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### **Permanent Installations & Collections**

2025/6 Forthcoming: Gong Teppe, Installation, TBD

2025/6 Forthcoming: Igloo, Installation, TBD

2025 Tránsito, Public Installation, Art Farm Iowa, Northwood, Iowa, United States

2023 Arte Expuesto Foundation, Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico

2023 30seconds of Lake Michigan, Art Farm Iowa, Northwood, Iowa, United States

2020 Stefan Simchowitz, Photography, Simcor, Los Angeles, California, United States,

2017 Teknovisuell Experience, Public Installation, OTIS Admissions Office, Los Angeles, California, United States

### **Memberships & Galleries**

EIT Culture & Creativity Expert Evaluator (European Institute of Innovation & Technology)

BONO, Norsk Billedkunstneres, Forbundet Frie Fotografer, International Leica Society

Albumen Gallery, London, United Kingdom

DAIDDA Gallery, Oslo, Norway

### **Awards & Residencies**

2024 Atelier Nord, Prosjektrom, Oslo, Norway

2023 Paris Poetry Residency, France

2022 Redwoods Residency, Bonny Doon, California, United States

2020 Kjerringøy Land Art, Bodø, Norway

2020 Semi-Finalist, Dumbo Film Festival, New York City, New York, United States

2019 Getty Images, Selected Artist, California, United States

2019 UKS/PNEK Residency, Oslo, Norway

2019 Atelier Nord, Prosjektrom, Oslo, Norway

2019 Angelot Trélex Artistic Research Residency, Chéserey, Switzerland

2018 Mushimaru Fujieda Butoh Scholarship, The National Academy for the Arts, Oslo, Norway

2017 Praxis: A Global State of Pareidolia, Residency, Oslo, Norway

2017 The Past and the Curious, Praxisfestivalen, DansensHus, Oslo, Norway

2015 First Place by the Jury, Imagining New Eurasia, Asia Culture Center, South Korea

2015 Woelffer Scholarship, OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, United States

2014 Academic Merit Award, OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, United States

2013 Academic Scholarship, Social Psychology, Ehime University, Matsuyama, Japan

2010 Indiana Historic Pathways Photography Award, Indiana University, United States

2003 Pi Sigma Pi Academic Honour in History, Byron High School, United States

### **Degrees & Education**

2015 Master Fine Art, Honours, OTIS College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, California, United States

2006 Bachelor Art, Dean's List, Illinois Institute of Art, Schaumburg, Illinois, United States

2020 Vimeo Expert, Video Editing, Certification, Online, United States

2019 Art of Washi Paper in Japanese Rare Books, Keio University Online Course, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Sino-Japanese Interactions Through Rare Books, Keio University Online Course, Tokyo, Japan

2018 Music Moves: Why Does Music Make You Move, University of Oslo Online, Norway

2018 Japanese Avant-Garde Art, Keio University Online Course, Tokyo, Japan

2015 Norwegian Language, Rosenhof Voksenopplæring, Oslo, Norway

2013 Social Psychology, Ehime University, Matsuyama-shi, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

2012 History of Photography & Darkroom Photography, College of Lake County, Illinois, United States

2012 Yoga Alliance Teacher, Certification, Crystal Lake, Illinois, United States

2003 Interior Design, Illinois Institute of Art, Schaumburg, Illinois, United States

### **Teaching & Artist Talks**

2024 Poetry Reading and Panel Discussion, The Conduit, Oslo, Norway

2020 Artist Talk and Workshops (ages 6 – 15), Kjerringøy, Bodø, Norway

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2020 Afjordance, Exhibition and Talk, AWMAS, UC Santa Barbara, California, United States  
2019 Artist Talk, Fotogalleriet, Oslo, Norway  
2018 Movement for Freelancers, Teacher, Blank Space Gallery, Oslo, Norway  
2017 Body Architecture, Dance/Movement Teacher, Barnas Open House Oslo, Sentralen, Oslo, Norway  
2014 Subtle Energy & Colour, Talk, Otis College of Art and Design, Los Angeles, United States  
2013 The Personal/Universal, Talk, Walker Point Center for the Arts, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States

### **Books, Press & Interviews**

Vereri, Poetry Prose & Suche, Bound by Water, Spread, ESPLA, 90,000 miles on I-90, Dark Mountain, Concrete Nature, Articulate, Artsy, Barbed Magazine, LHSA, Lenscratch, VIA, Urbanautica, Humble Arts, Beautiful/Decay, F-Stop Magazine, BlackFlash Magazine, 1000 Words, WGN Radio

### **Solo Exhibitions**

2025 Forthcoming: Vereri, Photography & Poetry, DAIDDA, Oslo, Norway  
2025 Forthcoming: Suspended Planes, Installation, TEKS, Trondheim, Norway  
2023 More Than Human, Arte Expuesto, Citywide Billboard Installations, Monterrey, Nuevo León, Mexico  
2019 Over a Streambed a Body Formed in the Light Refracted in Waves, Photography, Torso, Oslo, Norway  
2019 Magenta Minds & Amber Hearts, Images and Paintings, Bernt Ankers Gate Oslo, Norway  
2019 Tránsito, Photography, Akers Mek, Aker Brygge, Oslo, Norway  
2018 Tránsito, Photography, Oslo Art & Fashion, Epson Europe Sponsored, Oslo, Norway  
2017 Memoria Technika, Installation, Oslo Art & Fashion, Epson Europe Sponsored, Oslo, Norway  
2015 Image Architecture, Installation, OTIS Studios, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2015 Making Sense, Installation, Bolsky Gallery, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2010 Not Even But Almost, Photography, The Old Town School of Folk Music, Chicago, Illinois, United States  
2008 Photography, Wicker Park Bucktown Chamber of Commerce, Chicago, Illinois, United States

### **Group Exhibitions, Screenings & Conferences**

2024 Chasmal, Image, Represented by Daidda Galleri, Oslo Negativ, Adamstuen, Norway  
2024 Out of the Blue & La Mer, Video Screenings, Rotvoll Kunstverksted, Trondheim, Norway  
2023 Sublime Timescapes, Photography, Double Vision, 515Bendix Gallery, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2023 Solfége Souche and Afjordance, Manifest/o, Galleri KiT, Trondheim, Norway  
2022 Stop Bath, Video Scenography for singers Bodil Lunde Rørtveit & Berit Opheim, Kunsthuset Wrap, Bergen, Norway  
2022 La Mer, Video Scenography for Peter Knudsen, Young Musicians Night, Rockheim Museum, Trondheim, Norway  
2022 Solfége Souche, Video Screening, Artport Festival, El Gouna, Red Sea, Egypt  
2021 Blåtime Sol, Video Screening, Les Voyagers 4th Edition, Tunis, North Africa  
2021 Blåtime Sol, Video Screening, Equinox Exhibition, Bodø Kunstforening, Norway  
2021 Midwest (aquarelle) Y-Blokka (sculpture), Trondheim Billedkunstneres Exhibition, Trondheim, Norway  
2021 Body Line and Blåtime Sol, Video Screening, The World We Live In, Groningen, Netherlands  
2021 Solfége Souche, Video Projection, Paris, France  
2020 Vereri, Photography, Affordable Art Fair, Represented by Albumen Gallery, London, United Kingdom  
2020 Afjordance, Video Projection, Kvinnekroppen at Arteriet, Kristiansand, Norway  
2020 Afjordance, Video Projection, AWAMS 2020, Santa Barbara, California, United States  
2019 Monoliths, Photography, Artsy Exhibition, The Print Atelier, Montreal, Canada  
2019 Monoliths, Photography, Feel the Burn, MIM Gallery, Los Angeles, California United States  
2019 Solfége Souche, Video Projection, Czong Institute for Contemporary Art (CICA), Gyeonggi-do, Korea  
2019 Damocles, Sculpture, Yorkshire Artspace, Sheffield, United Kingdom  
2019 Sublime Timescapes, Photography, Fotogalleriet Atelier, Oslo, Norway  
2019 Incarner des roses, Photography, Les Voyagers, Nout Art Gallery, Cairo, Egypt  
2018 Sublime Timescapes, Photography, Tid (time), CYAN Studio, Oslo, Norway  
2018 Wave, Photography, Benefit Auction, Rockford University, Rockford, Illinois, United States  
2018 Vesper Monumenter and Et Dypt Nett, Dual-Site Installation, Elvelangs i Fakkellys, Oslo, Norway  
2017 9Worlds of Image and Light, Installation, Elvelangs i Fakkellys, Smelteverket, Vulkan, Oslo, Norway

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2017 Photography, PraksisOslo Kultur natt, Rådhusgata 19, Oslo, Norway  
2016 30seconds of Lake Michigan, Photo, Palos Verdes Art Center, Palos Verdes, California, United States  
2016 Omniscient, Here, There, Everywhere: Eurasian Cities, Asia Culture Center, Gwangju, South Korea  
2015 Security Blanket, Installation, On The Roof, Bolsky Gallery, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2014 Undulation, Photography, Variations of a Whole, Bolsky Gallery, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2014 PhotoLA, LA Mart, Los Angeles, California, United States  
2013 Robert T. Wright Gallery, Paintings, College of Lake County, Grayslake, Illinois, United States  
2012 Liminal Metanoia, Photography, 2Rules Gallery, Atlanta, Georgia, United States  
2011 Photography, Life Support Japan, Wall-Space Gallery, California, United States  
2011 Portraits, Returning the Gaze, Northern Trust Bank, Chicago, Illinois, United States  
2010 Portrait, Illustration, Johalla Projects Gallery, 50 Alderman/50 Artists, Chicago, Illinois, United States  
2000 Depths of Imagination, Mixed-Media, Rockford Art Museum, Illinois, United States  
1999 The Field's Project, Land Art, Viewable by Air, Oregon, Illinois, United States

### Professional Experience

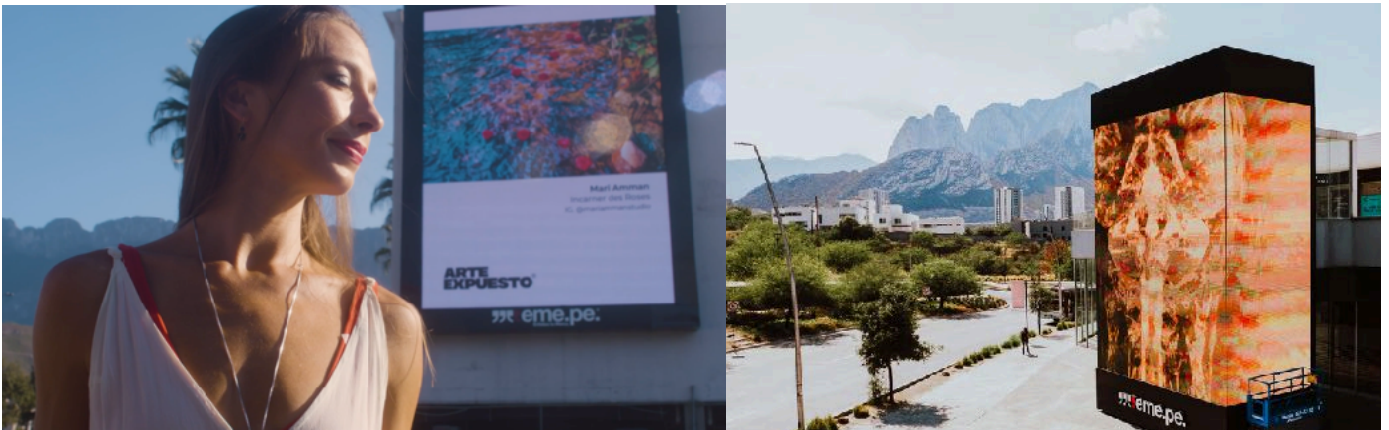
2008 - now	Artist/Poet/Performer/Designer	Contract – On-Site & Online
2016 - 2021	Photo Reviewer	LensCulture – Online
2012 - 2021	Movement Instructor	Yoto Studio – USA/Norway
2015 - 2016	Admissions Counsellor	OTIS College – Los Angeles, California
2015 - 2015	Design Internships	Ekebergparken, Boffi Studio AS – Oslo, Norway
2013 - 2015	Teaching Assistant	OTIS College – Los Angeles, California
2012 - 2013	Gallery Manager	College of Lake County – Grayslake, Illinois
2012 - 2012	Gallery Assistant	ZIA Gallery – Winnetka, Illinois
2006 - 2009	Graphic Design & Print Production	Alphagraphics & Contract – Chicago, Illinois
2008 - 2016	Photographer	22nd Century Media – Winnetka, Illinois
2006 - 2008	Copywriter & Photographer	MSI., Momentum Worldwide – Chicago, Illinois

### Volunteering

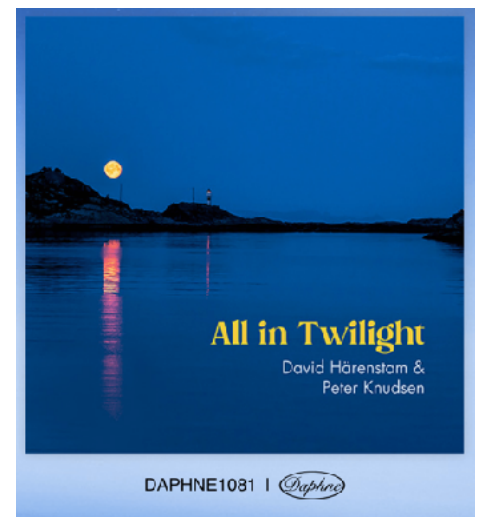
Donated artworks to charities raising funds for natural disasters, conservation, education, and social support.  
2024 MariAmmanFoundation.org TBD, invited to Uganda, seeking board members, government, institutional support  
2023 Kontekto.org, web portal and international KUNST x STEM community development – Oslo, Norway  
2017 Graphic Design, PR, Teaching, Barnas Open House Oslo, Sentralen – Oslo, Norway  
2009 Installation of “Moss Wall” by Olafur Eliasson, Museum of Contemporary Art – Chicago, Illinois

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**More Than Human**, 2024, Arte Expuesto, Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, <http://mariamman.net/more-than-human/>



**All in Twilight**, 2023 photography for album art, Stockholm, Sweden, <http://mariamman.net/all-in-twilight/>



**Audioglimpt**, 2022, Bodil Rørtveit and Berit Opheim performance with Stop Bath video, Bergen, Norway, <https://mariamman.net/stop-bath/>

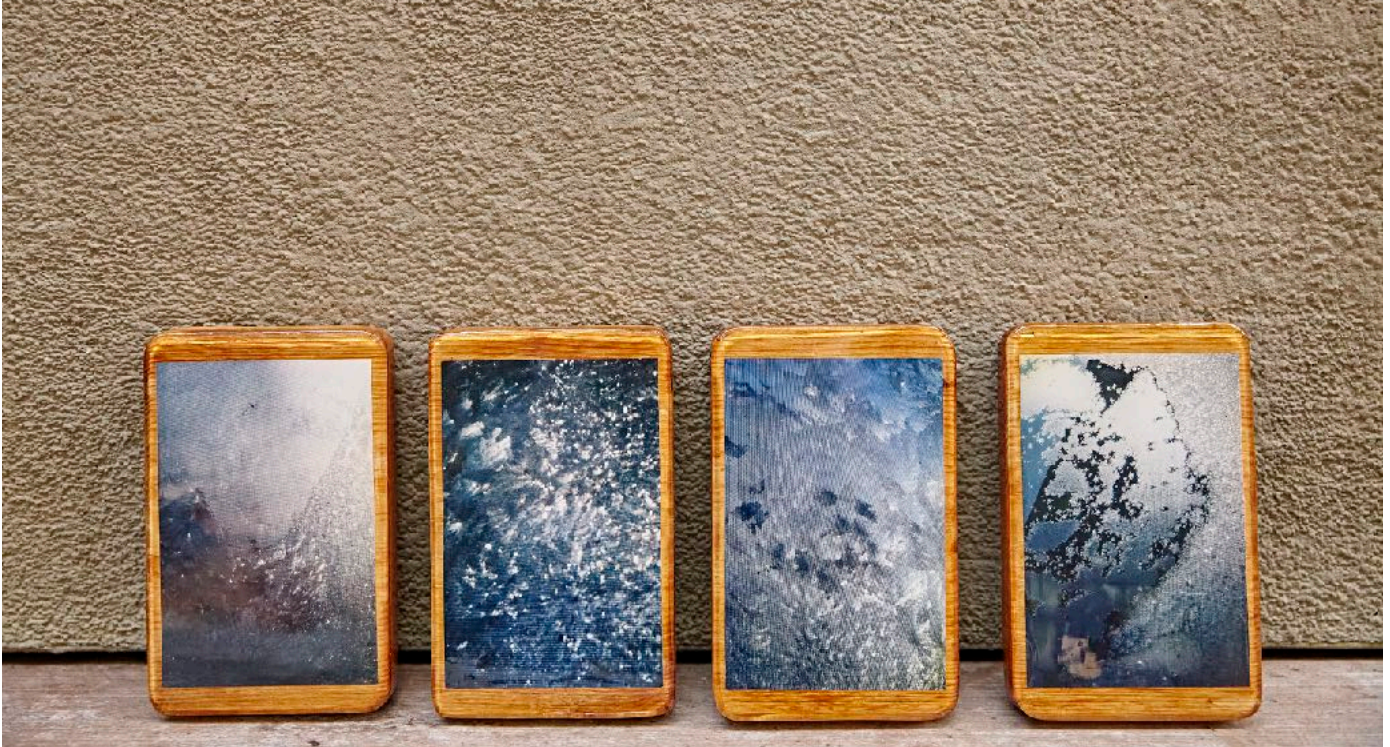


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**La Mer**, 2022, scenography video, Peter Knudsen jazz trio, young musicians night, Rockheim museum, Trondheim, <http://mariamman.net/la-mer/>

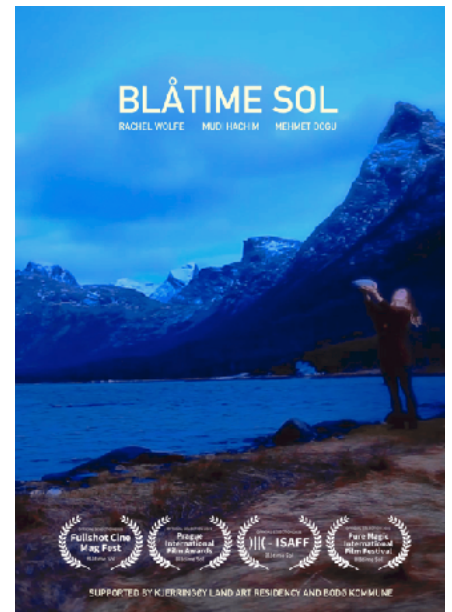


**Ice Tablets**, sculptures, 2015-2022, Arte Expuesto permanent collection, Nuevo Leon, Monterrey, Mexico, <https://mariamman.net/ice-tablets/>



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**Blåtime Sol**, 2020, video, collaboration with Mudi Hachim and Mehmet Dogu, recorded during Kjerringøy Land Art residency, <https://mariamman.net/blatime-sol/>



### Artistic Research

**Afjordance & Solfège Souche**, videos, <https://mariamman.net/afjordance/>, <https://mariamman.net/solfege-souche/> Movement, technology, digital soundtracks. James J. Gibson coined the term "affordance." Affordance is what the environment offers the individual, referring to all action possibilities depending on user capabilities. Afjordance developed from Solfège Souche. Solfège Souche, by definition, is the root of a forgotten connection with nature. Scarcely understanding their relationship with nature, humanity plunges toward the Technocratic age. The research developed from Pattern Recognition & Damocles practices. The research looks at understanding, potential, and limits of technocratic logic. Exhibited in Italy, South Korea, and Norway



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**Chromatic Tissues**, washi-gouache sculptures, 2020 <https://mariamman.net/chromatic-tissues/>

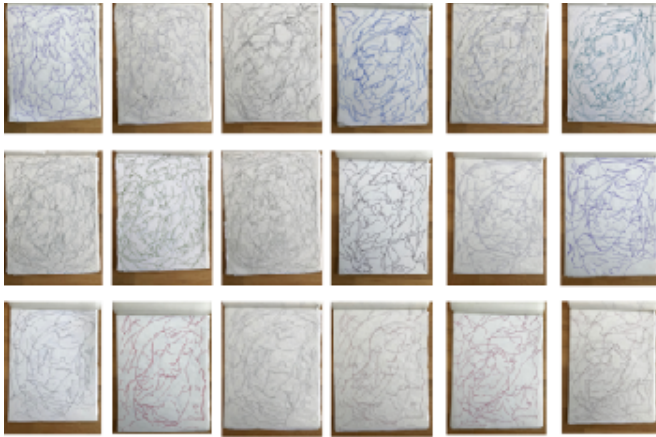


Veveri Co., hand knit projekt: <https://sites.google.com/view/veverico>

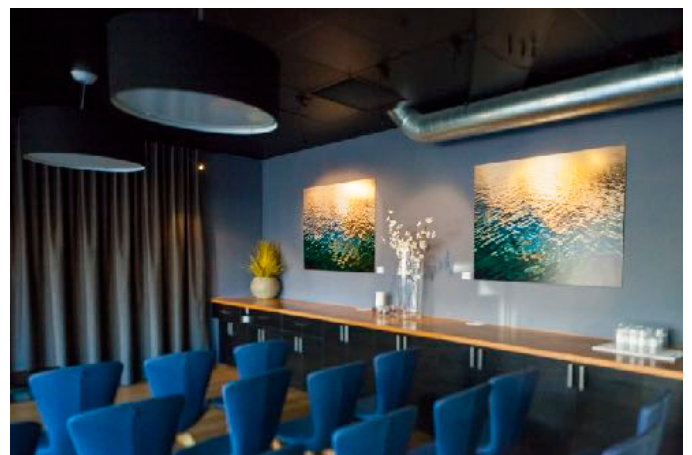


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**Pattern Recognition & Damocles**, Practices in the vision-body relationship or phenomenology and ethics of subjectivity and objectivity. <https://mariamman.net/damocles/> The practices were developed as a pedagogical method, cognitive and behavioural therapy, related to emotional/relational trauma. Drawings made from gathered stones, turned into yarn bound stone sculptures and choreography. The process is aimed to be iterative. Lines drawn were moved through in Solfège Souche and Afjordanse. <https://mariamman.net/damocles/>



**Trânsito**, photograph, 2015 - 2018, Epson archival inkjet, mounted on kapa. Oslofjord at sunset visualises oil and water, the sublime, the materiality and composition of digital technology. The work looks at subjectivity and allegorical qualities of life. <https://mariamman.net/Trânsito/> **Textile Work**, sublimation printing with Trânsito artwork, and handknitting. <https://mariamman.net/textile-design/> , <https://sites.google.com/view/veverico>





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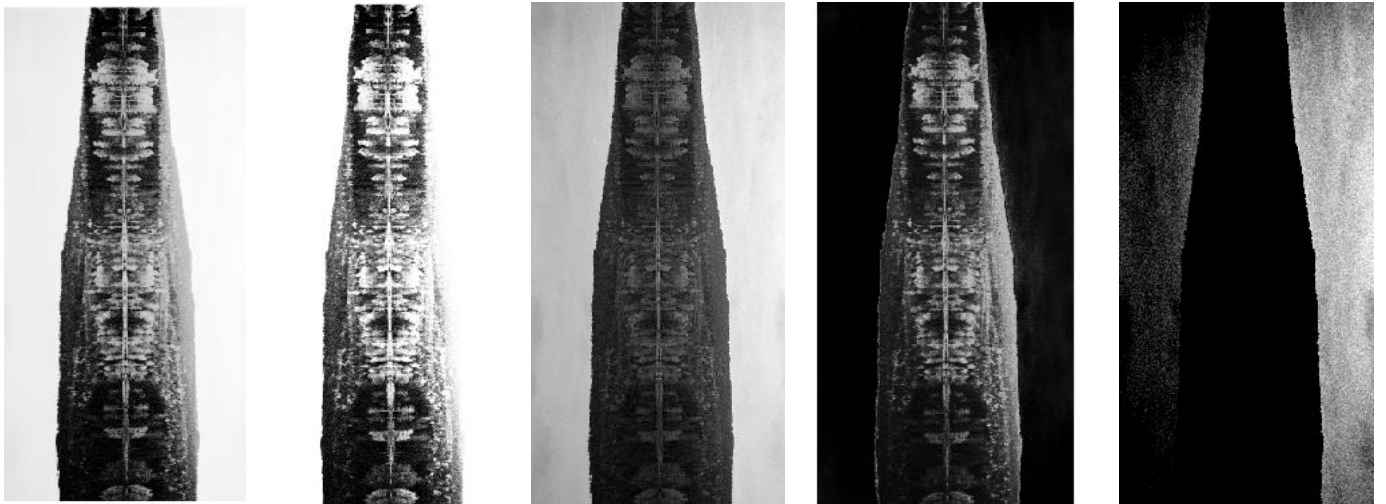
**Elvelangs i Fakkellys, Oslo, Norway**

2018 Installation, **Vesper Monumenter**, 8 foil sculptures, lit from under, with “Shimmer” video projected onto the surface. 2-site installation includes Et Dypt Nett.

2017 **9Worlds of Image and Light**, light installation and window drawings based on Nordic mythology, Smelteverket, Oslo, Norway. Developed concepts, materials, and plans. Project lead for collaboration with Illustrator Katarina Caspersen. <https://mariamman.net/elvelangs/>



2017 **Memoria Technica, Stop Bath Video**, Oslo Art & Fashion, Norway. Analogue exposures transformed to 5 vertical monolithic landscapes. Visual resemblance to MRI scan of breathing or sound waves. Memoria Technica is part of the Monoliths series. <https://mariamman.net/monoliths/>



**Graal, Vin, Ascension**, photography 2016 - 2018, analogue photography, archival inkjet, sizes variable. Exhibited at Cyan Studios. Oslo, Norway. <https://mariamman.net/sublime-timescapes/>

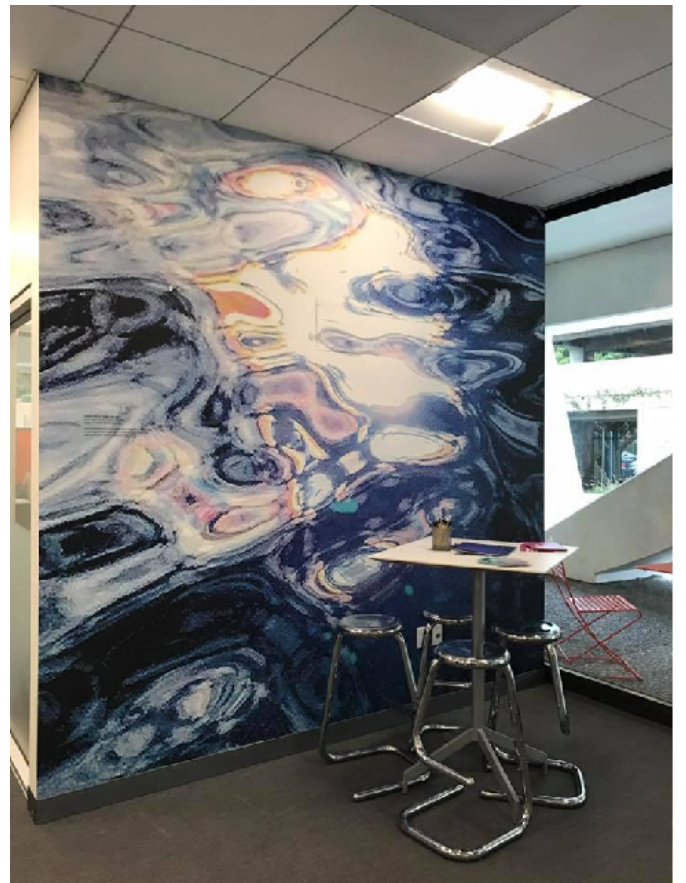


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Monoliths, 2016-2018, Sizes variable. Represented by Albumen Gallery, UK. [mariamman.net/monoliths](https://mariamman.net/monoliths)



**Teknovisuell Experience**, 2015, size variable. Public Installation of Detail #5, Otis College of Art and Design Admissions Office, Los Angeles, California, 2017. <https://mariamman.net/teknovisuell-experience/>



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**Making Sense**, 2015, Installation, poem in 10 languages, Bolsky Gallery, Los Angeles, California.  
<https://mariamman.net/making-sense/>

Materials:

Nautical Twilight

450nm of Tokyo blue photography gel  
dimensions variable

Salt of the Earth

100kg of Mediterranean sea salt  
dimensions variable

Triangulation

30sec of photographing lake Michigan in Winter  
digital negative triptych, 33.02cm x 48.26cm ea.

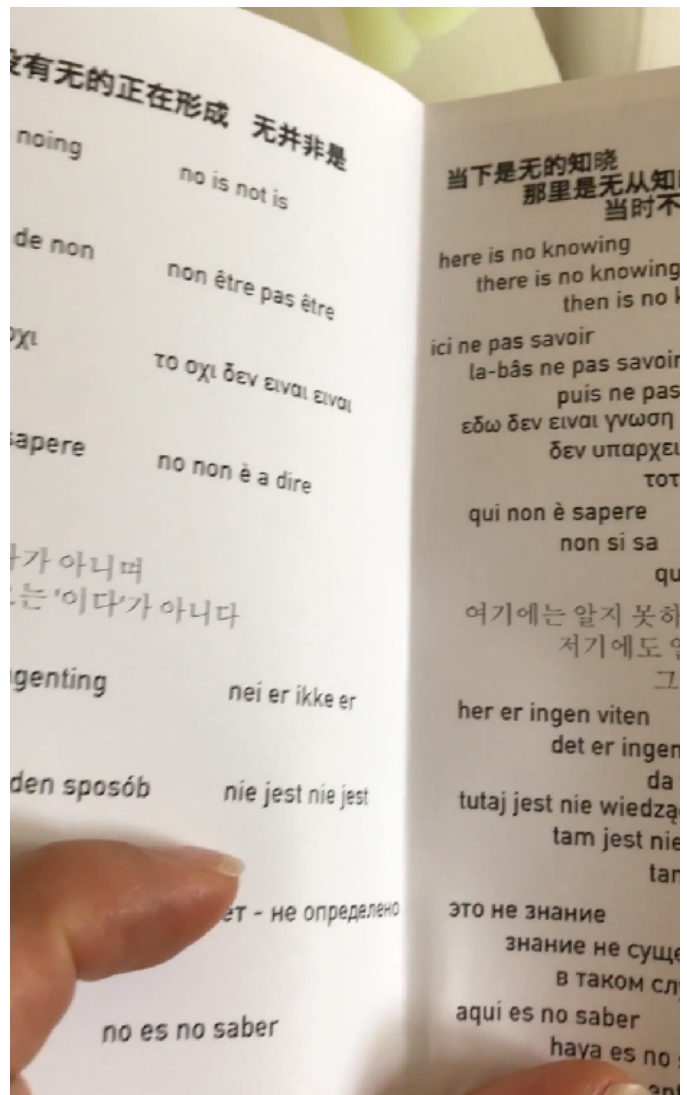
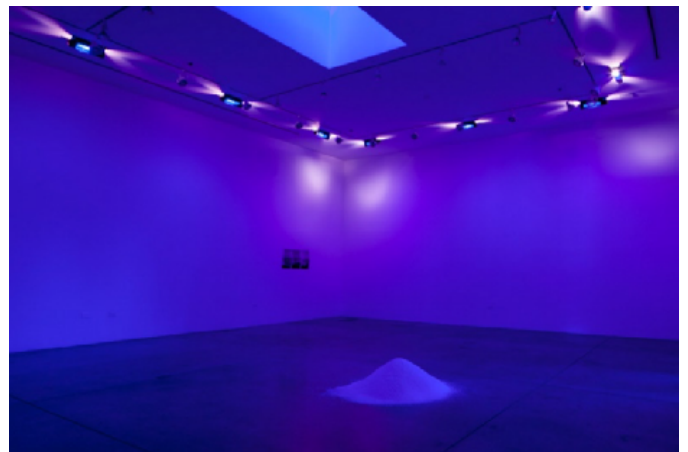
Omniscient

35mm photograph of Nordic stream water  
101.6cm x 304.8cm

Sage Cypress

29.57ml of essential oil  
dimensions variable

A submersive environment of a sensual, liminoid condition. In the interest of global commerce, site and location, and origins of tyranny and war, the installation came through researching the heavy water war, photography, and technology interfaces. Images plastered to the wall appeared portal-like. The scale, light, and use of negative space activated senses and affects within the viewers. Tokyo blue photography gel covered the lighting, skylight, and door glass. The tonal range used for twilight in stage lighting has been researched in neuroscience studies to trigger the cerebral cortex, where the fight or flight response is located, also found in the blue light emendating from technology viewing apparatus-the screen. The sea salt pile on the floor contained sage and cypress essential oils. Visitors and patrons reported the totalling experience as soothing or anxiety-inducing. A folded brochure with poems translated into different languages was offered for visitors to take with them.



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**Omniscient**, 2015, 101.6cm x 304.8cm (40x120in), monolithic image.  
Image and text. 1st place by the Jury in Imaging New Eurasia, Gwangju, South Korea. <https://mariamman.net/omniscient/>

A monument of future history. The image stands as a totem for the change in social structure toward the wisdom of water. Water emerges as the discourse for the emotional body. The emotional body serves as the pathway for the wisdom of intuition. In the new world, emotional suppression as poverty and polluted waters cease through the cleansing of pain into ecstatic expression. Responsibility for water comes through the reverence of its high wisdom. Sacred in the new society, water is respected, protected, cherished, and shared freely among people to create humane societies upon all lands. A reverence for water solidifies the respect and preservation of the emotional body constituting a humane society for humans to exist in.



### 복합 3 관 보도자료

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## IMAGINING NEW EURASIA PROJECT

### Chapter 1

# Here, There, and Everywhere: Eurasian Cities

Project Director, Artist: Kyong Park  
Director of Visualization: Jaekyung Jung  
Project Architect: B.A.R.E  
Curator: Jihoi Lee

November 25, 2015 – July 15, 2016  
The Asia Culture Center, ACC Creation, Space 3  
38, Munhwajeondang-ro, Dong-gu, Gwangju, Republic of Korea

Exhibition Area : 798 m<sup>2</sup>

For centuries, Asia and Europe were thought to be separate and distinct. But where exactly is the physical demarcation between them? Is it the Ural Mountains or Caucasus Mountains? Or do the linked bodies of water from the Sea of Marmara, Black Sea, and Caspian Sea to the Ural River separate Asia from Europe? The exact line of physical demarcation between Asia and Europe is still disputed and remains inconclusive.

The division of Eurasia is merely of a cultural construct, and history confirms this. Rather than defined by its supposed division, the horizontality of the Eurasian landmass has allowed various inventions, religions and languages to spread to the far reaches of East and West. Old Silk Roads, New Silk Roads, and the like are proof that the geography of the continent is a unifying force. Eurasia is a single continent, not only by its physical attributes, but also by its shared history.

Today, Eurasia is once again becoming one. Besides the Trans-Siberian Railways, now the New Eurasian Land Bridge connects Lianyungang with Rotterdam to allow shipments of materials from China to Europe. There are more proposals for new railroads and highways between China, India and Southeast Asia, while Russia has even proposed tunnels and bridges across the Bering Strait to North America. Furthermore, there are also many newly built and proposed oil and gas pipelines that will remake the Middle East and Central Asia a land of connections and exchanges, as they were during the Old Silk Roads era and beyond.

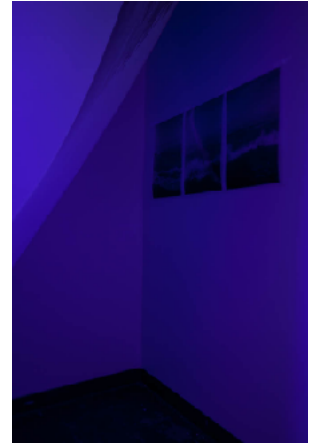
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### Installations

**Image Architecture**, 2015, Culver City, California.

<https://mariamman.net/image-architecture/>

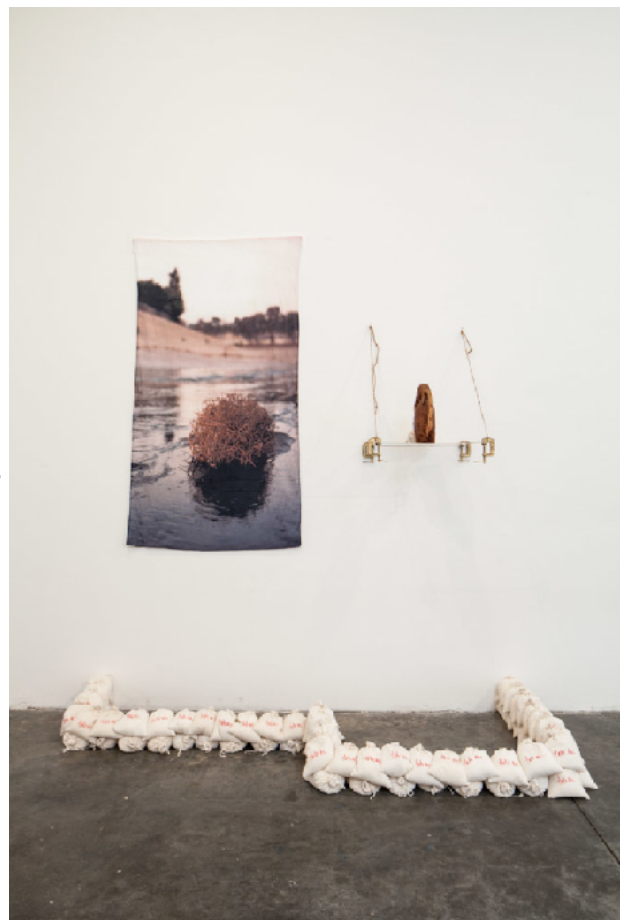
Materials: Tokyo blue photography gel, Cotton machine part bags, Digital negative triptych, White kite string, Cable staples, Gaffers tape, Sea salt, dimensions variable. Containment, flow, demarcation, boundaries, ways a physical body constructs and inhabits a world of image construction.



**Installation with Security Blanket (Troubleweed)**, 2015,

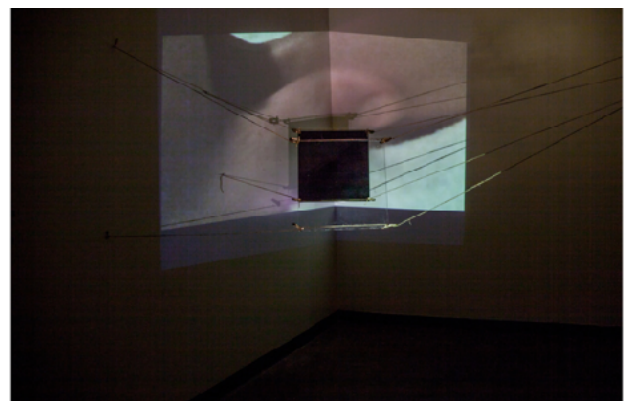
Installation, Bolsky Gallery, Los Angeles, California, traveling object. <https://mariamman.net/security-blanket-installation/>

Materials: Photographic print on bathing towel (troubleweed), wooden monkey, dried roses, clear plexi, twine, golden clamps, cotton bags of salt labeled "take me." A few left with visitors to the exhibition. The installation explores symbolic and cognitive notions of Boundary, Grief, Security, Transparency, and Choice through the representation of a flammable invasive species. The project became an ode to the USPS postal service in during the collaborative exchange project. The photographs are collected, online, and eventually will become a published photo book, story, and printed exhibition to bring all the artists' visions together.



**Suspended Planes**, 2015, Culver City, California.

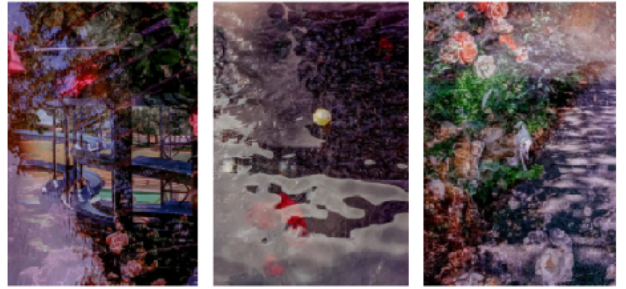
<https://mariamman.net/suspended-planes/> Materials: Twine, nail, clamp, gold and black gloss paint, two panels of acrylic 40.64 x 40.64cm Projected video, Two planes suspended before a video projection of hands touching themselves. The work expands the nature of the photographic image into a physically experienced, dimensional space. A cornered image, with double planes of plexi, emphasize the hovering, sensual, pointing qualities of image making and experience.



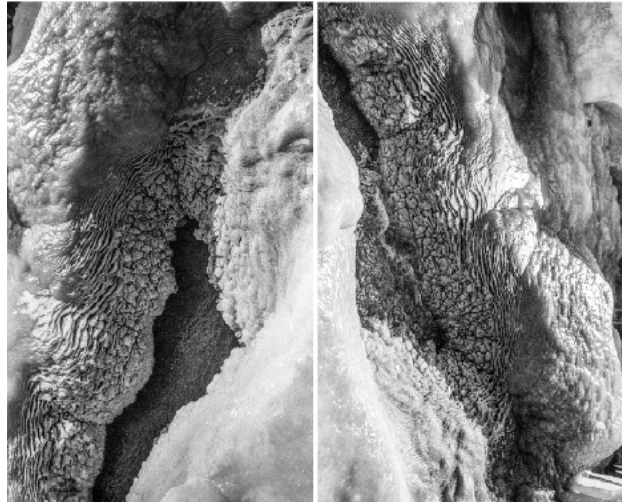
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**Photography on paper, plexi, glass**

**Every Time**, 2015, in camera triple exposures, archival inkjet or C-41 prints, edition of 5.  
<https://mariamman.net/every-time/>



**Undulation**, 2014, diptych, 103,91 x 84,79cm (40,91 x 33,38in). Exhibited Bolsky Gallery, proofs sold at Otis Graduate Studios.  
<https://mariamman.net/monoliths/>



**30seconds of Lake Michigan**, 2014, 60.96 x 121.92 x .48cm (24 x 48 x 3/16in), Image triptych on translucent acrylic.  
Now Trending Exhibition, Palos Verdes Art Center, Ranchos Palos Verdes, California.  
<https://mariamman.net/monoliths/>

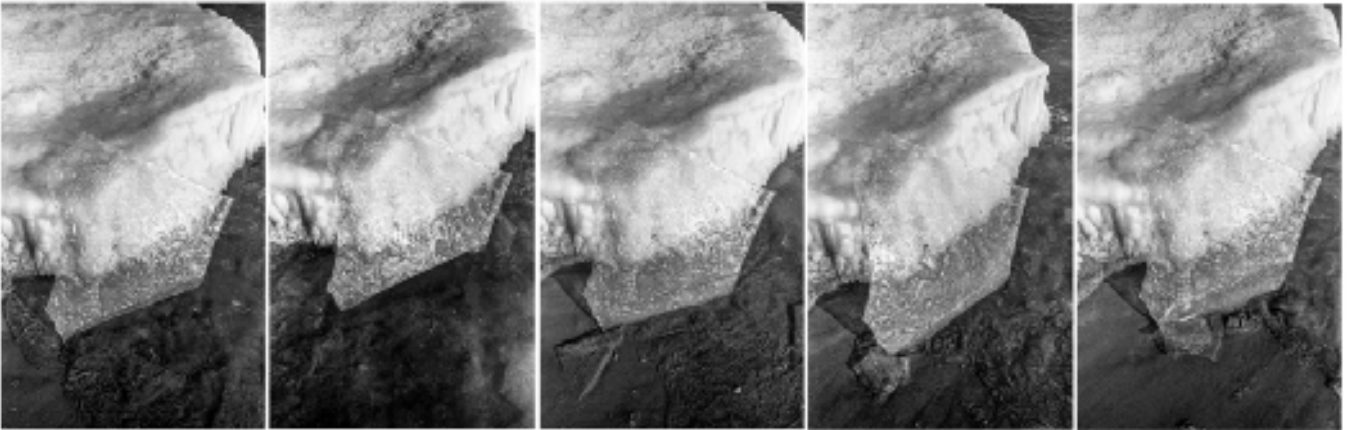


**Moiré Montreal**, 2015, 102x102cm (40x40in), archival ink on enhanced matte paper.  
<https://mariamman.net/planar-studies/>



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**Melodi**, 2013, 193,04 x 66,04cm (76 x 26in) analogue photography, process: film exposures into glass.  
Photographic artist proof on enhanced matte paper is available. <https://mariamman.net/monoliths/>



**Sonidos**, 2014, 102x102cm (40x40in), images made of scanned medium format film and visual representation of audio files with grid overlaid onto nature, samples on acrylic, sizes vary. <https://mariamman.net/sonidos/>



**Polite Remnants (Laissez Unfairé/Lascia Fare)**, 2011-2014, photography and text, giclée, 50 x 76cm.  
Portraits of residual machined washed clothing. Friendly, posed, dormant objects sit perched. The objected, collected, gathered and unsewn. The after-materials of daily wear are given eternal life through the image.  
<https://mariamman.net/polite-remnants/>



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Reference regarding Mari Amman

Kjerringøy Land Art Biennale is an artist run, international, interdisciplinary and site-specific platform for land art established by Ane Øverås in 2007. The Biennale takes place in Nevelsfjord, Kjerringøy in North Norway, above the polar circle, 67°49' N and 14° 89'. AiR-Kjerringøy is a part of this concept where artists get to work freely and concentrated inspired by the incredible nature in Nevelsfjord and at Kjerringøy. The artists respond to an open call and are selected by a qualified jury assembled by artists.

Mari Amman has been Artist in Residence at AiR-Kjerringøy in the autumn of 2020, for 4 weeks. Amman is a dedicated artists that works in several artistic fields with conviction. She has a particularly good eye for photography in the nature. And she completed an award-winning video at Kjerringøy, Blåtime. I will hope she gets to work with this Phd-project, as Amman is hard working, thorough and organized, agreeable to work with and thoughtful towards others. And most important she has crossover experience and a stayer ability.

Regards

Ane Øverås

Director of  
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Ane Øverås is a sculptor and has been running this enterprise since 2007.



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RECOMMENDATION LETTER FOR MARI AMMAN

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this general letter in wholehearted support of my former graduate student Mari Amman.

Mari is exceptional. As a student here at Otis she was a valuable member of my graduate seminars on Poststructuralist Theory, the Frankfurt School and many independent studies. I have continued to follow her work with great interest and anticipation. She is smart and resourceful, capable of sustained research.

Of all the Graduate students here, Mari showed the most growth and development in her work. She came in as a photographer interested in coding and decoding of systems. For example, her photographs included intimate, contemporary home life, portraits, landscapes and images of historic and cultural sites including Hiroshima, Kyoto, Tokyo and Matsuyama, with temples, shrines, places of work and education, recreation, and transportation.

She soon moved on to include the viewer's subjective experience in her investigation, which led her to multi-media installations: Instead of a photograph of the sky, there is now blue-tinted atmosphere. Nature is still there in photography, but now it is mediated and hovers on the edge of symbolism and science. I would say that her art as a whole traverses the whole gamut between mediation and immediacy, a problematic kept alive in photographic discourse.

Rather than deal with a simple dichotomy between let's say the metaphysical and the materialist, Mari has chosen a practice that makes that division the very subject of her work.

If you would like a more specific letter, or to discuss Mari's qualities further, please call me at (310) 665-6848.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annetta Kapon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Annetta Kapon  
Professor and Assistant Chair  
Graduate Fine Arts

December 10, 2019

The Journalism Department  
College of Liberal Arts  
California Polytechnic State University

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Christopher Sisson; I am an Associate Professor of Art and Design and the Chair of the Department of Art & Art History at *Rockford University*. I am writing this letter on behalf of one of my former students, Mari Amman (formerly Rachel Wolfe), who I first met Mari 12 years ago as an Associate Professor of Graphic Design and Advertising at *The Illinois Institute of Art – Schaumburg*. I got to know Mari over the course of the next few years in my Typography, Storyboarding, Intro / Advanced Advertising Campaigns, and Portfolio classes. From the start, I was struck by Mari's work ethic and impressed by her energy. She immediately proved herself to be both serious about her work and ambitious, not to mention a real talent. I have followed her work since that time, through graduate school, to her move abroad; and have been continually impressed with her growth as a creative professional and artist. I understand that she is applying for the position of Assistant Professor of Public Relations/Strategic Communications with your institution, and I would like to recommend her for this post with all my confidence.

Mari's strong points in my courses included an ability to take on daunting projects and through an in-depth and sophisticated critical thinking process, produce original and effective work to carry them to completion. Her work for me always demonstrated the highest levels of craftsmanship, and her presentation of that work both visually and orally displayed real professionalism in every sense of the word. Beyond being one of the top 3 in every class of mine she was in, she proved herself to be an innovative problem solver, with a genuine love for what she was doing. Her approach and ability to offer strong feedback as a member of a creative team made her valuable to each class she was a part of. Rare is the student whose conceptualisation talents are equal to their execution, and even rarer is a student whose writing is as strong as her aptitude in producing effective visuals in multiple mediums. Mari was such a student. I consider her creative ability to be of an extremely high level, she is a motivated, talented, and dedicated photographer. In addition, I believe that Mari's range of experiences in copywriting, photography, video, web, design, print, installations and events, both domestically and abroad, bring a layered knowledge base that would be valuable to the classroom experience.

In conclusion, let me unequivocally state my strong recommendation for Mari Amman. I feel that Mari's skills, dedication, work ethic, and ambition make her a wonderful candidate for this position and would benefit your department and student body. If you have any questions or need more information, I will be happy to talk to you. Please call me at the listed telephone number or email me at the address listed below.

Sincerely,



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