

CAROLYN J. RUSSO

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EMPLOYMENT

Smithsonian 1988–Present
National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
Museum Specialist
Curator of Art Collection
Curator of Trophy Collection
Temporary Curator of Poster Collection

EDUCATION

MA in North American Art History, American University, Washington, DC, 2020
BFA in Photography, Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA 1988

Supplemental Education
The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA 1986 – 1988
American Institute for Foreign Study, Florence, Italy 1985
Scuola Di Lingua e Cultura Italiana Per Stranieri, Siena, Italy 1985
Studio Arts Center International (S.A.C.I.), Florence, Italy 1985
Richmond College, London, England 1984
Heatherly Art School, London, England 1984
Franklin Pierce College, Rindge, NH 1983-1984

BOOKS (author)

Art of the Airport Tower, Smithsonian Books, Washington, DC, 2015
In Plane View: Abstractions of Flight, powerHouse Books, New York 2007
Artifacts of Flight, Harry N. Abrams, Inc., New York, 2003
Women and Flight: Portraits of Contemporary Pilots, Bulfinch Press, Little, Brown and Company, Boston, New York, Toronto, London 1997

AWARDS/HONORS

2019 - 2020
Association of Art Museum Curators (AAMC)/Engagement Program for
International Curators/ US Liaison
2019 - Recipient of Robert Rauschenberg Foundation Residency (Archives)
2018 - Invererne Residency, Forres, Scotland
2018 - Moscow International Photography Awards / Silver

2018 - One Eyeland Awards / Bronze
2017 - 10th Pollux Awards/ Finalist
2017 - Fine Art Photography Awards (FAPA) / Nominee
2016 - Tokyo International Photography Awards
2016 - 9th Julia Margaret Cameron Award for Women Photographers
2016 - American Alliance of Museums (AAM) Publications Design Competition/2nd Place
2016 - NES Artist in Residency, Skagaströnd, Iceland
2016 - Athens Photo Festival Book Exhibition, Benaki Museum, Athens Greece
2014 - Finlandia Foundation National Grant
2012 - Finlandia Foundation National Grant
2012 - International Photography Festival, Lishui, China
2009 - State Department Speakers Program U.S. Embassy in Helsinki, Finland
2008 - American Association of Museums (AAM) Publications Design Competition/ 2nd
2004 - American Institute of Graphic Arts (AIGA) 50 Books/50 Covers Award American
2004 - Association of Museums (AAM) Publications Design Competition/Honorable
Mention

CURATED EXHIBITIONS

Faces of Our Planet (Curator)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
2022

The Great Picture (Curator)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Udvar-Hazy Center, Chantilly, VA
April 2014

High Art: Recent Acquisitions (Co-Curator)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
July 2013

Searching for Goldilocks: Angela Palmer (Curator)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
July 2013

Santaranta: Building Dreams (Curator)

Embassy of Finland, Washington, DC
September 2012

The Jet as Art: Photographs by Jeffrey Milstein (Curator)

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
November 2011 – November 2012

Alan Bean: Painting Apollo (Curator)

July 2009 – January 2010

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC

INVITED LECTURES (selected)

George Washington University/American University Graduate Art History Symposium, Washington, DC. (2019)

City of Orlando Public Art, Orlando, FL (2019)

Aerospace Museum of California, McClellan, CA (2018)

Alaska Aviation Museum, Anchorage AK (2017)

Tellus Museum of Science, Cartersville, GA (2017)

Rajala, Helsinki, Finland (2016)

Virginia Festival of the Book "From Seed to Sky: Micro and Macro Perspectives in Photography" University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA (2016)

Smithsonian Journey's Regent Cruise Enrichment Lecturer - Miami, Florida to Amazon River, Brazil - 26 day trip (2015)

Hasselblad Bron Series Guest speaker, Rockville, MD (2013)

ARTEFACTS Conference 2012, Edinburgh, Scotland (2012)

Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa, TX (2012)

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery, Manassas, VA (2011)

International Society of Aviation Photographers, Las Vegas, NV (2010)

College Park Aviation Museum, College Park, MD (2010)

Helsinki City Library, Helsinki, Finland (2009)

Oulu University, Oulu, Finland (2009)

Finland University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland (2009)

Arts Academy at Turku University, Turku, Finland (2009)

University of Joensuu, Joensuu, Finland (2009)

Smithsonian Affiliates Conference, Washington, DC (2008)

Women in Aviation (WAI) Conference, Orlando, FL (2007)

Mutual Concerns of Aviation and Space Conference, Washington, DC (2006)

Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hill, NC (2003)

Virginia Air and Space Center Hampton, VA (2001)

Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins AFB, GA (2000)

Museum of Transportation, Boston, MA (2000)

Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA (1998)

Stauth Memorial Museum, Montezuma, KS (1998)

New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT (1997)

AAM Mutual Concerns Conference, Washington, DC (1996)

JUROR

Juror, Academy of Fine Arts National Photography Exhibition, Lynchburg, VA (2017)
Juror, Exposed Exhibition DC, Washington, DC (2016)
Portfolio Reviewer, FOTODC, Washington, DC (2014)
Judge, MayFair, Polk Museum, Lakeland, FL (2014)
Juror, FOTODC, Washington, DC (2013)

ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Art Museum Curators (AAMC) 2019 - Present
Board of Directors: FOTODC, Washington, DC since 2014 - 2018
Member: WPOW, Women Photojournalists of Washington, DC since 2016
Representative: National Press Photographers Association Women's Committee Region 3 (1995-1998)

SOLO EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2019

Frontiers of Flight, Dallas, TX
City of Orlando Public Art, Orlando, FL

2018

Aerospace Museum of California, McClellan, CA

2017

Alaska Aviation Museum, AK
Tellus Science Museum, Cartersville, GA
U.S. Space and Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL

2016

College Park Museum of Aviation, College Park, MD
Helsinki Airport, Helsinki, Finland
University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA
CFS Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada

2015

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC
Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum, McMinnville, OR

2012

Ellen Noel Art Museum, Odessa, TX
Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art, Midland, MI

2011

Buchanan Partners Art Gallery, Manassas, VA
Dulles International Airport, Gateway Art Gallery, Chantilly, VA
John Wayne Airport, Santa Monica, CA
Midland Center for the Arts, Midland, MI
Lakeview Museum of Arts and Sciences, Peoria, IL
Challenger Space Center, Peoria, AZ
National Soaring Museum, Elmira, NY

2010

Helsinki Airport, Helsinki, Finland
Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, KS
College Park Aviation Museum, College Park, MD
National Museum of the Marine Corps, Triangle, VA

2009

Frontiers of Flight Museum, Dallas, TX
Air Zoo, Kalamazoo, MI
Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, Hutchinson, KS

2008

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC

2004

Clark County Museum, Henderson, NV

2003

Fernbank Science Center, Atlanta, GA
Spartanburg County Public Library, Spartanburg, SC
Wright Brothers National Memorial, Kill Devil Hill, NC
William Howard Taft National Historic Site, Cincinnati, OH
Three Rivers Gallery, Poplar Bluff, MO
Rogers Historical Museum, Rogers, AR
Tunica Museum, Tunica, MS
Challenger Learning Center of Arizona, Peoria, AZ
Los Angeles County Fair Association, Pomona, CA
Warhawk Air Museum, Nampa, ID
Octave Chanute Aerospace Museum, Rantoul, IL

2001

Virginia Air and Space Center Hampton, VA
Miami-Dade Public Library System, Miami, FL

Strategic Air Museum, Ashland, NE

2000

Kirkpatrick Center Museum Complex, Oklahoma City, OK

Museum of Aviation, Warner Robins AFB, GA

National Atomic Museum, Albuquerque, NM

Palm Beach Photographic Center, Del Ray Beach, FL

Minnetrista Cultural Center, Muncie, IN

1999

Elmhurst Historical Museum, Elmhurst, IL

Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS

Owls Head Transportation Museum, Owls Head, ME

Virginia Museum of Transportation, Roanoke, VA

Wedell Williams Aviation Museum, Patterson, LA

1998

Purdue University Galleries, West Lafayette, IN

U.S. Air Force Museum, Wright Patterson, OH

Museum of Flight, Seattle, WA

Tullahoma Fine Arts Center, Tullahoma, TN

Stauth Memorial Museum, Montezuma, KS

1997

New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT

The Wings Club, Inc., New York, NY

Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC

1992

The United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC

1990

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

GROUP EXHIBITIONS (selected)

2018

Gallery Valid Foto BCN, Barcelona, Spain

One Love (Outdoor Installation) Manassas, VA

2017

The Curated Fridge at Gallery Kayafas, Boston, MA

A Smith Gallery, Johnson City, TX (Curator's Honorable Mention Award)

New York City for Photographic Art: Jadite Gallery, New York, NY

2013

Shijiazhuang Art Museum, Heibi Province, China
Dali International Photography Festival, Dali, China
Work House Art Center, Lorton, VA

2012

Mobile Works Exhibit, WorkHouse Art Center/McGuire Woods Gallery, Lorton, VA
Embassy of Finland, Washington, D.C.
Academy of Fine Arts, Lynchburg, VA

2011

Lishui Photography Festival, Lishui, China

2006

Smithsonian Institution Ripley Center, Washington, DC

2004

Smithsonian Institution Ripley Center, Washington, DC

1996

Gallery 154, Seattle, WA

1995

National Press Photographers Association, Chicago, IL
Smithsonian Institution Ripley Center, Washington, DC

1991

National Museum of American History, Washington, DC
The Tartt Gallery, Washington, DC
Washington Center for Photography, Washington, DC

1988

Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA

1987

Cyclorama, Boston, MA

1986

Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA

1985

Massachusetts College of Art, Boston, MA
Studio Arts Center International, Florence, Italy

1984

Richmond College, London, England

MEDIA

Architect Magazine

http://www.architectmagazine.com/newsletter/the-underrated-significance-of-air-traffic-control-towers_c

Architectural Digest

<http://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/airport-towers-book-russo/all>

Art Daily

<http://artdaily.com/news/82821/New-exhibition-provides-new-views-on-airport-form-and-function#.VoBkjFoyC-l>

Art Uncovered: Breakthrough Radio

<http://www.btrtoday.com/listen/artuncovered/art-uncovered-carolyn-russo/>

Atlas Obscura

<http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/these-photos-will-change-how-you-look-at-airport-towers>

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-35162913>

BlouinArtinfo

<http://www.blouinartinfo.com/news/story/1304897/the-art-of-documenting-airport-towers>

CNN News

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/12/02/aviation/airport-control-towers-carolyn-russo/>

Complot Magazine

<http://complotmagazine.com/el-arte-de-las-torres-de-control-la-belleza-de-lo-funcional/>

Daily Mail

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/travel/travel_news/article-3313812/They-not-eyesores-striking-air-traffic-control-towers-world-featured-new-photo-exhibit.html

Design Boom

<http://www.designboom.com/art/carolyn-russo-art-of-the-airport-tower-smithsonian-11-25-2015/>

Digicult

<http://www.digicult.it/news/art-of-the-airport-tower/>

Foreword Reviews

<https://www.forewordreviews.com/reviews/art-of-the-airport-tower/>

General Aviation News

<http://generalaviationnews.com/2015/11/18/pictures-of-the-day-the-art-of-the-airport-tower/>

Hyperallergic

<http://hyperallergic.com/257310/the-elegant-architecture-of-airport-control-towers/>

Lawfully Chic

<http://lawfullychic.com/2016/05/art-of-the-airport-tower-at-the-national-art-and-space-museum/>

Lenscratch

<http://lenscratch.com/2013/06/photolucida-carolyn-russo-art-of/>

Metalocus

<http://www.metalocus.es/content/es/blog/exposición-el-arte-de-las-torres-de-control>

National Public Radio with Susan Stamberg

<http://www.npr.org/2015/12/21/459218914/prepare-for-takeoff-smithsonian-celebrates-the-art-of-the-airport-tower>

NATS

<http://nats.aero/blog/2015/11/art-of-the-airport-tower/>

NBC News

<http://www.nbcnews.com/business/travel/silent-sentinels-tarmac-art-airport-control-tower-n458976>

New York Times

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/12/07/travel/smithsonian-photography-airlines.html?_r=0

Norwegian

<http://www.norwegian.com/magazine/features/2015/11/castles-in-the-air#sxYR1ixcMUBudhww.97>

Observer

<http://observer.com/2015/11/the-subtle-ways-airport-towers-reveal-a-regions-history/>
PDN: Photo District News
<http://www.pdnonline.com/features/New-Book-and-Exhibition-Explore-the-Art-of-Air-Traffic-Control-Towers-14852.htm>

RFOTOFOLIO

<http://rfotofolio.org/2015/11/06/carolyn-russo-art-of-the-airport-towers-2/>

Smithsonian Magazine

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/appreciating-art-and-architecture-worlds-airport-towers-180957196/?no-ist>

Telegraph

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/picturegalleries/12030765/The-worlds-most-beautiful-airport-control-towers.html>

Travel and Leisure

<http://www.travelandleisure.com/articles/travel-photography-exhibits>

The Star - Malaysia

<http://www.pressreader.com/malaysia/the-star-malaysia-star2/20160605/281586649858962>

Washington City Paper

<http://www.washingtoncitypaper.com/blogs/artsdesk/visual-arts/2015/12/01/at-the-air-space-museum-an-unexpectedly-soaring-look-at-airport-tower-architecture/>

Washington Post

https://www.washingtonpost.com/entertainment/museums/art-of-the-airport-tower-at-national-air-and-space-museum/2015/12/03/865e7510-9843-11e5-b499-76cbec161973_story.html

Weather.Com

<http://www.weather.com/travel/news/art-airport-tower>

What's Up Miami: Online Journal for the Arts

http://whatsupmiami.blogspot.com/2016/01/smithsonian-photographer-carolyn-russo_8.html

Wired

<http://www.wired.com/2015/10/overlooked-curiosity-air-traffic-tower/>

PUBLICATIONS (selected)

Air & Space
Always Style (Japan)
Architectural Digest
Aviation for Women
Boston Globe
City Paper
CNN
Condé Nast Traveler
Hartford Courant
Kamera (Finland)
Miami Herald
National Geographic Traveler
New York Times
Norwegian
Oulu City/Finland
Overhaul and Maintenance Professional Pilot
+Travel (China)
Photo District News (PDN)
Science
Smithsonian
Schneider Aviation (Japan)
USA Today
US News and World Report
Wall Street Journal
Washington Post