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EDUCATION

Ontario College of Art & Design University
Fulbright Scholar
Toronto, Canada | 2014-15

Rhode Island School of Design
BFA Photography | Honors
Providence, RI, USA | 2011-14

Narvik Videregående Skole
Medier og kommunikasjon
Narvik, Norway | 2007-08

AWARDS

Visura Workshop Scholarship
Visura & National Geographic
2015

Fulbright Canada - Royal Bank of Canada
Eco-Leadership Grant
2015

Fulbright U.S. Student Grant
Fulbright Canada
2014-2015

Student Scholarship Award
Society for Photographic Education
Spring 2014

TC Colley Photography Scholarship
Rhode Island School of Design
2013

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Polar Lecturer
Quark Expeditions
Greenland, Arctic Canada, Svalbard
and Antarctica | 2014-present
Focus in photography & Inuit culture

Jeg fant, jeg fant: Foto- og
filmworkshop for ungdom
Bøstad, Norway | 2015

Arctic Bay Photography Workshop
Arctic Bay, Nunavut, Canada | 2015

Teaching Assistant
RISD Photo Department
Providence, RI, USA | 2013-14

PHOTO EDITING EXPERIENCE

Founder & Editor
Onward Forward:
Momentum in Student Photography
onwardforward.com | 2013-2014
Self-curated blog of student work

Photography Writer
Feature Shoot | 2014

Contributing Curator & Photo Editor
FotoVisura, Inc | 2013-2014

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2017
Acacia Johnson
Galleri ELF
Göteborg, Sweden

2016
Polaris
Galleri My
Narvik, Norway

2015
Under The Same Stars
Canadian Embassy Art Gallery
Washington, DC, USA

Under The Same Stars
United States Embassy
Ottawa, Canada

2014
Origins
Red Eye Gallery | Providence, RI, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2016
Portraits of Place: The Arctic in
Photographs
Anchorage Museum
Anchorage, AK, USA

Cibo dell'Artico
Fermo, Italy

2015
Going North: Stories from Canada's
Arctic
Gallery 44, Toronto, Canada

GRAYS
Space Gallery, Denver, CO, USA

Tomorrow Has Passed
One Eyed Jack's Gallery
Brighton, UK

2014
Cabin Fever
The Anchorage Museum
Anchorage, Alaska, USA

Breaking Ground
College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, VA, USA

State of the Art 2014
Chase Young Gallery, Boston, MA

New Contemporaries
Gelman Gallery, RISD Museum
Providence, RI, USA

SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS, CONT.

Senior Invitational Exhibition
Woods-Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI

FotoVisura Spotlight Exhibition
Brisbane Powerhouse Gallery
Brisbane, Australia

Flash Forward Festival:
Undergraduate Photography Now
Harrison Gallery, Boston, MA, USA

Der Greif "A Process" Exhibition
Neue Galerie im Höhmannhaus
Augsburg, Germany

Seoul Lunar Photo Fest
National Palace Museum of Korea
Seoul, Korea

2013

Rarefied Light
Juried by Sean Kernan
International Gallery of
Contemporary Art
Anchorage, Alaska, USA

The Cream of the Crop, the Cherry
on Top
RISD Exposé Gallery
Providence, RI, USA

At Home In The Universe
Red Eye Gallery
Providence, RI, USA

2012

Rarefied Light
Anchorage Museum of History & Art
Anchorage, AK (Juried by Cig
Harvey)

New York Photo Awards
PowerHouse Arena
Brooklyn, NY, USA
First Place Award

RISD Exposé Fall Exhibition
RISD Exposé Gallery, Providence, RI

2011

RISD Photography Triennial
Exhibition
Woods Gerry Gallery, Providence, RI

COLLECTIONS

Anchorage Museum
Anchorage, AK, USA | 2016

Canadian Embassy
Washington, DC, USA | 2016

Rhode Island School of Design
Museum
Providence, RI, USA | 2014

Smithsonian Museum of American
History
Washington, DC, USA | 2013

RESIDENCIES

2015

Villa Lofoten AIR
Kvalnes, Norway

Artscape Gibraltar Point
Toronto Island, Ontario, Canada

2014

Artscape Gibraltar Point
Toronto Island, Ontario, Canada

LECTURES/ARTIST TALKS

Artist Talk
Ontario College of Art & Design
University | Toronto, Canada
2016

Artist Talk
Canadian Embassy Knowledge
Initiative
Washington, DC, USA
2015

Artist Talk
Lofoten Bygdefilmfest
Kvalnes, Norway
2015

Artist Talk - Fulbright Experience
Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, RI, USA
2015

Fulbright Workshop Lecture
Rhode Island School of Design
2015

Artist Talk
Narvik Videregående Skole
Avd. Solhaugen, Narvik, Norway
2013

SELECTED PRINT FEATURES

2016

Up Here: The North at the Center of the World

University of Washington Press

Hues of the Arctic

Anchorage Press

Lever ut drømmen

Fremover

2015

Harsh Austerity, Universal Warmth of Arctic Shine in 'Under the Same Stars'
Washington Diplomat

North Star

Popular Photography on Campus

From Here On

Aint-Bad Magazine

2014

EnRoute

Air Canada's In-Flight Magazine

A Process

Der Greif

NYPH Journal

INTERVIEWS & VIDEO

Fulbright Canada Vernissage
Interview

April 23rd, 2015

[youtube.com/
watch?v=HdcR3qe7QEQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HdcR3qe7QEQ)

Fulbright Canada Exhibition

April 6th, 2015

[youtube.com/
watch?v=CYqM6UXHk2E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CYqM6UXHk2E)

RISD Interview

June 20th, 2014

[youtube.com/
watch?v=EIBZE1u7D3M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EIBZE1u7D3M)

Mull It Over

November 11th, 2014

mullitover.cc/post/102357714513

SELECTED WEB FEATURES

2016

Anchorage Museum

[anchagemuseum.org/media/
press-releases/portraits-of-place/](http://anchagemuseum.org/media/press-releases/portraits-of-place/)

Instagram Blog

[blog.instagram.com/
post/140747723307/160309-
acacia-johnson](https://blog.instagram.com/post/140747723307/160309-acacia-johnson)

2015

Lofot-Tidene

[lofot-tidene.no/de-setter-fokus-pa-
borge/s/5-28-2005](http://lofot-tidene.no/de-setter-fokus-pa-borge/s/5-28-2005)

Examiner

[examiner.com/article/photo-
exhibition-examines-daily-life-of-
those-living-the-canadian-arctic](http://examiner.com/article/photo-exhibition-examines-daily-life-of-those-living-the-canadian-arctic)

Burn Magazine Young Talent Award
Finalist

burnmagazine.org

Feature Shoot

[featureshoot.com/2015/06/
photographer-traverses-the-frozen-
wilderness-comes-back-with-
ethereal-dreamlike-images/](http://featureshoot.com/2015/06/photographer-traverses-the-frozen-wilderness-comes-back-with-ethereal-dreamlike-images/)

Der Greif

[dergreif-online.de/magazine/news/
acacia-johnson-artist-feature/](http://dergreif-online.de/magazine/news/acacia-johnson-artist-feature/)

Nunatsiaq News

[nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/
article/65674photo_exhibit_of_
winter_in_nunavut_hamlet_opens_
april_22_in_ottawa/](http://nunatsiaqonline.ca/stories/article/65674photo_exhibit_of_winter_in_nunavut_hamlet_opens_april_22_in_ottawa/)

2014

Juxtapoz

[juxtapoz.com/photography/acacia-
johnson-s-origins](http://juxtapoz.com/photography/acacia-johnson-s-origins)

LightLeaked

[lightleaked.com/2014/06/acacia-
johnson.html](http://lightleaked.com/2014/06/acacia-johnson.html)

Conscientious Photography
Magazine

cphmag.com/ajohnsons-origins/

LensCulture

[lensculture.com/articles/acacia-
johnson-polaris](http://lensculture.com/articles/acacia-johnson-polaris)

FotoVisura Spotlight Grant
Honorable Mention