

CAT BALCO

CURRICULUM VITAE

SOLO EXHIBITIONS & PROJECTS DIRECTED

- 2016 *Cat Balco*, **Five Points Gallery**, Torrington, CT (upcoming)
- 2014 *The Ellipses Project*, **Real Art Ways**, Hartford, CT
- 2013 *Cat Balco: Recent Paintings*, **University Gallery**, California State University at Sacramento, Sacramento, CA
A Shape Language, **Frame 301 Gallery at Montserrat College of Art**, Beverly, MA
- 2012 *untitled*, recent paintings by Cat Balco, Secretary of State Denise Merrill's office, **CT State Capitol**, Hartford, CT
- 2010 *Tag & Repeat X2*, large-scale public wall works through the SAP program, **Artspace**, New Haven, CT
- 2007 *Cat Balco: Recent Paintings and Drawings*, **The Olin Gallery at Miss Porter's School**, Farmington, CT
- 2003 *Cat Balco: Recent Paintings from Life*, **Blue Shoe Strategy at Union Square**, New York, NY
Cat Balco: Recent Paintings, **Red Mill Gallery at The Vermont Studio Center**, Johnson, VT
Cat Balco: Recent Paintings, **Viewpoint Gallery at Union Square**, New York, NY

COMMISSIONS

- 2013 Permanent wall painting installation in corporate conference room, **Hobson Enterprises**, Cheshire, CT
- 2010 Permanent wall painting installation in public lobby, **360 State Street**, New Haven, CT

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2016 *The Reality of Abstraction*: Cat Balco, Mike Childs, Adam Frezza and Terry Chiao, Chris Mercier, Anne Sherwood Pundyk, David Rich, Vincent Verillo, Cecilia Whittaker-Doe, Becky Yazdan, Schelfhaut Gallery, **Shintaro Akatsu School of Design**, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT
Artspace, New Haven, CT (benefit auction)
- 2015 *Evolution of Immediacy*: Sue Post, Karen Schifano, Lucy Mink, Elizabeth Gourlay, Cat Balco; Ball & Socket Fine Arts, Cheshire, CT
Art For Sale!, Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT
Cloud Nine, **Artspace**, New Haven, CT (benefit auction)
- 2014 *Thinking through Painting*, **Summer McNight Crosby Gallery**, New Haven, CT
Improvised Showboat, New Haven, CT
Something Blue, **Artspace**, New Haven, CT (benefit auction)
Vibrant, **Whitney Center**, Hamden, CT
- 2013 *Fabrica*, **Court Square**, Long Island City, NY
Yale MFA: Five Years Later, **The Flinn Gallery**, Greenwich, CT
Untitled Group Exhibition, JAM Archives at **Printsource 2013**, New York, NY
- 2012 *Faculty Exhibition*, **Joseloff Gallery**, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
In Plain View, **Nuartlink Gallery**, Westport, CT
The Broadway Gala Benefit Auction, **The Lyman Allen Museum**, New London, CT
Megan Craig & Cat Balco, **Seton Gallery**, University of New Haven, New Haven, CT
- 2011 *Twofold*, Cat Balco and Rachel Beach, **Nuartlink**, Westport, CT
Group Show, **The Institute Library**, New Haven, CT, curated by Stephen Vincent Kobasa
Faculty Exhibition, **Joseloff Gallery**, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
Hope, **Laba Gallery at the 14th Street Y**, New York, NY
Future Tense, **Participator.US**, online exhibition of billboard concepts curated by David Borawski
Chain Letter, **Samson**, Boston, MA
Grey Matter, **The Painting Center**, New York, NY
Gorky's Granddaughter, **West Cove Studio**, New Haven, CT

- benefit auction, Artspace*, New Haven, CT (my 2010 painting *Sun* was a featured live auction item)
Scrawl, Artspace, New Haven, CT
Scale Factor, West Cove Gallery Annex, West Haven CT
- 2010 *Small Works Invitational, The Painting Center*, New York, NY
Caliber, curated by Jonathan Waters, **West Cove Gallery Annex**, West Haven, CT
Cat Balco & Matthew Towers, Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery, Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT
Faculty Exhibition, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
- 2009 *Somewhat Off the Wall Benefit Exhibition, The New Haven Arts Council at the O'Donnell Building*, New Haven, CT
Faculty Exhibition, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
Status Update, curated by Donna Ruff and Debbie Hess, **Haskins Labs at Yale University**, New Haven, CT
Large Scale Wall Works by Cat Balco, Debbie Hesse, Ethan Boisvert, and Mystique, A-Space, West Haven, CT
Cat Balco and Sharka Hyland, School of Art Gallery at Pratt Munson-Williams Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, NY
- 2008 *Abstraction/Distraktion, Works by Jonathan Waters, Cat Balco, Emilia Dubicki, and Brian Wendler, A-Space*, West Haven, CT
Interspace: Line and Color, The Washington Art Association, Washington Depot, CT
The Cabernet Initiative, curated by Vasken Mardikian, **Mardikian Studio**, Brooklyn, NY
Faculty Exhibition, Joseloff Gallery, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
- 2007 *Faculty Exhibition, Joseloff Gallery*, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
M.F.A Thesis Exhibition, The Green Gallery at the Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2006 *First Year MFA Exhibition, The Green Gallery at the Yale School of Art*, New Haven, CT
- 2005 *Josie Merck and Catharine Balco, The Atlantic Gallery*, New York, NY
Roundtable Exhibition, Gregg Gallery at The National Arts Club, New York, NY
'Scapes, The Flinn Gallery at the Greenwich Public Library, Greenwich, CT
The Young Talent Show, The Washington Art Association, Washington Depot, CT
Holiday Show, The Atlantic Gallery, New York, NY
Catharine Balco, Eve Mansdorf, and Jeanne Moutassamy-Ashe, The Craven Gallery, Tisbury, MA
Catharine Balco and Alex Feyngold, Grand Lobby at Grand Army Plaza, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY
- 2004 *Untitled, Mad Arts Gallery at the 18th Street Studio Space*, Brooklyn, NY
- 2003 *Small Works Invitational, Soho 20 Gallery*, New York, NY
- 2002 *VSC Staff Painting, Red Mill Gallery at The Vermont Studio Center*, Johnson, VT
- 2001 *Selections from 25 Years of Alumni Artists, Deerfield Academy Memorial Gallery*, Deerfield, MA
- 2000 *Don Teeter and Catharine Balco, The MR Gallery*, Burlington, VT

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2016 *Sabbatical Grant*, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
- 2015 *Goal 1 Grant*, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT (team member)
- 2012 *Arts Catalyze Placemaking Arts Leadership Grant*, Connecticut Commission on the Arts, Hartford, CT
- 2012 *Grant, Women's Education and Leadership Fund*, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT
- 2012 *Grant, Summer Stipend*, The University of Hartford
- 2010 *Grant, The Albers Foundation*, Financial award given to Artspace to support my project *Tag & Repeat x 2*
- 2007 *Helen Winternitz Award for Excellence in Painting*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2006 *Gloucester Landscape Painting Prize*, Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT
- 2000 *Vermont Community Foundation Artists' Grant*, Middlebury, VT

RESIDENCY FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008 Residency Fellowship, The Albers Foundation, Bethany, CT
2004 Residency Fellowship and Stipend, The Weir Farm Trust, Wilton, CT
2003 Residency Fellowship, The Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

JURIED REGISTRIES

White Columns Emerging Artists Registry, juried by Matthew Higgs, White Columns Gallery, New York, NY

EDUCATION

Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

MFA in Painting 2007

Helen Winternitz Award for Excellence in Painting

Yale University, New Haven, CT

BA in Studio Art (Painting) 1997

Yale Summer School for Music and Art, Norfolk, CT

Summer Residency Program 1996

Ellen Battel Stoekel Fellowship

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Hartford Art School, University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT

Chair of the Fine Arts Department, 2014 - present

Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing, 2014 – present

Assistant Professor of Painting and Drawing, 2007-2014

Yale University Summer Session, Pont-Aven and Auvillar, France

Adjunct Professor (summer term), 2008 and 2009

Pont-Aven School for Contemporary Art, Pont-Aven, France

Assistant to Professor Robert Reed, 2007

Housatonic Community College, Bridgeport, CT

Adjunct Professor, 2006 – 2007

Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professor Robert Reed, 2006 – 2007

TEACHING AWARDS

Innovations in Teaching Award

\$500 award recognizing innovations in education

awarded for new class: Arts in Healthcare: A Service Learning Initiative

University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, 2013

Belle Ribicoff Junior Faculty Prize

\$10,000 annual award recognizing one outstanding Junior Faculty Member

University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, 2010

Engaged Learning Fellowship

Course reduction fellowship to support the development of an engaged learning program

University of Hartford, West Hartford, CT, 2009

VISITING ARTIST INVITATIONS,

Schelfaut Gallery, Shintaro Akatsu School of Design, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT

**LECTURES,
PRESENTATIONS
& WORKSHOPS**

Panelist at *Reality of Abstraction* exhibition, 2016

Presidents College, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT
Lecture, 2015

Real Art Ways, Hartford, CT

Panelist for Panel on “Living and Sustaining a Creative Life”
organized by Sharon Loudon, 2014

Trinity College, Hartford, CT

Artists talk and studio visits, 2014

Whitney Center, Hamden, CT

Presentation as part of *Vibrant* exhibition, 2014

The Creative Center, New York, NY

Presentation as part of the Creative Center’s National Training Institute in Creative
Aging, 2013

Montserrat School of Art, Beverly, MA

Workshop in conjunction with subsequent solo exhibition, 2012/13

The Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT

Workshop, 2012

Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

Lecture to undergraduates, 2012

Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, PA

Honors Examiner, 2011

Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT

Artists Lecture in conjunction with exhibition *Cat Balco & Matt Towers*, 2010

Maine College of Art, Portland, ME

Visiting Artist with Daniel Bozhkov in the Low-Residency Graduate Program, 2009
Critique

Artspace, New Haven, CT

Hosted a dinner and gave a lecture as a part of Artspace’s *Full Plate Benefit* in 2010

Manchester Community College, Manchester, CT

Invited by Susan Classen-Sullivan to be a Visiting Artist in an All-School Critique, 2009
Critique

Pratt School of Art at Munson-Williams Proctor Arts Institute, Utica, NY

Artist’s Lecture in conjunction with exhibition *Cat Balco and Sharka Hyland*, 2009

Yale School of Art, New Haven, CT

Invited by Clint Jukkala to be a Visiting Artist in an Undergraduate Critique, 2008
Critique

Miss Porter's School, Farmington, CT

Artist's Lecture in conjunction with exhibition *Cat Balco: Recent Paintings*, 2007

Pont-Aven School for Contemporary Art, Pont-Aven, France

Artist's Lecture, 2007

HONORS

2009 Named *Associate Fellow*, Morse College at Yale University, New Haven, CT

CURATORIAL PROJECTS, JUROR POSITIONS, AND ART CONSULTANTSHIPS

2012 *Rhode Island State Council on the Arts*, Juror

CT Commission for Culture and Tourism, Juror, reviewed public art proposals for the UCONN School of Nursing, Storrs, CT

2011 *Seton Gallery*, University of New Haven, Juror

2010 *Mindsets*, exhibition of collaborative work by artists & scientists; co-curated with New Haven Arts Council Curator Debbie Hesse, Haskins Labs at Yale, New Haven CT

West Hartford Art League, Juror, West Hartford, CT

2008 *Art Consultant*, Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT

SELECTED ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2004-2006 *Artist-In-Residence*, New York Presbyterian Hospital, New York, NY

2001-2003 *Board Member*, The Yale Club of Vermont, Burlington, VT

2000-2002 *Assistant to the Development Director*, Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

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The Arts Paper, "The Journey Over the Destination: Cat Balco Emphasizes the Process of Painting," article by Hank Hoffman, April 2015 (images including cover image)

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Megan Craig & Cat Balco: Tough Love, catalog from two-person exhibition including an essay by Francis Cooley, 2013

The Connecticut Mirror, "Anxiety over new arts program," article by Jan Ellen Spiegel, October 27, 2012

The Hartford Courant, "Students and Patients Share Joy of Art in Face of Life-Threatening Illness," article by Ingrid Adamow about the Ellipses Project Summer Internship Program, August 14, 2012 (image)

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Gorky's Granddaughter, on-line interview by Zach Keeting and Chris Joy at gorkysgranddaughter.com, 2011

The New Haven Independent, "Object Lesson #48," review of large wall work *Net* by Stephen Kobasa, Jan 27, 2010 (image)

The New Haven Register, “A-Space adventure: Multidimensional West Cove Gallery up to rafters with a fine show,” review of *Large Scale Wall Works* exhibition by Judy Birke, January 24, 2010 (image)

LaDepeche du Midi, “Un Commando de Jeunes Peintres US,” article on Yale Summer Program Studio Practice Course, July 14, 2009

The New York Times, “Where Art Meets Social Networking Sites,” review of *Status Update* exhibition by Jan Ellen Spiegel, Metropolitan section of Connecticut edition, July 2, 2009

The New Haven Independent, “New Art Exhibit Faces Facebook,” review of *Status Update* exhibition by Allan Appel, May 16, 2009 (quotes and image)

Bon International, “Fifteen Young Masters of Oil,” feature on emerging painters by Friere Barnes, Issue No. 12, Winter 2007 (image)

ArtInfo.com, “The Unspoken Gorilla,” article on the art market by Chris Bors, October 16, 2007 (quotes and image)

The Yale Daily News, “Student Brings Art to Hospital,” article on hospital residency program by Rachel Boyd, February 20, 2007 (quotes and image)

The Greenwich Post, ‘Scapes to Flinn Gallery for new show,” review of *Scapes* exhibition, May 5, 2005

The Greenwich Times, “Scapes and the City, Land, and Sea,” review of *Scapes* exhibition, April 29, 2005

The New York Times, *Catharine Balco and Alex Feyngold* exhibition noted in Weekend Arts section, April 8, 2005 (image)

The New Yorker, *Catharine Balco and Alex Feyngold* exhibition noted in listings section, April 4, 2005

Failbetter.com, featured artist in online literary magazine, summer 2004 issue (quotes and images)

The Yale Literary Magazine, featured artist, fall 1997 issue (images)

The Yale Literary Magazine, featured artist, spring 1996 issue (images)

Women of the Ivy League, featured artist in literary journal, spring 1996 issue (images)