

# PETER KAYAFAS

## BIOGRAPHY

- 1993 BFA, Photography, Tisch School of the Arts, New York University  
1993-present Director, Editor, Publisher, Eakins Press Foundation, New York  
2000-2021 Adjunct Associate Professor of Photography at Pratt Institute, New York  
2023-present Adjunct Instructor, College of Arts and Science, New York University  
2018-present Co-chair of the Board of Directors of the Corporation of Yaddo, Saratoga Springs, NY  
2019 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship recipient

## SELECTED EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 CELEBRATING PALM PRESS (group show), Gallery Kayafas, Boston, Massachusetts, April 5-May 11
- 2023 SASHA WOLF PROJECTS at PHOTOFAIRS NEW YORK (group show), Javits Center, New York, New York, September 7-10
- 2022 CELEBRATING THE CITY: RECENT PHOTOGRAPHY ACQUISITIONS FROM THE JOY OF GIVING SOMETHING (group show), Museum of the City of New York, New York, New York, February 18-May
- 2022 QUIRKY, BEAUTIFUL, ORDINARY: AMERICAN ROADSIDES FROM THE FAM COLLECTION (group show), Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, February 12-May 29
- 2020 PETER KAYAFAS: THE WAY WEST, Gallery Kayafas, Boston, Massachusetts, March 6-April 1
- 2019 THE GOODMAN PHOTOGRAPHY COLLECTION EXHIBITION (group show curated by Sandra Phillips), UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Rim Archive, Berkeley, California, March 27-August 25
- 2019 PETER KAYAFAS & PAUL McDONOUGH: THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA. Sarah Shepard Gallery, Larkspur, California, January 25-March 2
- 2018 THE COLLECTED IMAGE: PHOTOGRAPHY PORTFOLIOS, Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, Massachusetts, October 6, 2018-May 19
- 2018 TREES II (group show), Gallery Kayafas, Boston, June 8-July 28
- 2017 COMING OF AGE IN THE WEST, PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, The Century Association, New York, March 23-April 28
- 2016 PETER KAYAFAS: ECOS, Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana, Mexico City, March 30-May 20
- 2016 NEW YORK: THREE VIEWS, PETER KAYAFAS, AARON ROSE, LYNN SAVILLE, Gallery Kayafas, Boston, January 22-February 27
- 2014 ROMEO & JULIET IN PICTURES: A GROUP SHOW, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, June 18-August 10

- 2014 THE WAY WEST: PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, April 30-June 7
- 2014 GROUP EXHIBITION: TEN SMALL PRINTS, Gallery Kayafas, Boston, December 6, 2013-January 18,
- 2013 GROUP EXHIBITION: THE DRINKING SHOW, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, July 10-August 16
- 2013 AIPAD PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW (SASHA WOLF GALLERY) (group show), The Armory, New York, April 3-April 6
- 2013 GROUP SHOW: AN INTRODUCTION, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, December 4, 2012-January 13
- 2012 INTRA COUNTRY: PATRIOTIC EXPRESSIONS (group show), Gallery Kayafas, Boston, July 6-August 11
- 2012 AIPAD PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW (SASHA WOLF GALLERY) (group show), The Armory, New York, March 28-April 1
- 2012 PETER KAYAFAS: TOTEMS, Gallery Kayafas, Boston, January 13-February 25
- 2011 PETER KAYAFAS: TOTEMS, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, May 25-July 16
- 2010 RESIDENTS & VISITORS: 20TH CENTURY PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOUISIANA (group show), New Orleans Museum of Art, September
- 2010 PAUL McDONOUGH & PETER KAYAFAS PHOTOGRAPHS, Gallery Fiol, Palma de Majorca, Spain, June 17-July 31
- 2009 SIGNS: WORDPLAY IN PHOTOGRAPHY (group show), de Young Museum, San Francisco, CA., January 17- June 14
- 2008 THE MERRY CEMETERY OF SAPANTA, PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, Gallery Kayafas, Boston, June 11-July 26
- 2008 IN OUR DREAMS (group show), Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, June 26-August 9
- 2008 PETER KAYAFAS: RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS OF AMERICA, Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, January 10-March 1
- 2008 PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN from the Permanent Collection (group show), The DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, Massachusetts February 2-April 27
- 2007 MOVING THROUGH NEW ENGLAND (group show), The DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, Massachusetts, October 6, 2007-September
- 2007 PLACE AND TIME (group show), The DeMenil Gallery, The Groton School, Groton Massachusetts, September 24-November 11

- 2006 ROAD TRIPS: Photographs by Gus Kayafas & Peter Kayafas, Tremaine Gallery Hotchkiss School, September 6-October 21
- 2006 SASHA WOLF PHOTOGRAPHS AT GITTERMAN GALLERY: Photographs by Peter Kayafas, Eric Lewandowski, Alan Chin, Yola Monakhov, and Adam Schrieber, Gitterman Gallery, New York, July 25-August 19
- 2006 AN AMERICAN IN ROMANIA: PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, The Romanian Embassy, Washington, DC, May 4-June 4
- 2005 THE MERRY CEMETERY OF SAPANTA AND SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS OF ROMANIA, The Romanian Cultural Institute, New York
- 2005 ADIEU: A FAREWELL EXHIBITION (group show), Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2005 VERNACULAR TERRITORY: PHOTOGRAPHS BY GEORGE TICE, KATE SCHERMERHORN & PETER KAYAFAS, Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2005 PETER KAYAFAS: SELECTED PHOTOGRAPHS, 1992-2004, Gallery Kayafas, Boston
- 2005 STILL LIFE & STILLED LIVES: A GROUP SHOW, Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2004 ROMANIA: PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, Sasha Wolf Photographs, New York
- 2004 PEOPLE IN NEW YORK: PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, Sasha Wolf Photographs, New York
- 2004 WILD FLOWERS: A GROUP SHOW, Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2003 THE 'ING' SHOW: A GROUP SHOW, Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2002 TWO VIEWS OF CUBA: PHOTOGRAPHS BY LOU JONES & PETER KAYAFAS, The DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
- 2002 GOTHAM: PHOTOGRAPHS OF NEW YORK (group show), Fitchburg Art Museum, Fitchburg, MA
- 2002 ALONE: IMAGES OF ISOLATION FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION (group show), The DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park, Lincoln, MA
- 2002 THE SIDEWALK NEVER ENDS (group show), Art Institute of Chicago
- 2001 'O PUBLIC ROAD': PHOTOGRAPHS BY PETER KAYAFAS, Public Policy Research Center, University of Missouri, Saint Louis
- 2001 STRAIGHT ARROWS (group show), Ariel Meyerowitz Gallery, New York
- 2000 PETER KAYAFAS: SELECTED SOUTHERN PHOTOGRAPHS, Gallery Luisotti, Santa Monica, CA
- 1998 Laurence Miller Gallery, NY

1998 Brooklyn Museum of Art, NY  
1998 Fuller Museum of Art, Brockton, MA  
1995 Danforth Museum, Framingham, MA  
1993 Newton Arts Center, Newton, MA, 1993

## EXHIBITIONS CURATED

THE NAMING OF THINGS: SELECTIONS FROM THE NYPL PICTURE COLLECTION (with student curators: Ethan Kell, Jingqi Liu, Abbi Newfeld, Sam O'Neill, and Caroline Sartono), Pratt Photography Gallery, October 5-December 17, 2017

ROMEO & JULIET IN PICTURES: A GROUP SHOW, (with Sasha Wolf) Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, June 18-August 10, 2014

LEE FRIEDLANDER: THE PRINTED PICTURE, (with Stephen Hilger), The Pratt Library, Brooklyn Campus, April 30-October 6, 2014

THE DRINKING SHOW, (with Matthew Pillsbury and Sasha Wolf), Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, July 10-August 16, 2013

HEYDAY: THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF FREDERICK W. GLASIER, (with Deborah W. Walk) Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota, Florida, May 15-September 6, 2010

ALAN CHIN: DISPATCHES, 1998-2008, (with Sasha Wolf), Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, January 15- March 27, 2009

HEYDAY: FREDERICK W. GLASIER'S AMERICAN CIRCUS, 1890-1925, (with Deborah W. Walk) The UBS Art Gallery, New York, November 13, 2008-January 23, 2009

IN OUR DREAMS, (with Sasha Wolf), Sasha Wolf Gallery, New York, June 26-August 9, 2008

## PUBLICATIONS

*Lee Friedlander: Real Estate.* (Afterword) Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2023

*Whitfield Lovell: Deep River.* (editor) Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2023.

*Stephen Hilger: In the Alley.* (editor) Purple Martin Press, New York, 2023.

*Object Lesson: On the Influence of Richard Benson.* (contributor). Aperture, New York, June 21, 2022.

*Peter Kayafas: Coney Island Waterdance.* Purple Martin Press, New York, 2021.

*Peter Kayafas: The Way West,* afterword by Rick Bass. Purple Martin Press, New York, 2020.

*PhotoWork: Forty Photographers on Process and Practice.* Edited by Sasha Wolf. Aperture, New York, Fall 2019.

*The Goodman Photography Collection* exhibition catalogue (group show curated by Sandra Phillips), UC

Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Rim Archive, Berkeley, California, March 27-August 25, 2019.

*Bystander: A History of Street Photography*. Joel Meyerowitz and Colin Westerbeck. Laurence King Publishing. London, England, 2017.

*Pilgrimage: Photographs by Mary Frank*. Edited and sequenced by Mary Frank and Peter Kayafas. Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2017.

“Review of *The Hour of Land* by Terry Tempest Williams.” *Aperture Magazine Photobook Review*, November, 2016.

*PETER KAYAFAS: ECOS* (exhibition Catalogue). Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana, Mexico City, 2016.  
*Mary Frank: Today Is Yesterday’s Tomorrow*. Introduction by Peter Kayafas. Gallery Kayafas, Boston, 2015.  
‘O, Write My Name’: American Portraits, Harlem Heroes, Photographs by Carl Van Vecthen. Edited by Leslie George Katz and Peter Kayafas. Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2015

*LEE FRIEDLANDER: THE PRINTED PICTURE*. Edited by Stephen Hilger and Peter Kayafas. The Pratt Photography Department and Libraries and Eakins Press Foundation, Brooklyn and New York, 2014

“A Treasure in Our Midst: The Great Circus Photographs of Frederick W. Glasier,” By Peter Kayafas. *Cigar City Magazine*, Fall 2013

“Mexico City: Hope is a Kiss,” *The Baffler*, No. 22, April, 2013

*Totems*, Photographs by Peter Kayafas, Essay by Jed Perl. Purple Martin Press, 2012

*THE AMERICANS LIST: By the Glow of the Jukebox* (contributor). Red Hook Editions, Brooklyn, 2012 “Coney Island Waterdance,” *The Southern Review*, Spring 2012

*Esquire Magazine* (Russia), November, 2011

*CIRCUS: The Photographs of Frederick W. Glasier*, edited by Peter Kayafas & Deborah W. Walk. Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2009

*O Public Road! Photographs by Peter Kayafas*, essay by Allan Gurganus, song by Eef Barzelay. Purple Martin Press, New York, 2009

*Lincoln Kirstein: A Bibliography of Published Writings*, edited by Peter Kayafas. Eakins Press Foundation, New York, 2007

*The Merry Cemetery of Sapanta*, Photographs by Peter Kayafas, Purple Martin Press, 2007

“The Merry Cemetery, Photographs by Peter Kayafas,” *VISION Magazine*, China, November, 2007

*People in New York*, Photographs by Peter Kayafas, Sasha Wolf Photographs and the Purple Martin Press, New York, 2004

*The Spirit of Family*. Albert and Tipper Gore. Holt, 2002

*Two Views of Cuba: Photographs by Lou Jones and Peter Kayafas*. DeCordova Museum, Lincoln, MA, 2002

*DoubleTake Magazine*, Issue 27, Winter 2002

*Bystander: A History of Street Photography*. Joel Meyerowitz and Colin Westerbeck. Bulfinch Press, 2001

*DoubleTake Magazine*, Issue 22, Fall 2000

## COLLECTIONS

Art Insitute of Chicago  
Brooklyn Museum of Art  
DeCordova Museum  
Fidelity  
Fitchburg Art Museum  
Joy of Giving Something (Dreyfus)  
Museum of the City of New York  
Museum of Modern Art  
Nevada Museum of Art  
New Orleans Museum of Art  
New York Public Library  
Rhode Island School of Design Museum  
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art  
UC Berkeley Art Museum

## LECTURES

Aperture: "Stephen Shore in Conversation with Peter Kayafas." Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Bard College: "Peter Kenner '66 Artist in Residence, Lecture by Peter Kayafas." Monday, December 11, 2017.

Bard Graduate Center: "Glass Plates and High Diving Horses: Photographers of the American Circus, a Lecture with Peter Kayafas and Luc Sante." November 8, 2012.

Boston University: "The Photographic Book, featuring a conversation with Kim Sichel and Peter Kayafas." February 15, 2017.

Bruce Museum: "The Photography of Frederick W. Glasier and the Ringling Circus by Peter Kayafas." November 18, 2010.

El Centro de la Imagen (Mexico City): "A conversation with Peter Kayafas about his exhibition ECOS." April 2, 2016.

Columbia University: guest lecturer February 11, 2012.

DC Moore Gallery: "Mary Frank in conversation with John Yau, Terry Tempest Williams, and Peter Kayafas." December 14, 2017.

General Society of Mechanics & Tradesmen: "Labor, Literature and Landmarks Lecture by Peter Kayafas." April 30, 2015.

Harry Ransom Center: "A conversation with Peter Kayafas and Jed Perl about Perl's collected essays, Magicians & Charlatans." February 7, 2013.

Harvard University: visiting lecturer on March 29, 2023.

International Center of Photography (School): visiting lecturer on June 16, 2014, and April 16, 2024

NeueHouse: "Peter Kayafas & Stephen Shore." April 8, 2015.

New England Society: "Circus: The Photographs of Frederick W. Glasier, lecture by Peter Kayafas." January 25, 2012.

Parsons: visiting lecturer on December 1, 2011.

New York University: "Cuba and the American South, photographs and lecture by Peter Kayafas." 2002.

Pratt Institute: "Stephen Shore in conversation with Peter Kayafas." January 28, 2015.

Princeton University: guest lecturer on April 8, 2010.

Rembrandt Club: "Eakins Press and Harlem Heroes, lecture by Peter Kayafas." December 1, 2014.

Ringling Museum of Art: "Members Lecture by Peter Kayafas: The Great Circus Photographs of Frederick W. Glasier." May 13, 2010.

Symphony Space: "Conversation with Peter Kayafas about the book TOTEMS." November 22, 2013.

Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana (Mexico City): "Coney Island by the Sea, photographs and lecture by Peter Kayafas." October 24, 2014.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Director of The Corporation of Yaddo

Committee for the Jerome Robbins Dance Division, The New York Public Library for the Performing Arts

The Century Association

Director of PhotoWork Foundation

## **AWARDS**

2019 Guggenheim Fellowship