

Stephen Truax

Born 1985, Glenview, IL

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Biography

Stephen Truax is an art dealer, artist, and writer in New York, where he founded Truax Art Advisory in 2022. He was a collaborator on [Living Histories: Queer Views and Old Masters](#) (2021-2022), at The Frick Collection, New York, and a contributing editor of the [exhibition catalog](#) with Xavier F. Salomon and Aimee Ng (2023). He curated two exhibitions on Queer art: [Any distance between us](#) (2021-2022), at RISD Museum in Providence with Dominic Molon, and [Intimacy](#) (2018) at Yossi Milo Gallery in New York. His essay, "[Why Young Queer Artists Are Trading Anguish for Joy](#)," was commissioned by *Artsy* in 2017. Truax's work has been exhibited at The FLAG Art Foundation (New York), Ochi Gallery (Ketchum), and Klaus von Nichtssagend (New York). His work has been discussed in *The New York Times*, *Paper* magazine, *ArtPulse* magazine, and *Hyperallergic*.

Education

2007 BFA, Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Providence, RI

Solo Exhibitions

2016 *How Will I Know*, organized by Anne Luther, 67 Ludlow, New York, NY (monograph)

Selected Group Exhibitions

2024 *Fire Island: The Art of Liberation*, curated by Nina Sangimino, The Long Island Museum, Stony Brook, NY

The Swimmer, curated by Jonathan Rider, The FLAG Art Foundation, New York, NY

2022 *Wish You Were Here*, Ochi Gallery, Ketchum, ID

A Light That Swam Like Minnows, organized by Aaron Michael Skolnick, Bill Arning Exhibitions, Kinderhook, NY

2021 *You Got Your Secret On*, organized by Aaron Michael Skolnik, Quappi Projects, Louisville, KY

Clearing the Air, curated by Jay Davis, Southampton Arts Center, Southampton, NY

2019 *Dynasty*, organized by Christopher K. Ho and Sara Reisman, P.S. 122, New York, NY

Notebook, organized by Joanne Greenbaum, 56 Henry, New York, NY

2018 *Emoji Show*, Klaus von Nichtssagend, New York, NY

2015 *Making History: Bushwick*, organized by Krista Saunders and Dexter Wimberly, Storefront Ten Eyck, Brooklyn, NY

2014 *The Bushwick 500*, English Kills, Brooklyn, NY

Half Drop, organized by Meredith Nemirov, Telluride Arts, Telluride, CO

Shrink It, Pink It, organized by Irena Jurek, Cathouse Funeral, Brooklyn, NY

2013 *Donut Muffin*, organized by Jessica Duffett and Tamara Gonzales, Dorsky Foundation, Long Island City, NY

2012 *The escape from the banal everyday life ...*, organized by Brooke Moyse, NURTUREart, Brooklyn, NY

Carol Salmanson & Stephen Truax, Storefront Bushwick, Brooklyn, NY

2011 *We Are: Eriola Pira and Chelsea Haines*, organized by Marco Antonini, NURTUREart, Brooklyn, NY (catalog)

Digital Plastic, organized by Armando Veve, RISD Gelman Gallery, Providence, RI

2010 *The Late Work*, organized by Christopher K. Ho and Kevin Zucker, Fisher Press, Santa Fe, NM (catalog)

Selected Artist Bibliography

- 2024 Tafoya, Harry. "The Still Life: NYC's Buzziest Art Shows This Month." *Paper Magazine*. July 29.
Barandy, Kat. "*The Swimmer*: A Visual Journey Inspired by Cheever's Short Story." *Design Boom*, June 16.
Salomon, Xavier. "8 Curators on LGBTQ+ Artists to Celebrate This Pride Month 2024." *Artsy*, May 30.
- 2023 Hernandez, Mario. *Bushwick's Bohemia Art and Revitalization in Gentrifying Brooklyn*. Routledge, 2024.
Moffitt, Evan. "On Fire Island, a Home for Art — and the Artists Who Make It." *The New York Times*, August 31.
- 2017 Trouillot, Terence. "Stephen Truax: *How Will I Know*." *ArtPulse* magazine, Miami. March 9.
- 2016 Munk, Loren. "Stephen Truax at 67 Ludlow." *James Kalm Report*. YouTube. October 9.
Butler, Sharon. "Ideas and Influences: Stephen Truax." *Two Coats of Paint*, Brooklyn. September 30.
Shen, Denni. "Christopher K. Ho on Confucianism, White Privilege, Art Dads." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. June 23.
Butler, Sharon. "Quick Study." *Two Coats of Paint*, Brooklyn. May 21.
- 2014 Antonini, Marco, and Christopher K. Ho. "Conversation: Ariel Dill, Lauren Portada, Stephen Truax." "Postscript to *Golden Age*." *Golden Age*, ed. Marco Antonini and Christopher K. Ho. NURTUREart, Brooklyn. October.
Chapline, Jonathan. "Interview: Stephen Truax." *#FFFFFF Walls*, Brooklyn. March 6.
- 2013 Vartanian, Hrag. "And They're Off: Friday Night Openings at BOS 2013." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. June 1.
Sutton, Benjamin. "10 Must-Visit Studios, Exhibitions, and More at BOS 2013." *ArtInfo*, New York. May 30.
Gantert, Patrick and Nicole Killan. "Don't Move to New York, or Do..." *Wow Huh*, New York. April 30.
Butler, Sharon. "*Donut Muffin* Examines Unification." *Two Coats of Paint*, New York, March 6.
Bartlett, Josey. "A painting sans paint, a sculpture on canvas." *Queens Chronicle*, New York. January 3.
- 2012 Rooney, Kara L. "*The escape from the banal everyday life ...*" *The Brooklyn Rail*, Brooklyn. December.
Butler, Sharon. "Artists as Curators: Brooke Moyses." *Two Coats of Paint*, New York. November 16.
Panero, James. "Carol Salmanson and Stephen Truax at Storefront Bushwick." *The New Criterion*, New York. June.
Short, Aaron. "Open Season! Bushwick's biggest art event of the year." *The Brooklyn Paper*, Brooklyn, May 31.
Ho, Christopher K. "The Clinton Crew." *Wow Huh*, New York. March 31.
- 2010 Butler, Sharon. "'Unrelenting analysis' continues to grip the art world." *Two Coats of Paint*, Brooklyn. December 21.
Ho, Christopher K. and Kevin Zucker. *The Late Work*. Fisher Press, Santa Fe. February.

Curatorial Projects

- 2021 *Any distance between us*, curated with Dominic Molon, RISD Museum, Providence, RI (July 17, 2021 - March 13, 2022)
- 2018 *Intimacy*, Yossi Milo Gallery, New York, NY (June 28 - August 24, 2018)
- 2012 *Love*, One River School of Art & Design, Englewood, NJ (November 4 - December 21, 2012)
- 2011 *Portal*, co-organized with Janis Ferberg, 4A Centre for Contemporary Asian Art, Sydney; ICANN, Sydney; Regina Rex, New York; artists' studios, New York (August - September, 2011)

Curatorial Bibliography

- 2024 Quinn, Michael. "Portraits in Dialog." *The Gay & Lesbian Review*, Boston. February.
- 2021 Rose, Michael. "RISD Museum Exhibition Explores Intimacy." *Go Local Providence*, Providence. October 13.
- 2018 Christie-Dervaux, Millie. "*Intimacy*." *The Brooklyn Rail*, Brooklyn. August 22.
Small, Zachary. "Looking at Queer Constellations of *Intimacy*." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. August 20.
Telling, Olly. "Four artists busting the stereotype that queer art has to be doom and gloom." *Dazed*, London. July 19.
Pham, Larissa. "In Queer Art, There's a Time for Action and a Time for Languor." *Garage* magazine, Brooklyn. July 12.
Goldstein, Caroline. "Beat the Heat With These 19 Summer Group Shows." *ArtNet*, New York. July 4.
Russeth, Andrew. "9 Art Events to Attend in New York City This Week." *ArtNews*, New York. June 25.
Ellwood, Mark. "Your guide to 2018's NYC Pride." *New York Post*, New York. June 21.

- Indrišek, Scott. "The Precarious, Glamorous Lives of Independent Curators." *Artsy*, New York. February 8.
- 2016 Abrams, Loney. "How to Nail the Studio Visit, Part 2." *Artspace*, New York. November 9.
- 2012 Berg, Tatiana. "Love." *ArtPulse* magazine, Miami. Winter.
- Butler, Sharon. "Artists as Curators: Stephen Truax." *Two Coats of Paint*, New York. November 13.
- 2011 Britton, Kate. "Social Media and Contemporary Art." *Das Superpaper*, Sydney. October.
- Xiao, An. "The INTERNETworked Bridge: Connected But Unequal." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. October 1.2
- Chayka, Kyle. "Does Social Media Art Have to Be Online?" *ArtInfo*, New York. September 22.
- Zak, Lena. "Social media art brings virtual audiences into cyber galleries." CNN Travel, Sydney. August 29.
- Xiao, An. "An Open Challenge to Social Media Critics." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. July 18.

Editor

- 2023 *Living Histories: Queer Views and Old Masters*, ed. Xavier F. Solomon, Stephen Truax, and Aimee Ng, The Frick Collection, New York.
- 2015 *Kristina Matousch*, ed. Jens Soneryd and Stephen Truax. Galleri Riis, Stockholm.

Selected Published Texts

- 2023 Truax, Stephen. "We Can Occupy This Space Now." *Living Histories: Queer Views and Old Masters*, ed. Xavier F. Solomon, Stephen Truax, and Aimee Ng, The Frick Collection, New York.
- 2022 Truax, Stephen. "Joe McShea and Edgar Mosa's Flags." *Gayletter Issue 17*, New York.
- Truax, Stephen. "With You." *Manual, Issue 16, Fall/Winter: Intimacy*. RISD Museum, Providence, RI.
- 2021 Truax, Stephen. "The Marks Men Leave." *You & i are Earth*, ed. Fergus Feehily. Paper Visual Art, Berlin/Dublin.
- 2019 Truax, Stephen. "Pastel Then, Pastel Now; Nicolas Party: Pastel." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. December 14.
- 2017 Truax, Stephen. "Why Young Queer Artists Are Trading Anguish for Joy." *Artsy*, New York, November 7.
- 2016 Truax, Stephen. "Nicole Eisenman." *The Brooklyn Rail*, Brooklyn. July/August.
- 2014 Truax, Stephen. "John Walker." "Ronnie Landfield." "Lois Dodd." "Tamara Gonzales." *Come Together: Surviving Sandy*, ed. Thyrsa Goodeve. Dedalus Foundation, New York.
- Truax, Stephen. "What Happens at the Spa." *Adult* magazine, New York. May 5.
- 2013 Truax, Stephen. "The Impossible Desire of *The Encyclopedic Palace*." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. June 10.
- Truax, Stephen. "Shock of the View: Seeing and Scene at the Venice Biennale." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. June 6.
- 2012 Truax, Stephen. "Love: Conceptual Strategies in Contemporary Painting." *Art Blog Art Blog*, New York. November.
- Truax, Stephen. "dOCUMENTA (13)." *ArtPulse* magazine, Miami. Fall.
- Truax, Stephen. "Fuck Grad School, Let's Have a House Party." *Hyperallergic*, Brooklyn. September 11.
- 2011 Truax, Stephen. "Artists in Bushwick." *The Brooklyn Rail*, Brooklyn. July.
- Truax, Stephen. "DIY Bushwick." *The Brooklyn Rail*, Brooklyn. June.

Talks & Teaching

- 2023 Visiting Artist, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Detroit, MI
- 2020 Visiting Artist, RISD Foundation Studies Drawing Marathon, Providence, RI
- 2015 Panelist in "Golden Age," with Marco Antonini and Christopher K. Ho, Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD), Savannah, GA; Tapp's Art Center, Columbia, SC; and Tiger Strikes Asteroid (TSA), Brooklyn, NY

Programs & Awards

- 2014 Bruce High Quality Foundation University (BHQFU), New York, NY
- 2007 RISD Florence Leif Award, Providence, RI

2006 RISD European Honors Program (EHP), Rome, Italy

2005 RISD American Academy of Poets Prize, Providence, RI