

## BRITTANY M. POWELL

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Born Naples, Italy

Lives in San Francisco, CA and Johnson, VT

### Education

2015 MFA, Studio Art: Photography and New Practices, San Francisco State University  
2003 BFA, Photography, California College of the Arts

### Grants, Awards and Honors

2017 *Awardee*, Fine Arts Work Center Visual Arts Fellowship Residency, 2017-2018 (not accepted)  
2016 *Finalist*, Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize, Duke University Center for Documentary Studies  
*Semi-Finalist*, CDS Documentary Essay Prize, Duke University Center for Documentary Studies  
*Second Place*, Exhibitor's Choice Award, Center, Review Santa Fe Photo Festival 2016  
2015 *Finalist*, Dorothea Lange-Paul Taylor Prize, Duke University Center for Documentary Studies  
*Finalist*, Investing in Artists Grant, Center for Cultural Innovation, San Francisco, CA  
*Shortlist*, Lucie Foundation Emerging Artist Grant  
Headlands Center for the Arts Graduate Fellowship Award  
June Fellowship Award, Vermont Studio Center  
2014 the Puffin Foundation Artist Grant recipient  
The Leo D. Stillwell Scholarship Award, San Francisco State University  
Wilbur E. Smith Endowed Scholarship Award, San Francisco State University  
2013 The Murphy and Cadogan Contemporary Art Award  
Jury Selection, *Cover to Cover: A Survey of Photo Books*, SF Camerawork

### Residencies

2016-2017 Vermont Studio Center, Staff Artist Residency, June 2015-2016  
2015-2016 Headlands Center for the Arts Graduate Fellowship, studio residency July 2015-2016  
2015 June Fellowship Artist in Residence-Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT

### Solo and Two Person Exhibitions

2017 June: *Alces Alces*, the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT (Solo)  
Feb: *On Photography, Impressions*, Johnson State College, Johnson, VT (Two-Person)  
2015 Feb: *the Debt Project*, Napa Valley College, St. Helena, CA (Solo)  
2010 Oct: *Devotion*, the Front Porch, San Francisco, CA (Solo)  
2010 Aug: *Devotion*, Secession Art and Design, San Francisco, CA (Two Person)

### Group Exhibitions

2017 Sept: *Confessing Money: Stories of Spending in America Today*, ICP Museum, NY  
July: *Summer Open*, Aperture Gallery, NY, NY  
Feb: *Global Perspectives*, Choice Awards, Santa Fe University of Art and Design  
Jan: *Live/Work*, the Vermont Studio Center, Johnson, VT  
2016 Nov: Review Santa Fe Photo Festival, CENTER, Santa Fe, NM  
June: *Debt+*, Flux Factory, Long Island City, NY  
June: *Of the People*, Smack Mellon, Brooklyn, NY  
May: *I'll Tell You Later*, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA  
2015 October: *Fall Open House*, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA  
2015 August: *the Debt Project*, Open Show Portraits, 474 Gallery, San Francisco, CA  
April: *the Debt Project*, San Francisco State University Fine Arts Gallery MFA Exhibition  
2014 Sept: *Scholarship Awards Exhibit*, Martin Wong Gallery, SF State University, SF, CA

2013 Sept: *Faculty Exhibit*, Napa Valley College, Napa, CA  
 Feb: *MFA Now*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA  
 Nov: *Stillwell Exhibit*, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA  
 Sept: *Murphy & Cadogan Art Contemporary Art Awards Exhibition*, SOMArts, SF, CA  
 Sept: *Introductions, 2013*, Root Division, San Francisco, CA  
 Aug: *Cover to Cover: A Survey of Photo Books*, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, CA  
 2011 Dec: *Something Personal*, APA, Ft. Mason, San Francisco, CA (juried)  
 Jan: *Alumni exhibition in honor of Larry Sultan*, CA College of the Arts, Oakland, CA  
 2008 Oct: *Art for Care Photography Auction*, Leftspace, San Francisco, CA

## Selected Bibliography

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 Ku, Pat Hsuan, "the Debt Project," Marie Claire Taiwan, February 2016  
 Trujillo, Noellia, "10 Riveting Photo Series," Woman's Day, January 19, 2016  
 Frey, Hillary, "Four Iowans Get Very Honest About Their Debt," Fusion Media, January 29, 2016  
 Larson, Walker, Lisa, "The Most Beautiful Things Slate Published in 2015," Slate Magazine, December 30, 2015  
 Joliviet, Melissa, "Debiti senza fine," Internazionale Magazine, Italy, December 6, 2015  
 Ku, Pat Hsuan, "the Debt Project," Marie Claire Taiwan, December 2015  
 Yang, Jing, "the Debt Project," Marie Claire China, September 2015  
 "Could This Be You?" Daily Mail, UK, June 27, 2015  
 Grisham, Lori, "Photo Series Documents Living With Debt in the USA," USA Today, June 20, 2015  
 Feinstein, Laura, "Explore the Surprising Faces of Debt in America," Good Magazine, June 19, 2015  
 Swanson, Ana, "these powerful photos of people with debt will make you feel not alone," the Washington Post, June 16, 2015  
 "Newsroom, Must Reads: the Many Faces of Living With Debt in America," www.BernieSanders.com, June 17, 2015  
 Rosenberg, David, "the Many Faces of Living With Debt in America," Slate.com, June 10, 2015  
 Salomie, Marie, "Le visage de l'endettement américain," Slate Magazine, France, www.slate.fr, April 30, 2015  
 Wen, Xu, Culture Story, Vision Magazine, China, March, 2015  
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 Sullivan, Andrew, "Face of the Day," dish.andrewsullivan.com, Nov 28, 2014  
 Frank, Priscilla, "These Revealing Portraits Depict the Many, Many Faces of American Debt," HuffingtonPost.com, Nov 20, 2014  
 Kane, Libby, "Intimate Portraits of People In Debt Shed Light on a Hidden American Crisis," BusinessInsider.com, Nov 19, 2014  
 Malonee, Laura C., "the Faces of American Debt," Hyperallergic.com, Nov 18, 2014  
 Bloom, Esther, "Bouncing Back From Bankruptcy: Brittany Powell and the Debt Project," thebillfold.com, Nov 18, 2014  
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 "Poignant Portraits of Americans in Debt Explore the Role Debt Plays in Our Personal Identity," petapixel.com, Nov 15, 2014  
 Weiner, Sophie, "Photos: the Faces of America's Debt Crisis," Fast Company, Fastcodesign.com, Nov 13, 2014  
 Pescovitz, David, "Debt: a Photo Project," Boingboing.net, Nov 12, 2014  
 Kail, Ellyn, "Thought-Provoking Portraits of Americans in Debt," featureshoot.com, Nov 11, 2014  
 Chun, Kimberly, "Murphy & Cadogan Exhibition: Emerging Artists," SF Chronicle, September 2013  
 "MFA Now, Archive Project," catalogue, Root Division, 2013  
 Yogis, Jaimal, "The Big Squeeze," San Francisco Magazine, November 2011  
 deRothschild, David, *The Plastiki Pledge*, Chronicle Books 2011

## Publications as Author

"Project Shows How 12 People Got Into Debt in SF," theBoldItalic.com, Nov 4, 2014  
 "Freedom of Choice," Cover Story, San Francisco Bay Guardian, March 2014  
 "Best of the Bay", Featured Photographs, San Francisco Bay Guardian, Oct 2014  
 SF Bay Guardian, Cover Story, "Suspending Judgment," Dec 3, 2013  
 SF Bay Guardian, Cover Story, "Undocumented and Unafraid," Nov 2013  
 "Best of the Bay", Featured Photographs, San Francisco Bay Guardian, Oct 2013  
 "Best of the Bay", Featured Photographs, San Francisco Bay Guardian, Oct 2012  
 "Salumi at the Fatted Calf," Edible San Francisco Magazine, Summer 2011

"Voyage of the Plastiki" Stills and Footage, National Geographic TV, August 2010

### **Artist Lectures and Screenings**

Lecture, *the Debt Project*, Johnson State College, Dibdon Arts Center, Feb 27, 2017  
Lecture, *the Debt Project*, Review Santa Fe Photo Festival, CENTER, Santa Fe, NM Nov 5, 2016  
Lecture, *the Debt Project*, Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA Oct 11, 2016  
Lecture, *Hybrid Series #2*, Pro-Arts Gallery, Oakland, CA May 19, 2016  
Lecture, Headlands Center for the Arts, Sausalito, CA April 27, 2016  
Lecture and Screening, *Debitum*, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA January 22, 2016  
Lecture and Screening, *the Debt Project*, Nerdwallet Speaker Series, San Francisco, CA, December 15, 2015  
Guest Speaker, San Francisco State University, Color 1 class, December 9, 2015  
Lecture, *the Debt Project*, Open Show-Portraits, 474 Gallery, San Francisco, CA, August 19, 2015  
Lecture, *the Debt Project*, the Art Institute of California, San Francisco, January 30, 2015  
Lecture, *the Debt Project*, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, CA, August 22, 2013

### **Professional Service**

2016 *Juror*, Vermont Studio Center, February Fellowship Award

### **Teaching Experience**

2017 Adjunct Professor, Norwich University, Norwich, VT (Fall Contract)  
2017 Adjunct Professor, Vermont Community College, St. Albans, VT  
2014-2016 Adjunct Professor, Napa Valley College, CA  
2015-2016 Adjunct Professor, the Art Institute of California

### **Professional Experience**

2003-present Photographer and Artist, Brittany M. Powell Photography, [www.brittanympowell.com](http://www.brittanympowell.com)  
2017 Assistant Director, Graduate Studies in Art & Design Education, Vermont College of Fine Arts  
2016-2017 Admissions Assistant, Staff Artist, the Vermont Studio Center  
2014 Intern/Assistant Editor, Hodge Arts, *Life on Wheels* documentary  
2009-2010 Freelance Photographer/Associate Producer, National Geographic TV – *the Voyage of the Plastiki*  
2010-2011 Freelance Photographer/Associate Producer, Farallon Films/HBO, *Heart Mountain, Crushed: the Oxycontin Interviews*