

Donna Bassin

Education

M.P.S. Art Therapy and Creativity Development, Pratt Institute, 1978
Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, 1983. Union Graduate School and S.U.N.Y / Downstate Medical Center
Psychoanalytic Certificate, 1988. Institute of Psychoanalytic Training and Research
International Center of Photography 1985-1990

Awards and Grants

- 2022** Top 50 Photographers – *Critical Mass 2022*, Photolucida, Portland, OR
Finalist – *FRESH 2022 Annual Photography Exhibition*, Klompching Gallery, New York, NY
Director’s Choice – *WABI-SABI*, Art Fluent, Boston, MA
- 2021** New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation – Individual Artist Fellowship in Photography
- 2020** First Place – Los Angeles Center of Photography’s 5th annual juried exhibition: *Exploring Humanity*
Curator’s Choice – ProArts Jersey City
- 2018** Honorable Mention for Segregation and Human Rights in the 12th *Julia Margaret Cameron Award*, Photography Gala Awards
- 2017** NAAP Gradiva Award for the documentary, “The Mourning After”
- 2014** Psychoanalytic Electronic Publishing, Video Grant for “The Mourning After”
- 2008** Leave No Soldier, Director/Producer. Documentary. Official Selection of the Rhode Island International Film Festival, The Big Muddy, New Filmmakers Festival, Best Director at the First Glance Film Festival and Merit award at the Accolade Film Festival
- 2007** The American Psychological Association, Division 39 Section IX Achievement Award

Solo Exhibitions

- 2022** *My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair*, Passaic Arts Center, Hawthorne, NJ
- 2021** *My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair*, Soho Photo Gallery, New York, NY
- 2004** *Playing Around*, Pierro Gallery, South Orange, NJ
Memories: Ascending/Descending, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
- 2003** *The Afterlife of Dolls*, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ

Installations

- 2022** *Precious Scars, RAW: Reassessment and Wonder*, Jamestown Arts Center, Jamestown, RI
- 2021** *By Our Own Hand: In Collaboration with Frontline Arts*, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
Her Flag, National Museum of Women in the Arts, Washington, D.C.
- 2020** *Prayers for the Pandemic; Prayers for Progress; Prayers the Planet; Prayers for the Presidency!*, Drawing Rooms, Jersey City, NJ
Bound Up Together: On the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY
Art4Equality x Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness, SaveArtSpace/Art4Equality; Billboard at McGuinness Blvd and Calyer St, Brooklyn, NY
Art Off-Screen, Neumeraki – D*FIT Studio, Montclair, NJ
- 2016** *Cherry Blossoms in Winter*, Rutgers – Newark, Branch Brook Park, Newark, NJ

Group Exhibitions

- 2023** *Portrait of the Artist*, Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ (January 22 – April 30)
- 2022** *Pages*, Studio Montclair, Montclair, NJ
Inspired by George Inness: Life and Landscape, Studio Montclair, Montclair, NJ
WABI-SABI, Art Fluent, Boston, MA
Extinction – Save the Planet 2022, Gallerium, Toronto, Canada
NJSCA Artist Fellowship Showcase, Artworks Visual Arts Center, Trenton, NJ
Healing and Hope, Kente Royal Gallery, Harlem, NY
Expanding the Concept of Photography, Raritan Valley Community College, Branchburg, NJ
- 2021** *Transformed: Objects Reimagined by American Artists*, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ
New Jersey Arts Annual: ReVision and Respond, Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
What Lies Ahead, L.A. Photo Curator, Susan Spiritus Gallery, Irvine, CA
Contemporary Portrait, SE Center for Photography, Greenville, SC
The Empowering, Pro Arts Jersey City, Jersey City, NJ
Privilege, Power and Everyday Life, Studio Montclair, Montclair, NJ
- 2020** *For Which It Stands*, Ford Foundation Gallery and Assembly Room, New York, NY
Exploring Humanity, 5th Annual Fine Art Exhibition, Los Angeles Center of Photography, Los Angeles, CA
Artists for Social Justice, Kupferberg Center for the Arts at Queens College, New York, NY

Artists for Social Justice, Arc Gallery & Educational Foundation, Chicago, IL
Portrait 2020, SE Center for Photography, Greenville, SC
Art4Equality x Life, Liberty, & The Pursuit of Happiness, SaveArtSpace/Art4Equality; The Untitled Space, New York, NY

Her Flag, Old Barracks Museum, Trenton, NJ

2019 *Little by Little*, Art Intersection, Gilbert, AZ

Contemporary Portraiture: To See Each Other, Passaic County Arts Center, Hawthorne, NJ

2018 *Armistice Day 2018*, Puffin Cultural Forum – Frontline Arts, Teaneck, NJ

Call & Response: The Art of Listening, 1978 Maplewood Arts Center, Maplewood, NJ

Natural Encounters, N.Y. Photo Curator – Global Photography Awards

2017 *Art Connections 13*, George Segal Gallery, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

Grief, N.Y. Photo Curator, New York, NY

Street Photography, Blank Wall Gallery, Athens, Greece

2016 *Trois Poissons in a Big Sea*, Sterling Sound, New York, NY

Viewpoints 2016, Aljira: a Center for Contemporary Art, Newark, NJ

Art Connections 12, George Segal Gallery, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

2015 *Mirrors of the Mind 4: The Psychotherapist as Artist*, Art Share LA, Los Angeles, CA

Film and Video

2021 *By Our Own Hand*, Short, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ

2016 - 2015 *The Mourning After*, Documentary, PEP Video

2014 *Leave No Soldier (edited)*, Documentary. Director and Producer. (R.T 53 minutes)

2008 *Leave No Soldier*, Documentary. Director and Producer. ShrinkWrap Productions. (R.T 83 minutes)

2004 *Dollhouse*, Recipient of Experimental Television Center Finishing Fund Grant

2003 *Dollumentary: The Origins of Dolls*, Montclair Art Museum, Montclair, NJ

Art Publications

2023 "Environmental Melancholia." *LandEscape Art Review, Biennial Edition*, Special Issue Vol. 46.

2022 "My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair." *Revista PsiRelacional*. Statement by Donna Bassin. November 2022.

2021 "Precious Scars: Art as Practice." *Tricycle: The Buddhist Review*. Photo essay by Barry Magid and Donna Bassin. August 2021.

2018 "We the People: Portraits of Resistance and America Reconstructed." Featured photographs by Donna Bassin from series: *My Own Witness*, *Psychoanalytic Review*, 105(6), December 2018. Ed. Douglas F. Maxwell.

2013 "A Day at the Zoo Through the Lens of Jessica Benjamin's *Bonds of Love*," *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*, 14:86-96, 2013.

2007 "Picturing Herself: On Diane Arbus's Revelations" *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*.

Magazines, Catalogs, Interviews, and Blogs

2023 *The Art(s) of Traumatic Loss and the Work of Mourning: art making, collaboration, and the journey from bystander to empathic self-witness*. Donna Bassin, Ph.D. with Sam Gerson, Ph.D. The Psychoanalytic Institute of Northern California, February 2023

2022 "My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair." *Fotonostrum Magazine*. Interview with Donna Bassin. February 2022.

2021 Editorial feature for *The IARPP Bulletin*. "By Our Own Hand." December 2021.

The Face of the Earth, LifeFramer Magazine. Curated by Samantha Clark of National Geographic. November 2021.

Portfolio feature for *Grazia Magazine*. August 2021.

"A Telling Portrait of Our Current Era." Poignant Pics no. 36, *One Twelve Publishing*. July 2021.

"My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair." Portfolio feature for *FotoNostrum Magazine*.

"My Own Witness: Rupture and Repair." Portfolio feature for Issue No. 15, *Aint-Bad*. August 2021.

2020 "My Own Witness." Series of photographs for *Human Rights. Issue #69*. *Lens Magazine*. June 2020.

2019 "I Am My Own Witness." Portfolio feature, *Fat Canary Journal*. November 2019

2018 "We the People: Portraits of Resistance and America Reconstructed." Featured photographs by Donna Bassin from series *Here I Am: Portraits of Resistance*, *Psychoanalytic Review*, 105(6), December 2018. Ed. Douglas F. Maxwell.

"Gorillas.8" Featured photograph for 'So Zoo Me, a photo narrative' by Mark Blickley in *Event Horizon*, Issue 5, 2018

2015 "Fog of War", State of the Arts, NJN TV

2005 "Inside Dolly: A Still Live Revisited." *Almost Human: Dolls and Robots in Contemporary Art*. Hunterdon Art Museum, Clinton, NJ

"Childhood", State of the Arts. NJN Public Television. Featured Artist

2004 "The Afterlife of Dolls." Catalogue by Mary Birmingham. The Montclair Museum of Art, Montclair, NJ

2003 "Therapist's Imagery: Psychoanalyst Uses Dolls to Explore Relationships." *The Star Ledger*, December 5, 2003

2002 "Review of Donna Bassin's Work." *The Montclair Times*. Montclair, NJ

Book Covers

- 2021** *Sexual Boundary Violations in Psychotherapy: Facing Therapist Indiscretions, Transgressions, and Misconduct*, eds. A. Steinberg, J. Alpert, and C. Courtois, American Psychological Association
- 2020** *Prayers for the Pandemic. Volume Two.* Curated by Anne Trauben for *Drawing Rooms*. August 2020.
Prayers for the Pandemic. Volume One. Curated by Anne Trauben for *Drawing Rooms*. May 2020.
- 2019** *Toward a Social Psychoanalysis: Culture, Character, and Normative Unconscious Processes (Relational Perspectives Book Series), 1st Edition.* L. Layton, ed. M. Leavy-Sperounis, Routledge Press
- 2018** *Decentering Relational Theory: A Comparative Critique (Relational Perspectives Book Series)*, eds. L. Aron, S. Grand and J. Slochower, Routledge Press
De-Idealizing Relational Theory: A Critique from Within (Relational Perspectives Book Series), eds. L. Aron, S. Grand and J. Slochower, Routledge Press
- 2014** *Holding and Psychoanalysis, second edition*, J. Slochower, Routledge Press
- 2013** *Psychoanalytic Collisions, second edition*, J. Slochower, Routledge Press

Select Psychoanalytic Publications

- 2017** "From 'Bystander to Witness' – The Art of Mourning and the Veterans' Art Movement." *International Forum of Psychoanalysis*, DOI: 10.1080/0803706X.2017.1342867. Routledge.
"The Art(s) of Witness". *Art, Creativity, and Psychoanalysis: Perspectives from Analyst-Artist.*, ed. G. Hagman. Routledge Press, N.Y. and London.
- 2016-2017** Screening and Commentary of *The Mourning After*, National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis 44th Annual Conference. New York, New York.
- 2016** "Beyond "thank-you for your service": The Creation of Post-War Veteran/Non-veteran Collaborative Mourning Spaces." *Psychoanalysis, Trauma, and Community*. Eds. J. Alpert and E. Goren.
- 2011** Reminiscence, Ritual, and Beyond Working Through. *Psychoanalytic Dialogues*, 21.
- 2007** "Electra's Mourning." *Being and Doing: Essays on Gender*, ed. D.Franco, M.H. Reso.
- 2003** "A Not-So-Temporary Occupation Inside Ground Zero." *9/11: Trauma at Home*. Edited by J. Greenberg, University of Nebraska Press.
- 2002** "Writing from the Night Kitchen or from the Inside Out and the Outside In." *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*.
"I'm in the Milk and the Milk is in Me: Writing from the Night Kitchen." *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. Volume 3(3): 297-308.
- 2001** "A Barrenness of Body and Theory: An Analysis of Infertility." *Studies in Gender and Sexuality*. Volume 2(1): 63-82.