, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI Way Bay, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA
- 2018 Storyline: The Contemporary Quilt, Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, TX
- Whipstitch: the State of Contemporary Textiles, Ann Arbor Art Center, Ann Arbor, MI Cloud Headed, Gallery 51, Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, Massachusetts Crafting the Future, Elizabeth Leach Gallery, Portland, Oregon
- 2016 Connections, Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery
- 2015 Needle's Eye: Contemporary Embroidery, The National Museum of Art, Architecture and Design, Oslo, Norway
 - Making Histories, Artspace at the Kansas City Art Institute, Kansas City, MO
- 2014 Needle's Eye: Contemporary Embroidery, KODE, Art Museums of Bergen, Norway Thing Speak, University of Nebraska's Sheldon Museum of Art, Lincoln, NE Now Read This: Contemporary Art from the Collection of Driek and Michael Zirinsky, Idaho Center for the Book, Boise State University, Boise, ID
 - Fail-Safe: Discomforts Close to Home, Craft Alliance, St. Louis, MO
- 2013 Uncontainable Portraits, Boston Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA
 Rijswijk Textile Biennial 2013, Museum Rijswijk, Rijswijk, Netherlands
 Beyond Vision: Messages from the Holographic Universe, Salisbury University Art Galleries, MD
- 2012 Data Deluge, Ballroom Marfa, Marfa, TX
 - 40 under 40: Craft Futures, Smithsonian American Art Museum's Renwick Gallery 2012 deCordova Biennial, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA At the Edge, Berkeley Art Museum, Berkeley, CA Residue of Memory, Aspen Art Museum, Aspen, CO Night Watch: Anna Von Mertens, Vija Celmins, Richard Misrach, James Harris Gallery, Seattle
- 2011 Hiding Places: Memory in the Arts, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2010 Cosmic: Artists Consider Astronomy, Sun Valley Center for the Arts, Sun Valley, ID Assembling Narratives: Quilting Impulses in Contemporary Art, Dorsky Gallery, NY
- 2009 Arp's Atlas of Peculiar Galaxies, Schneider Museum of Art, Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR
- 2009 Multi-Part Art: Contemporary Works in the Collection, RISD Museum, Providence, RI
 Post Memory: Makeshift Memorials in Contemporary Art, Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts, NY
- 2008 In the Private Eye, Ise Cultural Foundation, New York, NY Artists of Invention, Oakland Museum of California, Oakland, CA
- 2007 Material Pursuits, Robert Hull Fleming Museum, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
- 2006 *The Searchers*, White Box, New York, New York *Prevailing Climate*, Sara Meltzer Gallery, New York, New York
- 2005 Bay Area Now 4, Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San Francisco, California Practice Makes Perfect: Bay Area Conceptual Craft, Southern Exposure, San Francisco, CA Mental Maps, Dorsky Gallery Curatorial Programs, Long Island City, NY, Curated by Kate Green
- 2004 Astonishing Knowledge, Center for Curatorial Studies Museum, Bard College Topographies, San Francisco Art Institute Walter & McBean Gallery, San Francisco, CA Topographies, Pasadena Museum of California Art, Pasadena, California
- 2003 Sewn Together, Gregory Lind Gallery, San Francisco, California
- 2002 Maps and Charts, Penrose Gallery, Tyler School of Art, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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EDUCATION

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