

MOYRA DAVEY

Born 1958 in Canada
Lives and works in New York

Education

1989 Whitney Independent Study Program, New York
1988 University of California, San Diego, CA
1982 Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

2010 Louis C. Tiffany Foundation Award
2008 International Residencies Program, Cité des Arts, Paris, September 2008
2004 Anonymous Was a Woman
1995 Canada Council B-Grant
Art Matters Fellowship
1992 Canada Council Project Grant
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1987 Canada Council B-Grant
1985 Canada Council Project Grant
Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assist
1984 Ontario Arts Council A-Grant
1983 Ontario Arts Council Exhibition Assist
Canada Council Short Term Grant
1982 Canada Council Short Term Grant

Solo Exhibitions

2015 The Revenants, Wilfried Lentz Rotterdam, NL
2014 Ornament and Reproach, Murray Guy, New York
Burn the Diaries, MUMOK — Museum Moderner Kunst Stiftung Ludwig,
Vienna; traveling to Institute of Contemporary Art, Philadelphia
Moyra Davey - life without sheets of paper to be scribbled on is masterpiece,
Camden Arts Centre, London
2013 Ornament and Reproach, Presentation House Gallery, Vancouver
Hangmen of England, Tate Liverpool, Liverpool, UK
2012 Spleen. Indolence. Torpor. Ill-humour, Murray Guy, New York

- 2011 Les Goddesses, greengrassi, London
- 2010 Speaker Receiver, Kunsthalle Basel, Basel
My Necropolis, Goodwater, Toronto
My Necropolis, Illingworth Kerr Gallery, Alberta College of Art + Design,
Calgary, AB, Canada
- 2009 My Necropolis, Murray Guy, New York
My Necropolis, Arch II Gallery, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
- 2008 Long Life Cool White, The Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge,
MA
- 2007 Fifty Minutes, Goodwater, Toronto
My Place, TART, San Francisco
- 2006 Monologues (with Julia Scher), Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH
- 2003 American Fine Arts, Co., New York
- 2002 Goodwater, Toronto
- 1999 American Fine Arts, Co., New York
- 1998 Rena Bransten Gallery, San Francisco
- 1996 American Fine Arts, Co., New York
- 1994 American Fine Arts Co., New York
- 1994 Moyra Davey, Peter Doig, Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York
- 1989 Optica, Montreal
- 1985 Agnes Etherington Arts Center, Kingston, ON, Canada
- 1984 The Photography Gallery, Toronto
Saw Gallery, Ottawa, ON, Canada

Selected Group Exhibitions

- 2014 Emotional Resources, Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art, Sunderland, UK
 Urban Psychosis, Holden Gallery, Manchester, UK
 Batalhão de Telegrafistas (Army of Telegraphists), Galeria Jaqueline Martins, São Paulo, Brazil
 Displayed (curated by Matthew Higgs), Anton Kern Gallery, New York
 Dependency, Gasworks, London
 Seymour, Centre Européen d'Actions Artistiques Contemporaines, Strasbourg, France
 Moving Parts: Time and Motion in Contemporary Art, Kemper Art Museum at Washington University, St. Louis
 Footnotes, CCS Bard Hessel Museum, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
 Staring at The Sun, Blind Spot Griffin Editions Project Space, New York
 Reliable Tension or: How to Win A Conversation About Jasper Johns, 32 Edgewood Ave. Gallery,
 Yale School of Art, New Haven
 CODEX, CCA Wattis Institute for Contemporary Arts, San Francisco
 Looking Back: 8th White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York
- 2013 Minimal Resistance, Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
 L'image papillon, MUDAM, Luxembourg
 Empire State, Palazzo delle Esposizioni, Rome
 One Minute Film Festival 2003–2012 (with Jason Simon), MASS MoCA, North Adams, MA
 goodwater at g, G Gallery, University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada
 The Distaff Side, The Granary, Sharon, CT
 To The Friends Who Saved My Life, Calicoon Fine Arts, New York
 Tell it to my heart: Collected by Julie Ault, Museum für Gegenwartskunst, Basel;
 Culturgeist, Lisbon; Artists Space, New York
 Looking Back: 7th White Columns Annual, White Columns, New York
 The Way of the Shovel, MCA Chicago, Chicago
 Homebodies, MCA Chicago, Chicago
 Sense of Place, Pier 24 Photography, San Francisco
 Several Species of Small Furry Animals Gathered Together in a Cave and Grooving with a Pict, Veneklasen/Werner, Berlin
 Emmy Moore's Journal: An Exhibition Based on a Letter in a Short Story by Jane Bowles, SALTS, Birsfelden, Switzerland
 The Schoolhouse Gallery, Provincetown, MA
 Step Right In, Visual Arts Center, University of Texas, Austin
- 2012 Where I Lived, and What I Lived For, Oakville Galleries, Oakville, ON, Canada
 The Imminence of Poetics, XXX Bienal de São Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil
 A common feeling, gb agency, Paris

Lo bueno y lo malo, Galeria Nara Roesler, São Paulo, Brazil
 Whitney Biennial 2012, Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
 STATUS – 24 documents of today, Fotomuseum Winterthur, Winterthur,
 Switzerland
 You Have Been There, Marian Goodman Gallery, New York
 In the Spirit of Walser, Donald Young Gallery, Chicago

- 2011
- New Photography 2011, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
 After the Gold Rush, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
 You Have Been There, Galerie Marian Goodman, Paris
 If You Lived Here, You'd Be Home By Now, CCS Bard – Hessel Museum of Art,
 Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
 The art of narration changes with time, Sprüth Magers Galerie, Berlin
 Time Again, Sculpture Center, New York
 Anne Chu, Moyra Davey, Jeanne Dunning, Rebecca Warren, Donald Young
 Gallery, Chicago
 Partoftheprocess4, Galleria Zero, Milan
 I don't know if it makes any sense – I feel quite dizzy and a little drunk due to the
 blow. I will return with more info shortly..., IMO Projects, Copenhagen
 Codex, Haut École d'art et de Design, Geneva
- 2010
- Atlas: How to Carry the World on One's Back? (curated by Georges
 Didi-Huberman), Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid; traveling
 to Sammlung Falckenburg, Hamburg, Germany, and ZKM – Center for Art and
 Media, Karlsruhe, Germany
 Grange Prize 2010, Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto, and The Museum of
 Contemporary Photography, Chicago
 Mixed Use, Manhattan: Photography and Related Practices 1970s to the present
 (curated by Lynne Cooke and Douglas Crimp), Museo Nacional Centro de Arte
 Reina Sofia, Madrid
 Teatrino / Palermo (curated by Pierre Leguillon and Clément Rodzielsk), Renwick
 Gallery, New York
 Strange Comfort (Afforded by the Profession), Istituto Svizzero di Roma, Rome
 50 Artists Photograph The Future (curated by Dean Daderko), Higher Pictures,
 New York
 Sound and Vision (curated by Matthew Witkovsky), The Art Institute of Chicago
 False Divide: abstraction and representation in a few photographic works, Miguel
 Abreu Gallery, New York
 The Record: Contemporary Art and Vinyl (curated by Trevor Schoonmaker), The
 Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, Durham, NC; traveling to Institute of
 Contemporary Art, Boston (2011); Miami Art Museum, Miami (2012); Henry Art
 Gallery, Seattle
 Living Things: carte grise à Roy Arden, Dazibao, Montreal
 Calling Beauty, Columbus College of Art and Design, Columbus, OH

- 2009 A Sensed Perturbation (curated by Jacob King), Murray Guy, New York
White Noise (curated by Elyse Goldberg), James Cohan Gallery, New York
- 2008 Photography on Photography: Reflections on the Medium Since 1960 (curated by Doug Eklund), The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
Two or Three Things I Know About Her (curated by Helen Molesworth), Carpenter Center for the Visual Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
The World Is All That Is The Case, Hudson Franklin, New York
L'Argent (curated by Caroline Bourgeois and Elisabeth Lebovici), Le Plateau, Ile-de-France, Paris
Mildred's Lane (curated by Mark Dion and J. Morgan Puett), Alexander Gray Associates, New York
- 2007 Calendar of flowers, gin bottles, steak bones (Moyra Davey, Claire Pentecost, James Welling), Orchard, New York
50,000 Beds, Real Art Ways, CT
- 2006 Reality/Play (organized by Moyra Davey), Orchard, New York
Slow Revolution, The Rotunda Gallery, New York
When Artists Say We, Artists Space, New York
Hypervision, Westport Arts Center, CT
- 2005 One Minute Film & Video Festival (with Jason Simon), Wexner Center for the Arts, Columbus, OH
Mirage (curated by Julie Ault and Martin Beck), Alexander and Bonin, New York
Inaugural exhibition, Orchard, New York
- 2004 Bottle, Aldrich Museum, Ridgefield, CT
- 2003 Pop Rocks, Caren Golden Gallery, New York
Afternoon Delight (curated by Max Henry), Caren Golden Gallery, New York
- 1999 The Order of Things (curated by Denise Markonish), Ramapo College, NJ
The Modernist Document (curated by Nancy Shaw), Art Gallery of Concordia Univ., Montreal
Shelf Life, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY
- 1998 Moon To Moon, Massimo Audiello, New York
- 1997 New Jersey Arts Annual, Newark Museum, Newark, NJ
Making Pictures: Women and Photography, 1975-Now, Nicole Klagsbrun Gallery, New York
Gross Consumption, Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff, Alberta, Canada

- 1996 Lets Talk About Art, Art Metropole, Toronto
- 1995 Gallery Emi Fontana, Milan
- 1993 The Mayfair Show (curated by Jason Simon), The Mayfair Club, New York
Commodity Image, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Sex Money Politics, Nancy Drysdale Gallery, Washington, DC
Commodity Image, International Center of Photography, New York
The Realm of the Coin: Money in Contemporary American Art, Queens Museum of Art, New York
- 1992 Exposition Retrospective-Volet 1, Optica, Montreal
Detour, International House, New York
- 1991 Animal/Vegetable/Mineral, N.A.M.E., Chicago
Arte Joven en Nueva York, Sala RG, Caracas, Venezuela
- 1990 Gavin Brown, Moyra Davey, Jorge Pardo, Sarah Seager, Massimo Audiello Gallery, New York
Spent: Currency, Security, and Art on Deposit (curated by The New Museum of Contemporary Art), Marine Midland Bank, New York
Stendhal Syndrome: The Cure, Andrea Rosen Gallery, New York
The Elements: Sex, Politics, Religion and Money, Real Art Ways/Erector Square Gallery, New Haven, CT
- 1989 American Fine Arts Co., New York
- 1988 Diverse Secrecies: The Garden, Presentation House, Vancouver
- 1986 Moyra Davey- David Miller - Gabor Szilasi, Le Studio Blanc, Montreal
- 1985 Naked, Boulder Center For The Visual Arts, Boulder, CO
Portraits, Articule, Montreal
Nudité et Sexualité, Dazibao, Montreal
- 1984 Robert Boffa - Moyra Davey - Tony Fohse, Dazibao, Montreal
Seeing People - Seeing Space, Photographers' Gallery, London
Seeing People - Seeing Space, National Museum Of Photography, Film And Television, Bradford, UK
- 1982 Trèize à Optica, Optica, Montreal

Selected Screenings

- 2012 Les Goddesses, Glasgow International Festival of Visual Art, Tramway, Glasgow, Scotland
- 2011 Modern Mondays, The Museum of Modern Art, New York
- 2010 Migrating Forms, Anthology Film Archives, New York
- 2006 Fifty Minutes, Wexner Center, Columbus, OH
Fifty Minutes, Orchard, New York
- 1991 Video Events, Tom Cugliani Gallery, New York
Screening of Hell Notes by Moyra Davey and L'Argent by Robert Bresson, Collective For Living Cinema, New York
- 1990 New Narratives On Race and Sexuality, Artists' Space, New York
- 1988 Second Thoughts And Double Takes, LACE, Los Angeles

Public Collections

Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto
The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago
Canada Art Bank Collection
Carnegie Museum of Art, Pittsburgh
The Fogg Art Museum, Harvard University, Cambridge
Foundation 20/21, New York
Fondation Stichting A, Brussels
The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston
Kemper Art Museum, St. Louis
The Museum of Modern Art, New York
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York
The Whitney Museum of American Art, New York
Tate Modern, London
Museo Nacional Centro de Arte Reina Sofia, Madrid
Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles
The National Gallery of Art, Washington
National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa
San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts
Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York

Books and Monographs

- 2014 Moyra Davey: Burn the Diaries. Brooklyn: Dancing Foxes Press; Vienna: MuMOK; Philadelphia: Institute of Contemporary Art, 2014. Texts by Moyra Davey and Allison Strayer.
Moyra Davey: I'm Your Fan. Edited by Camilla Wills. London: Camden Arts Centre, 2014. Texts by Moyra Davey.

- 2013 Empties. Vancouver: Presentation House, 2013.
- 2010 Speaker Receiver. Berlin: Sternberg Press, 2010. Essays by George Baker, Bill Horrigan, Chris Kraus, and Eric Rosenberg, and an interview by Adam Szymczyk. Copperheads. Toronto: Byewater Bros. Editions, 2010.
- 2008 Long Life Cool White: Photographs and Essays by Moyra Davey. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Art Museums; New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008. Introduction by Helen Molesworth.
- 2003 The Problem of Reading. Los Angeles: Documents Books, 2003.
- 2001 Mother Reader: Essential Writings on Motherhood. New York: Seven Stories Press, 2001.

Selected Artist's Writings and Publications

- 2014 "A Vase of Dead Flowers." In *Herstory Inventory: 100 Feminist Drawings by 100 Artists*. Ed. Barbara Schröder, Karen Kelly, and Ulrike Müller. Brooklyn: Dancing Foxes Press, 2014, p. 180
- "Selections from Copperheads 101–200 (2013)." *Blindspot*, no. 47, Twentieth Anniversary Issue (2014), pl. 67
- [Seven images from Valerie Plame]. *Concreta 03* (Spring 2014), pp. 100–113
- 2013 "Burn the Diaries." *Art Journal* 72, no. 1 (Spring 2013), 36–45
- "Channeling." In *Way of the Shovel: Art as Archaeology*. Chicago: Museum of Contemporary Art and University of Chicago Press, 2013, pp. 90–91
- 2012 "Polyvalence." *Art in America* (January 2012), p. 40
- 2009 "Pierre Leguillon-Diane Arbus." Reviewed by Jason Simon and Moyra Davey. *Artforum* (April 2009)
- "Letter from Paris." In *Words Without Pictures*. Ed. Alex Klein. Los Angeles: Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 2009, pp. 379–381.
- 2008 "Maroon." *Cabinet*, no. 30 (Fall 2008)
- "A conversation with Moyra Davey." Jess T. Duggan, www.bigredshiny.com, April 2008
- "Photography and Accident" (portfolio). *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, 21 April 2008
- 2006 "Away From Home." *LTTR #4: Do You Wish to Direct Me?* (2006)
- "Events." *Cabinet*, no. 19 (2006)
- 2002 "Avenue of the Americas." *l'Inconvénient* (February 2002)
- 1999 *The Modernist Document*. Ed. Nancy Shaw. Montreal: Leonard and Bina Ellen Art Gallery, 1999
- 1997 *Copperheads* (portfolio). *Harper's* (December 1997)
- 1996 *Echoes: Contemporary Art at the Age of Endless Conclusions*. Ed. Francesco Bonami. New York: Monacelli Press, 1996
- 1995 *Newsstands* (portfolio). Grand Street, NYC (September 1995)

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 Fitzpatrick, Corrine. "Moyra Davey." *Artforum.com*, 20 March 2014
 Gartenfeld, Alex and Norman Rosenthal, eds. *Empire State*. Milano: Skira, 2013, pp. 38, 81
 Goldberg, Ariel and Rachel Levitsky. "A same time speed: Moyra Davey's The Problem of Reading." *Jacket2.org*, 5 January 2014
 Heinrich, Will. "'Moyra Davey: Ornament and Reproach' at Murray Guy." *Gallerist.com*, 26 March 2014
 Herstory Inventory: 100 Feminist Drawings by 100 Artists. Ed. Barbara Schröder, Karen Kelly, and Ulrike Müller. Brooklyn: Dancing Foxes Press, 2014, p. 180
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 Möller, Sabrina. "Interview with Moyra Davey." *Artandsignature.com*, 21 February 2014
 Royer, Elodie, et. al. *Seymour*. Strasbourg: ceeac, 2014, np
 Schwabsky, Barry. "Favorite Hallucinations." *The Nation*, 30 May 2014
 Strayer, Alison. "Dialogue in a Spare White Room." In *Moyra Davey: Burn the Diaries*. Brooklyn: Dancing Foxes Press; Vienna: MuMOK; Philadelphia: Institute of Contemporary Art, 2014, pp. 33–46
- 2013 Ault, Julie, et. al., eds. *Tell it to My Heart: Collected by Julie Ault*. Ostfildern: Hatje Cantz Verlag, 2013, pp. 29, 67
 Gratzka, Agnieszka. "Moyra Davey: Tate Liverpool." *artforum.com*, 26 July 2013
 Herbert, Martin. "Moyra Davey: Hangmen of England." *Camera Austria*, no. 123, 2013, pp. 84–85
 Lund, Karsten. "Moyra Davey." In *Way of the Shovel: Art as Archaeology*. Chicago: Museum of Contemporary Art and University of Chicago Press, 2013, p. 82. Plates, pp. 83–89
 Malone, Theresa. Interview with Moyra Davey. *The Guardian*, 5 June 2013, G2, p. 19
- 2012 Latimer, Quinn. "Woman of Letters." *Frieze* (May 2012)
 Leaver-Yap, Isla. "Pygmalion Desire in Les Goddesses." *Afterall* (Spring 2012), pp. 27–35
 Rifkin, Adrian. "Light, and Dust – on Moyra Davey's video Hujar/Palermo." In *Status – 24 Contemporary Documents*. Winterthur: Fotomuseum Winterthur, 2012, pp. 94–95
 Schwabsky, Barry. "Moyra Davey at Murray Guy." *Artforum* (Summer 2012)
 Teasdale, Paul. "Moyra Davey – greengrassi." *Frieze* (January 2012)
 Verhagen, Marcus. "Moyra Davey: Slack Time." *Afterall* (Spring 2012), pp. 19–25
- 2011 Bell-Jones, Gareth. "Moyra Davey's 'Les Goddesses' at greengrassi." *art agenda*, 8 November 2011
 Cairns, Steven. "Moyra Davey – greengrassi." *artforum.com*, 17 October 2011
 Meade, Fionn. "Moyra Davey." *Spike Magazine* (Autumn/Winter 2011)

- 2010 Archey, Karen. "Moyra Davey – Murray Guy." MAP, no. 21 (Spring 2010)
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 Busta, Caroline. "Moyra Davey – Murray Guy." Artforum (March 2010)
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 Kraus, Chris. "Description Over Plot." In Where Art Belongs. Los Angeles: Semiotext(e), 2010
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- 2008 Burton, Johanna. Focus review. Artforum (November 2008)
 Cooke, Lynne. "Top Ten." Artforum (December 2008)
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 Harris, Larissa. "Two or Three Things I Know About Her." Artforum (May 2008)
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- 2004 Sundell, Margaret. Time Out New York, 8–15 January 2004
- 2003 Johnson, Ken. "Art in Review." The New York Times, Friday, 19 December 2003
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- 1999 Harrison, Helen. The New York Times, 10 October 1999
- 1996 Aletti, Vince. "Voice Choice." The Village Voice, 12 March 1996
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 Smith, Roberta. The New York Times, Friday, 1 March 1996
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- 1993 Brodie, Jacky. Print Collector's Newsletter 24, no. 5 (November/December 1993)