

## Paul Mpagi Sepuya

1982

Born in San Bernardino, CA

### Education:

2016

MFA Photography, University of California, Los Angeles, CA

2004

BFA Photography & Imaging, New York University Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY

### Solo Exhibitions:

2017

**Team (Bungalow)**, Los Angeles, CA, *Dark Room*

**Yancey Richardson Gallery**, New York, NY, *Figures, Grounds and Studies*

**KMAC Museum**, Louisville, KY, *Portraits / Positions*

2015

**DOCUMENT**, Chicago, IL, *Figures / Grounds / Studies*

2014

**Platform Centre for Photography**, Winnipeg, MB, Canada, *STUDIO WORK*

2013

**Clough-Hanson Gallery at Rhodes College**, Memphis, TN, *RECENT PICTURES*

**Artspeak**, Vancouver, BC, Canada, *STUDIO WORK*

2011

**Franklin Art Works**, Minneapolis, MN, *STUDIO WORK*

2010

**NP Contemporary Art Space**, New York, NY, *Portraits / Positions*

2009

**Envoy Enterprises**, New York, NY, *Alexandria*

2007

**Envoy Gallery**, New York, NY, *Beloved Object and Amorous Subject* (with catalogue)

### Two and Three Person Exhibitions:

2017

**Sikkema Jenkins & Co.**, New York, NY, *Dena Lawson, Judy Linn and Paul Mpagi Sepuya*

2016

**MOCA Museum of Contemporary Art**, Los Angeles, CA, *storefront: Public Fiction* (curated by Lauren Mackler)

**New Wight Gallery, University of California**, Los Angeles, CA, *MFA Thesis Show #3*

Selected Group Exhibitions:

2018

**Museum of Modern Art**, New York, NY, *Being: New Photography 2018*

**ICA Philadelphia**, Philadelphia, PA, *Tag: Proposals on Queer Play and the Way Forward*  
(curated by Nayland Blake)

2017

**The New Museum**, New York, NY, *Trigger: Gender as a Tool and a Weapon*

**Westbeth Gallery**, New York, NY, *Discursive Selves*

**Western Exhibitions**, Chicago, IL, *A Sag, Harbored*

**Praz-Delavallade**, Los Angeles, CA, *Over the Rainbow*

**P.P.O.W. Gallery**, New York, NY, *Visual Notes for an Upside-Down World*

**Jack Shainman Gallery: The School**, Kinderhook, NY, *The Coffins of Paa Joe and the Pursuit of Happiness*

**The Studio Museum in Harlem**, New York, NY, *Regarding the Figure*

**Katonah Museum of Art**, Katonah, NY, *Picturing Love: Photography's Pursuit of Intimacy*

**Callicoon Fine Arts**, New York, NY, *Compassionate Protocols* (curated by Moyra Davey and Jason Simon)

**Vamiall's**, Athens, Greece, *Encounters I may or may not have had with Peter Berlin*  
(curated by Caroline Mary)

2016

**David Castillo Gallery**, Miami, FL, *Tête-à-tête* (curated by Mickalene Thomas)

**LAXART**, Los Angeles, CA, *Protuberances*

**Ochi Projects**, Los Angeles, CA, *Occupy Space Differently*

**ONE Archive**, Los Angeles, CA, *A Subtle Likeness*

**The Artists' Institute**, New York, NY, *James Baldwin / Jim Brown and the Children*  
(curated by Hilton Als)

**University of Nevada**, Reno, NV, *Jack Pierson: Tomorrow's Man* (curated by Jack Pierson)

**Center for Book Arts**, New York, NY, *Queering the Biblioproject* (curated by John Chaich)

**Glass Curtain Gallery, Columbia College**, Chicago, IL, *Terms of Use : Reproducing the Photographic Image* (curated by Aron Gent)

2015

**Charlie James Gallery**, Los Angeles, CA, *Record. Collect. Compose* (curated by Masood Kamandy with catalogue)

**Houston Foto Fest**, Houston, TX, *I Am a Camera*

**Yancey Richardson Gallery**, New York, NY, *A Room of One's Own*

**Stevenson Gallery**, Cape Town, South Africa, *Nine Artists*

**Paris Photo LA**, Los Angeles, CA, *Introducing! Young California Photographer Award*

**The Studio Museum in Harlem**, New York, NY, *In Profile: Portraits from the Permanent Collection*

2014

**Stevenson Gallery**, Cape Town, South Africa, *Kings County* (with catalogue)

**Foxy Production**, New York, NY, *Spain & 42 St*

**Marianne Boesky Gallery**, New York, NY, *Something Beautiful*

**Interstate Project**, Brooklyn, NY, *Beyond the Pale* (curated by Sam McKinniss with catalogue)

**Dorsky Museum of Art**, SUNY New Paltz, NY, *Race, Love, and Labor* (curated by Sarah Lewis with catalogue)

**Yancey Richardson Gallery**, New York, NY, *The Thing Itself*  
**Boston University**, Boston, MA, *Lighting Speed of the Present* (curated by Lynne Cooney)

2013

**QF Gallery**, East Hampton, NY, *Tête-a-Tête* (curated by Mickalene Thomas)  
**The Studio Museum in Harlem**, New York, NY, *Body Language*  
**Weatherspoon Museum of Art**, Greensboro, NC, *The Kids Are All Right*  
**Cantor-Fitzgerald Gallery at Haverford College**, Philadelphia, PA, *White Boys* (curated by Hank Willis Thomas and Natasha Logan with catalogue)

2012

**Kohler Arts Center**, Sheboygan, WI, *The Kids Are All Right*  
**VOGT Gallery**, New York, NY *BENEATH*  
**Andrew Edlin Gallery**, New York, NY, *B-OUT*  
**Center for Photography at Woodstock**, Woodstock, NY, *Surface Tension*

2011

**Mason Gross Galleries at Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ, *Pride & Prejudice Reprise* (curated by LaToya Ruby Frazier)  
**The Studio Museum in Harlem**, New York, NY, *Evidence of Accumulation: Simone Leigh, Kamau Amu Patton, Paul Mpagi Sepuya* (with catalogue)  
**I-20 Gallery**, New York, NY, *Portraits* (curated by Simon Watson)

2010

**Vox Populi**, Philadelphia, PA, *Quadruple-Consciousness* (curated by Malik Gaines with catalogue)  
**Skylight Projects**, New York, NY, *In Translation (Portraiture)* (curated by Joe Sheftel)  
**Exile Berlin**, Berlin, Germany, *Lost Horizon / Head Shop* (curated by Billy Miller)  
**Façade/Fasad**, Brooklyn, NY, *The Accidental Egyptian and Occidental Arrangements*  
**Higher Pictures**, New York, NY, *50 Artists Photograph the Future* (curated by Dean Daderko)  
**Office for Contemporary Art**, Oslo, Norway, *Printed Matter's Queer Zines*

2009

**Union Theological Seminary**, New York, NY, *Compassion* (curated by AA Bronson)  
**The Studio Museum in Harlem**, New York, NY, *30 Seconds Off an Inch*  
**Space 414**, Brooklyn, NY, *Buddy List*  
**Overgaden Institut for Samtidskunst**, Copenhagen, Denmark, *Lyst*  
**PHIL**, Los Angeles, CA, *Inside of Me*  
**Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions**, Los Angeles, CA, *My Bloody Valentine* (curated by Darin Klein)

2008

**Center for Book Arts**, New York, NY, *Artist as Publisher*  
**Deichtershallen Hamburg**, Hamburg, Germany, *LEADAWARDS*  
**White Columns**, New York, NY, *Male: photographs, drawings, paintings and ephemera from the collection of Vince Aletti* (book)

2007

**Australian Centre for Photography**, Sydney and Neon Parc Galery, Melbourne, Australia, *Come Join The Brotherhood*  
**The powerHouse Arena**, Brooklyn, New York, NY, *The Male Gaze*

2006

**Daniel Reich Gallery**, New York, NY, *When Fathers Fail*

**Stefan Stux Gallery**, New York, NY, *Six Degrees of Separation*

**Artist Space**, New York, NY, *When Artists Say 'We'* (curated by Andrea Geyer)

2005

**Westport Art Center**, Westport, CT, *Face & Figure: Portrait and Figure Study in Contemporary Photography* (curated by Daniel Cooney)

Selected Bibliography:

2018

Schwabsky, Barry, "Without Warning: Margins and the Mainstream at the New Museum's 'Trigger,'" **The Nation**, January 26.

2017

Schwabsky, Barry, "Playing with Mirrors: Two artists push the limits of what cameras can do.," **The Nation**, May 2.

Dafoe, Taylor, "Paul Mpagi Sepuya at Yancey Richardson Gallery," **Blouin ArtInfo / Modern Painters**, March.

Bourland, Ian, "Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **Artforum Critic's Pick**, March.

Griffith, Phillip, "Paul Mpagi Sepuya: Figures, Grounds and Studies," **The Brooklyn Rail**, March 1.

Small, Zachary, "The Solitude and Sensuality of an Artist's Studio," **Hyperallergic**, February 20.

Rachel, T. Cole, "Paul Sepuya On Finding Your Form," **The Creative Independent**, February 9.

Yau, John, "Three Photographers and What They Show Us About Everyday Life: Deana Lawson, Judy Linn, Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **Hyperallergic**, February 12.

"Goings On About Town: Deana Lawson, Judy Linn and Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **The New Yorker**, February 1.

Onyewuenyi, Ikechukwu Casmir, "Paul Mpagi Sepuya at team (bungalow)," **Contemporary Art Review Los Angeles**.

Pieteron, Mark, "The sinuous nature of desire + alternative ways of seeing with Paul Mpagi Sepuya's photographic explorations of queer presence," **AQNB**, October.

Cunningham, Vinson, "How Radical Can A Portrait Be?," **The New Yorker**, May 5.

2016

Als, Hilton, "James Baldwin / Jim Brown and the Children," **The Artists Institute**.

Garcia, Lindsay, "The Autonomous Limbs of Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **Tiger Strikes Asteroid**.

Malick, Courtney, "From the Singular to the Indexical in Contemporary Portraiture," **SFAQ San Francisco Art Quarterly**.

Cole, Teju, "At home in Brooklyn."

2015

Reznik, Eugene, "Enter the Private World of Photographers' Studios," **American Photo Magazine**, August 13.

"Goings On About Town: A Room of One's Own," **The New Yorker**, August 8.

"Goings On About Town: Spain & 42 St.," **The New Yorker**, January 6.

2014

Russeth, Andrew, "To Bushwick! Shows to See Right Now...," **ARTnews**, October 30.  
Scheffler, Daniel, "Brooklyn Inspires African Artists," **The New York Times**, October 14.  
"Goings on About Town: The Thing Itself," **The New Yorker**, August 19.  
Howe, David Everett "The Expanded Photograph," **Art Review**, May.

2013

Fialho, Alex "Nuggets of Queerness: Year 3 of the Fire Island Artist Residency," **ARTFCITY**, August 29.  
Koestenbaum, Wayne "Eric's Stubble," **My 1980s and Other Essays**. New York: Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 216 - 222.  
Benderson, Bruce "Petits Portraits Entre Amis," **Têtu**, March.

2012

Akel, Joseph "500 Words: Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **Artforum**, May 15.

2011

Lopes, Fabiana "Review: Portraits, at I-20 Gallery," **Flash Art International**, October.  
Haynes, Lauren and AA Bronson "Evidence of Accumulation," The Studio Museum in Harlem, **Exhibition catalogue**, illus.

2010

Aletti, Vince "Goings On About Town: 50 Artists Photograph the Future," **The New Yorker**, June 10.  
Cotter, Holland, "Art in Review - 50 Artists Photograph the Future," **The New York Times**, May 28.

2009

Cotter, Holland, "In Books and Fine Arts, Filling the Down Time of New Year's," **The New York Times**, December 31.  
Cotter, Holland, "All the Books You'll Never Catch on a Kindle," **The New York Times**, October 2.  
Forteza, Pepo Moreno, "Paul Mpagi Sepuya: Natural Light Portrait," **REVISTA METAL**, April 15.  
Ryzik, Melena, "At a Clinic, Artists Reflecting on Home," **The New York Times Art & Design**, May 10.  
Blagojevic, Bosko, "Paul Sepuya's 'Alexandria' at envoy," **ArtCat**, February 10.  
Gartenfeld, Alex, "Jack Pierson interviews Paul Sepuya," **Interview**, January 30.  
Courtney, Kenneth, "Alexandria," **This.Hearts.On.Fire**, January 5.

2008

Bronson, AA, "Queer Zines", **catalogue**, 2008  
Velasco, David, "ARTFORUM 500 WORDS: AA Bronson," **Artforum**, October 23.  
Limnander, Armand "Fine Print: Beloved Object and Amorous Subject, Revisited," **The New York Times T Style Magazine**, April 4.  
Mancini, Umberto, "La fotografia americana," **Il Terzo Occhio**, January 28.

2007

Packum, Monte, "Clean Sheets: Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **SLEEK** magazine, Autumn.  
Trebay, Guy, "Gay Art: A Movement, or at Least a Moment", **The New York Times**, May 6.

2006

van Benekom, Jop and Jonkers, Gert, **BUTT BOOK**.

Polly, John, "Art Zines Rule! Part One," **LOGO New Now Next Blog**. September 20.

Tierney, Paul, "Zine Scene," **V Man issue 7**. September, pp. 84, illus.

Klein, Darin, "Thing: New Penis Art from America."

Weskott, Aljoscha, "Designing Men- Shoot", **de:bug**, July – August, pp. 49, illus.

"Weniger ist mehr: Paul Sepuya besticht mit eindrucksvollen Portraits," **GAB-Frankfurt Magazin**, April, illus.

"He SHOOTs, He Scores," by David White, **INSTINCT**, March, illus.

"Slide Slam" by Allen Frame, **Teaching Photo**, February, illus.

"Boys", **BUTT**, issue 15.

2005

"Canadian Professor in New York gets hyper-realistic portrait taken by young photographer," **BUTT**, issue 14 October, pp. 65-67, illus.

"Paul Mpagi Sepuya," **EYEMAZING** 08, pp. 84 – 91, illus.

Awards and Residences:

2018

Artist-in-Residence, Lightwork

2017

Rema Hort Mann Foundation Grant for Emerging Los Angeles Artists

2015

Finalist, Paris Photo Los Angeles inaugural *Introducing!* Young California Photographer Award

2014

Jackman Goldwasser Artist-in-Residence, Hyde Park Arts Center, Chicago

2013

Artist-in-Residence, Fire Island Artist Residency (Sikkema Fellow Award)

2010-2011

Artist-in-Residence, Studio Museum in Harlem

2010

Artist-in-Residence, Center for Photography at Woodstock, NY

2009-2010

Artist-in-Residence, Workspace, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council  
Visiting Artist, New York University

2009

HomeBase, New York

2008

LEAD Academy, Hamburg

Public Collections:

The Birmingham Museum of Art, Birmingham, AL  
The Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh, PA  
The Center for Photography at Woodstock Collection at SUNY New Paltz, NY  
The Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, OH  
The Guggenheim Museum, New York, NY  
The Irish Museum of Modern Art, Dublin, Ireland  
The International Center for Photography, New York, NY  
The JP Morgan Collection, New York, NY  
The Leslie Lohman Museum of Art, New York, NY  
The Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA  
The Milwaukee Art Museum, Milwaukee, WI  
The Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA  
The Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, TX  
The Museum of Modern Art, New York, NY  
The Palm Springs Art Museum, Palm Desert, CA  
The Studio Museum in Harlem, New York, NY  
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York, NY