

GINGER GORE RUSSELL

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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Studio Art – 2024

Concentration in Photography

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art – 1999

Concentration in Photography

Lamar University, Beaumont, TX

Continuing Education in Graphic Design – 2002-2004

Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, NM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Studio Art Faculty – Photo I Instructor

2025

Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX

Instructed 10-15 undergraduate students in the fundamentals of analog photography within a traditional darkroom setting, emphasizing hands-on skills such as film development, printing, and creative printing techniques. Fostered an artistic approach to image making through critical analysis and fine art principles, encouraging students to develop their own aesthetic voice and conceptual depth in photographic practice.

Business Owner and Lead Photographer

2001-2016

Ginger Russell Photography, LLC, Santa Fe, NM

Established a boutique destination photography business in northern New Mexico, serving clients for over 15 years. Documented hundreds of weddings, portraits, and events, and led all aspects of photography, branding, and marketing. Utilized advanced techniques for high-quality images and managed all equipment maintenance. Edited and enhanced photos using Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop while overseeing business operations and maintaining strong client and vendor relationships.

Graphic Designer in Marketing and Public Relations Department

2002-2005

Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe, NM

Collaborated with the marketing team to develop visual concepts for departmental marketing materials. Utilized expertise in graphic design software to produce visuals for print publications, including catalogs, brochures, and banners. Advised staff on design projects, covering layout, media, costs, and timelines. Created designs, prepared digital pre-press files, and ensured accurate color in final products.

Art Sales Consultant and Web Media Manager

2002-2004

Reflection and Horizon Galleries, Santa Fe, NM

Assisted clients in selecting art for homes and offices through consultations. Responsibilities included generating sales, providing exceptional customer service, performing operational tasks, maintaining gallery appearance, and supporting in-gallery events. Also created and managed content for the gallery's website and digital communications.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Art Sales Consultant and Office Manager

2000-2001

Joyce Robins Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Key responsibilities included representing gallery artists to clients, generating new leads, closing sales, and maintaining long-term relationships. Assisted with daily gallery operations, managed art and artist records, and supported the installation and de-installation of exhibits.

Graphic Designer and Web Developer

1999-2000

IJNT Internet Service Provider, Beaumont, TX

Designed website layouts and created user-friendly, visually appealing elements using fonts, color schemes, and graphics. Managed the design and upload processes for project materials, built mockups and responsive templates, and collaborated with developers to implement visual features.

Summer Art Camp Instructor

1999

Beaumont Art League, Beaumont, TX

Developed art curriculum for children ages 8 to 12 and led classes of up to 10 students for 4 hours daily over 4-day camp sessions. Encouraged sharing and reflection on their work, communicated activity plans to staff, and provided lesson documentation. Fostered trusting relationships with students.

Photo Journalist

1996

University Press, Lamar University Newspaper, Beaumont, TX

One of three photographers capturing images for news, campus life, and community events. Provided visuals for stories using various cameras and photo-editing software. Collaborated with reporters to fulfill weekly photographic needs and managed darkroom tasks and digital adjustments while consistently meeting deadlines.

Black & White Darkroom Technician

1992-1994

Custom Photographic Labs, Austin, TX

Responsible for black-and-white printing on various papers. Processed 35mm and medium format film. Maintained darkroom chemistry. Ensured high-quality standards while meeting daily deadlines in a fast-paced environment.

INTERNSHIP

Assistant to Registrar

1996

Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX

Assisted the Registrar with permanent collection files, condition reports, and exhibit installations. Registered artwork in computer files, photographed pieces for documentation, and handled matting and framing for exhibitions.

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EXPERTISE

Photography

Photoshop • Lightroom • Adobe Creative Suite • Image Editing • Color Correction • Photo Processing
Digital Photography • Analog Photography • Darkroom Printing • Inkjet Printing • Studio Lighting
Location Scouting • Lighting Techniques

Graphic Design

InDesign • Illustrator • Proficient in Apple OS • Marketing and Branding • Logo Creation • Typography

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

SPE–Society for Photographic Education
Member (September 2022 - Present)

Texas Photographic Society
Member (September 2024 - Present)

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2025-2026** Patricia Roberdeau Mast Scholarship
- 2024-2025** Gloria Gay Ash Scholarship
Robert Kinsell Art Scholarship
Richard Skurla M.F.A. Scholarship
Friends of the Visual Arts Friendship Grant
- 2023-2024** Adams-Carrington-West Art Scholarship
Gloria Gay Ash Scholarship

EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** **Texas National 2025 Exhibition and Competition**
Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, TX
Juror: Susie Kalil

Beyond the Veil
Gallery 263, Cambridge, MA
Juror: Kate M. McNamara

College Call '25
The Southeast Center for Photography, Online Exhibit, www.sec4p.com
Juror: Polly Gaillard

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2025 Black & White, An International Juried Photo Exhibition
Praxis Gallery & Photographic Arts Center, Minneapolis, MN
Juror: Ann Jastrab

19th Biennial Joyce Elaine Grant Photography Exhibition
Texas Woman's University Fine Art Galleries, Denton, TX
Juror: Mazie M. Harris

Personal Effects
Front Art Gallery, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
Two-person Exhibition with Rebecca Talbot

2025 SPE 13th Annual Combined Caucus Exhibition: Adaptation
McNamara Gallery, University of Nevada, Reno, NV
Juror: Liz Allen

The Clock is Ticking: Photography Regarding the Passage of Time
Martha Gault Art Gallery, Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, PA
Juror's Award, Juried by Faculty Panel

2024 My Mother's Daughter
Front Art Gallery, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
Master of Arts Exhibition

FotoTexas III, People Places Culture
Texas Photographic Society and Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine TX
First Place, Juror: E. Dan Klepper

Open-Theme | Unmoored
A Smith Gallery, Online Exhibit, www.asmithgallery.com
Juror: Debra Klomp Ching

art as storytelling
Midwest Nice Art, Online Exhibit, www.midwestnice.art
Juror: Aline Smithson

2024 Emerging Vision: CPAC Biennial Student Show
Colorado Photographic Arts Center, Denver, CO
Juror: Nelson Chan

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2024 Texas Photographic Society's 37th Annual Members Only Show
Texas Photographic Society and Center for Contemporary Arts, Abilene TX
Juror: O. Rufus Lovett

Current Works

Kansas City Society for Contemporary Photography, Kansas City, MO
Juror: Adam Finkelston

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A Smith Gallery, Online Exhibit, www.asmithgallery.com
Juror: Polly Gaillard

SPE South Central Members Exhibition

National Park College, Hot Springs, AR
Juror: Kevin Haynie

Texas National 2024 Exhibition and Competition

Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, TX
Special Mention, Juror: Peter S. Briggs

Annual Art Alliance Spring Show 2024

Lower Art Gallery, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX
Third Place, Juror: Peter S. Briggs

Art Graduate Student Group Exhibition at Stephen F. Austin State University
Reavley Gallery, Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, TX
Juried by Faculty Panel

2023 Rising Eyes of Texas
Rockport Center for the Arts, Rockport, TX
Juror: Tanja Peterson

#New Visions 2023: A Student Show

Texas Photographic Society, Online Exhibit, www.texasphoto.org
Juror: V. Elizabeth Turk

SPE South Central Southeast Juried Student Exhibition

Art Lab Gallery, Corn Center for the Visual Arts, Columbus, GA
Juror: Chris Ireland

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- 2023** **12x12 Show**, FVA Art Scholarship Fundraiser 2023
The Cole Art Center, Nacogdoches, TX
- 2022** **SPE South Central Juried Student Exhibition**
Bossier Parish Community College, Shreveport, LA
Juror: Stefan Nodarse
- 2001** **Evolutions of Narrative Photography**
Santa Fe Community College Art Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
Juror: Frank Van Deren Coke
- 2000** **The Big Show**, Annual Juried Exhibition
Lawndale Art Center, Houston, TX
Juror: Sara Kellner
- 1999** **Undergraduate Thesis Exhibition**
Dishman Art Gallery, Beaumont, TX
- Grand Bal**, Group Exhibition
Dishman Art Gallery, Beaumont, TX
- 1996** **Untitled**, Three Person Exhibition
San Jacinto College, Houston TX
- Spectrum**, Juried Exhibition
Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont TX
- Photography Show**, Juried Exhibition
Beaumont Art League, Beaumont, TX
- 35th Annual Tri-State Plus Competition**, Juried Exhibition
Beaumont Art League, Beaumont, TX
- Dishman Competition**, Juried Exhibition
Dishman Art Gallery, Beaumont, TX

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1995 **Great American Nude**, Juried Exhibition
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Photography Show, Juried Exhibition
Texas Artist Museum, Port Arthur, TX