

## **Kelly McCray**

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### **Biography**

Born in Iserlohn, West Germany, 1961

B.F.A. Honours York University, North York, Canada, 1980 – 1984

M.F.A., York University, North York, 2019 - 20121

### **Group/Solo Art Exhibitions**

2021	Books and Boundaries, SPG Gallery, York University
2019	Impulse, group exhibition, SPG Gallery, York University
2016	10 x 10 Photography Project, Gladstone Hotel
2015	<i>Lens Krafte</i> book launch, Stephen Bulger Gallery, Toronto
2008	<i>Explicit Fantastic</i> , Keep Six Contemporary Gallery, Toronto
2006	<i>Dancing To The Invisible Piper</i> , Art Gallery of Mississauga Group <i>Gnawts</i> , Transmission Commission Collective, <i>In Tents City</i> Group
2005	<i>The Ken Portraits</i> , Camera Frontera Festival of Contemporary Photography, North Bay, Ontario <i>Gnawts</i> Project, Snap Gallery, Edmonton (solo)
2004	<i>The Ken Portraits</i> , Toronto Alternative Art Fair International, (TAAFI)
2003	<i>The Ken Portraits</i> , MOCCA, Toronto (solo) <i>Breath Taking</i> , Platform Gallery, Winnipeg ( <i>Gnawts</i> Project)
2002	<i>Doculomo</i> , Gallery TPW, Toronto <i>Candy</i> , Luft Gallery, Toronto
2001	<i>Breath Taking</i> , two- person show, Gallery TPW, Toronto ( <i>Gnawts</i> ) <i>I Hate You Show</i> , 1040 Bus Gallery, Toronto
2000	<i>Loaded</i> , Jamie Angel Gallery, Toronto <i>2000 Words</i> , Gallery TPW, Toronto
1999	<i>Whirligig</i> , Gallery 44, Toronto
1998	<i>25 Exhibition</i> , 461 King St. West, Toronto
1997	<i>Untouchables</i> , Tableau Vivant Gallery, Toronto
1996	<i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Invitational</i> , Cold City Gallery, Toronto
1995	<i>Homogenius 4</i> , bookwork project
1994	<i>Dreaming of You</i> , Garnet Press Gallery, Toronto <i>Flora Borealis</i> bookwork project
1993	<i>Homogenius 3</i> , bookwork project

### **Curatorial Projects/Positions/Articles**

2019	Nuit Blanche Independent Projects / Gladstone Video Wall, Samara Gallery projection/Artist Protest Projects
2019	Curate <i>All That Glitters</i> group exhibition for FCP lobby
2018	Co-Founder, Artists Protest Projects/Develop APP website
2018	Curate <i>Under The Sun</i> group exhibition for FCP Lobby
2017/18	Curate 2017/2018 Season for First Canadian Place Gallery <i>Photography Now</i> , group exhibition <i>Freeze Frame</i> , group exhibition coinciding with TIFF <i>Therefore, I am</i> , Sheridan/ U of T/Mississauga
2016	Curate 2016 Season for First Canadian Place Gallery <i>Repeat After Me</i> , group exhibition <i>City of Dreams</i> , group exhibition <i>UpStarts: Emerging Artists Surface</i> , group exhibition <i>Unfamous: The Works of Gary Taxali</i> , solo exhibition
2015	Curate 2015 Fall Season for First Canadian Place Gallery <i>Land of Allure, John Abrams; Painting Movies</i> , solo exhibition <i>Far &amp; Away, Works from Bau Xi Gallery</i> , group exhibition
2015	Guest-curate <i>Love Art Fair Preview</i> , First Canadian Place lobby, TO
2014	Co-curate <i>Hit Parade</i> exhibition, p/m Gallery, TO

2013	Co-curator <i>Rare &amp; Raw</i> , Leslie Lohman Museum, New York
2012	Co-curator of ArtBarrage <i>Guest Room</i> Exhibition, plm Gallery, TO
2011	Curator/Coordinator of ArtBarrage/ <i>FreeHand</i> Auction, TO
1998 – 2011	Co-Director, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto
2010	Co-Creator, <i>Art Barrage</i> , Online contemporary art sales site
2010	Curator, <i>Explicit Devotion</i> , Edward Day Gallery
2009	Creator: <i>Bank on Art</i> Project, Toronto based ATM's Curator, <i>Foreign Legionnaires, Art Collectives at Work</i> , Edward Day
2008	Curator, <i>Appropos</i> group exhibition, Edward Day Gallery Curator/catalogue essay <i>Spitting Image</i> , Art Mur Gallery, Montreal
2007	Curator, <i>Urtopia</i> group exhibition, Edward Day Gallery
2006	Curator, <i>Obsession</i> group show, Edward Day Gallery Co-Founder, Transmission Commission Collective, <i>In Tents City</i>
2005	Curator, <i>Hi-Light</i> exhibition, Edward Day Gallery Curator, <i>Chamber Exhibition</i> , Gallery 1313, Toronto
2004	Curator, <i>Morphia</i> , group show, Edward Day Gallery Curator, Khang Pham-New sculpture, <i>Revelations</i> , Sculpture Society Curator, <i>Flash</i> , group show, Edward Day Gallery
2003	Curate <i>Dislocation</i> , group show, Edward Day Gallery, Toronto
2002 - 07	Curate/coordinate Snap auction for ACT
2001	<i>Vice Squad</i> text, Fuse Magazine, summer, 2001 Curate <i>Vice Squad</i> , 2 person show, YYZ Artists Outlet, Toronto Curate <i>The Sexes</i> , Edward Day Gallery
2000	Curate <i>Still/Motion</i> , Edward Day Gallery
1999	Coordinate Tom of Finland exhibition for YYZ Artists Outlet + EDG
1998	Coordinate/co-curate <i>25 Exhibition</i> , Toronto
1995 - 98	Co-Direct Mercer Union Gallery, Toronto Mix Magazine article, <i>Space Grab; The future of Public Art</i>
1993 - 95	Director, Cold City Gallery, Toronto Curator/Coordinator, <i>Mediatrics</i> site - specific exhibition, Toronto Curator, <i>HomeBound</i> , site - specific installations, CBC, Toronto Parallelogramme article, <i>The Eli Langer Trial</i> , 1995

### Independent Grants & Awards

2020	OGS Scholarship
2019	York University Fellowship
2012	Canada Council R & D Project Grant for Rare & Raw Exhibition
2010	Canada Council Independent Curator Grant for Research/Development
2002	Canada Council Travel Grant, <i>Space Traffic</i> , Hong Kong,
2001	Ontario Arts Council, Mid-career individual Visual Arts Grant
2000	Pollack-Krasner Award, New York-based Foundation, <i>Gnawts</i>
2000	Ontario Arts Council, First Project: Film/Video Grant
1998	Toronto Arts Council, Grants to Visual Artists
1997 & 2000	Ontario Arts Council, Exhibition Assistance

### Curatorial Talks/Lectures

2018	Artist/Curator Talk – Seneca College at York University
2017	Curatorial Q & A with Olexander Wlasenko, FCP Gallery
2016	Curatorial Q & A with Gary Taxali, FCP Gallery
2014	<i>ArtBarrage/Your Art Our Business</i> talk, Akasha Gallery, Toronto
2013	Moderate artist panel discussion, Leslie Lohman Museum, New York
2012	10 x 10 Panel discussion – Queer Art Production, The Gladstone
2010	University of Western guest artist/curator lecture, London, ON
2008	<i>Explicit Fantastic</i> Artist Talk, Toronto
2008	Creative Construct International Symposium, Ottawa
2005	Toronto School of Art Artist Talk
2006	University of Toronto, New Media Artist Talk
2002	<i>Space Traffic</i> Symposium/Essay, Hong Kong

## **Juries/Boards**

2018	<i>Sculpture Society Emerging Artist Jury</i> , Toronto
2018	<i>Mary Sue Rankin Emerging Artist Award</i> (Co-Founder), Sheridan College
2016	Open Studio Exhibitions Selection Committee
2016	Station Gallery, <i>Glimpse</i> group show exhibition
2016	OCADU DRPT Awards Jury
2016	John B Aird Gallery Drawing Jury
2015	Winifred Shantz Award for Ceramics
2015	Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – Photography & Digital Media
2015	<i>Nuit Rose</i> jury, Toronto
2012	<i>Sculpture Society Emerging Artist Jury</i> , Toronto
2009	OOAG Publication Jury, Toronto
2001 – 2007	Snap Photo-based Auction Co-founder/curator
2006/07	Transmission Commission Collective founder ( <i>In Tents City</i> project)
2005	Toronto Art Council jury, Grants to Visual Artists
2004 -	Active 18 Board
2004	Selection Committee, <i>Art for Heart Auction</i> , Casey House
1999 - 2002	Board of Directors, YYZ Artists Outlet
1997	Canada Council Jury, <i>Artist Run/Collectives</i> , <i>Special projects</i>
1996 - 97	CARO Board Member, Vice-spokesperson
1992 - 94	Board of Directors, Toronto Photographers' Workshop

## **Press Bibliography/Curatorial Exhibitions**

<i>City of Dreams</i>	First Canadian Place Gallery, <b>April 2016</b>
<i>Toronto Star</i>	First Canadian Place Gallery, <b>April 2016</b> <i>Arts &amp; Events</i> , <i>First Canadian Place with City of Dreams Exhibition image</i>
<i>Foreign Legionnaires: Art Collectives at Work</i> <i>Bank on Art Project</i>	Edward Day Gallery, <b>August 2009</b>
<i>Globe and Mail</i> Gary Michael Dault	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Art as Real Estate for \$300 per sq ft</i>
<i>Now Magazine</i> Fran Schechter	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Innovative Group Think</i>
<i>Canadian Art On line</i>	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Collective Agreements</i>
<i>Toronto Star paper</i> Murray White	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Artists get local exposure they can bank on</i>
<i>Metro paper</i>	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Art Meets Commerce on Queen West</i>
<i>Blog TO</i>	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Bank on Art review</i>
<i>Torontoist</i>	<b>Aug 2009</b> <i>Transaction Attraction</i>
<i>CBC Metro Morning</i> Matt Galloway radio	<b>Aug 2009</b>
<i>Appropos Exhibition</i> <i>Globe and Mail</i>	Edward Day Gallery, <b>July 2008</b> <b>July 2008</b>
Gary Michael Dault <i>Now Magazine</i>	<i>Permissions Ungranted</i> <b>July 2008</b>

Fran Schechter  
*Eye Weekly/Eye Candy*

David Balzer  
*Canadian Art Online*  
*Appropos: Creativity and Copyright*  
*Blog TO*  
Lisa Bradburn

***Urtopia Exhibition***

*Toronto Star*  
Peter Goddard  
*Now Magazine*  
Fran Schechter  
*Eye Weekly/Eye Candy*  
David Balzer  
***Obsession Exhibition***

***ArtEcontextO (contemporary art publication)***  
David Liss *Obsession review p 96/97*

*Flouting the Censor*  
**July 2008**

*Appropos review*  
**July 2008**

**July 2008**  
*There Must be 50 ways to Kill Your Lover*

Edward Day Gallery, **August 2007**

**August 2007**  
*Summer in the City of Dreams*

**August 2007**

*Ideal Worlds*

**August 2007**

*Urtopia review*

Edward Day Gallery, **August 2006**