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Confess to taking refuge in the woods even prior to the Covid pandemic. But it was during the pandemic and lock down that refuge became the operative term. Between the media bombardment of dangers of every size and shape, and having very few alternatives, my habit of entering the woods with camera became compulsive. It lasted longer and went deeper than it might otherwise have gone. At times the harshness from the outside crept into the imagery; my clear favorite was the bleak winter landscape.

I began exploring what I could do with the *Arches Text* paper I so love to print on. I have always enjoyed the simplicity of the single fine print in photography. Forming it into a folio/open book form felt good under these circumstances. It accentuated the paper, as well as the act of entering the woods, of being welcomed into a place of calm, quiet and mystery. But when I thought about the act of taking refuge, the next step was to consider *from what and how to depict it.* As it happened, I soon became dissatisfied with placing the folios on blank, conventional backgrounds. Perhaps I felt a little guilty about taking refuge when many couldn't. If

I somehow addressed worldly troubles on these backgrounds, that might be a way to address my troubled conscience. Hence the beginnings of sewing the woodland folios to prints of imagery of concern, as signatures are sewn to book covers. I was uncomfortable at first to make the backgrounds too strong, but eventually allowed them to compete forcefully with the photograph on top, adding complication and conflict, upending my dedication to the single image.

This culminated in *Viral Ecstasy*, the accidental and shocking invasion of the landscape by a background Covid graphic! By this time, I was using the digital mock-ups of book forms as well as the actual sewn pieces. Eventually, graphics and typography pushed out the photographs altogether. These *Variants* use the letters of the Covid protein sequence to explore (with artistic license) the fascinating phenomenon of random mutation which enables living things to adapt. As this project continues, I am moving on to explore other challenges and issues as background to the woodland photographs.

--Edward Fausty, 2023







## 1: Invasion

*Rolling Hills,* photograph in book form, SARS Cov2 infected tissue, NIH.gov



*The Fallen,* photograph, screened Covid photomicrograph, NIH.gov



*Viral Ecstasy,* graphics, photograph in book form



*Lay My Head,* photograph in book form, typography, SARS Cov2 protein sequence, NIH.gov YKVTKGKPVKGAWNIGQQRSVLTPLCGFPSQAAGVIRSIFARTLDAANHSIPDLQRAA VTILDGISEQSLRLVDAMVYTSDLLTNSVIIMAYVTGGLVQQTSQWLSNLLGTTVEKL RPIFEWIEAKLSAGVEFLKDAWEILKFLITGVFDIVKGQIQVASDNIKDCVKCFIDVV NKALEMCIDQVTIAGAKLRSLNLGEVFIAQSKGLYRQCIRGKEQLQLLMPLKAPKEVT FLEGDSHDTVLTSEEVVLKNGELEALETPVDSFTNGAIVGTPVCVNGLMLLEIKDKEQ YCALSPGLLATNNVFRLKGGAPIKGVTFGEDTVWEVQGYKNVRITEFLDERVDKVLNE

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*Code,* photograph in book form, typography, SARS Cov2 protein sequence, NIH.gov



*Nature,* photograph in book form, typography, SARS Cov2 protein sequence, NIH.gov



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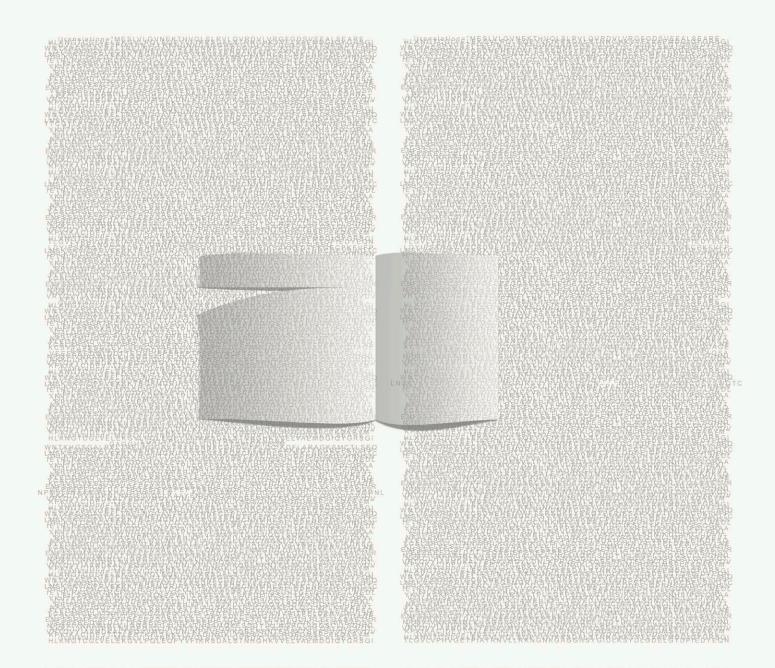
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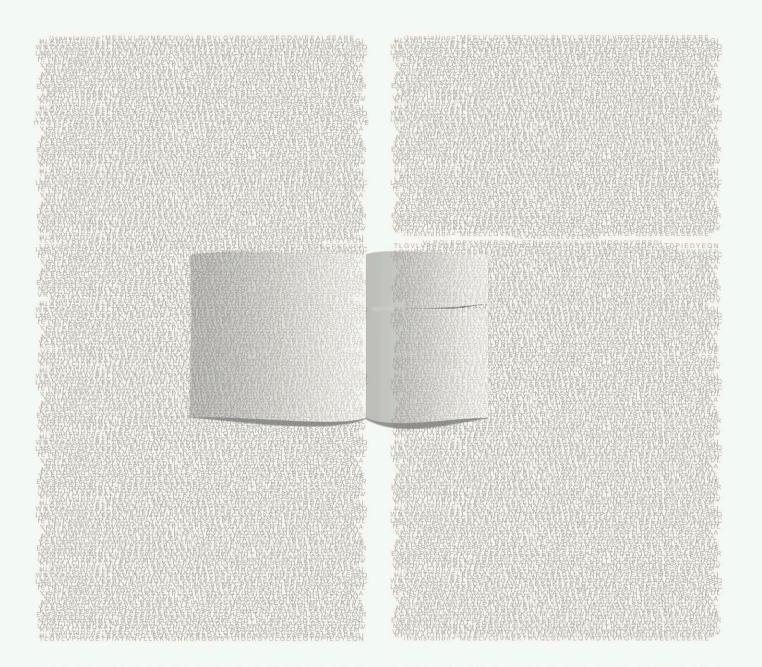
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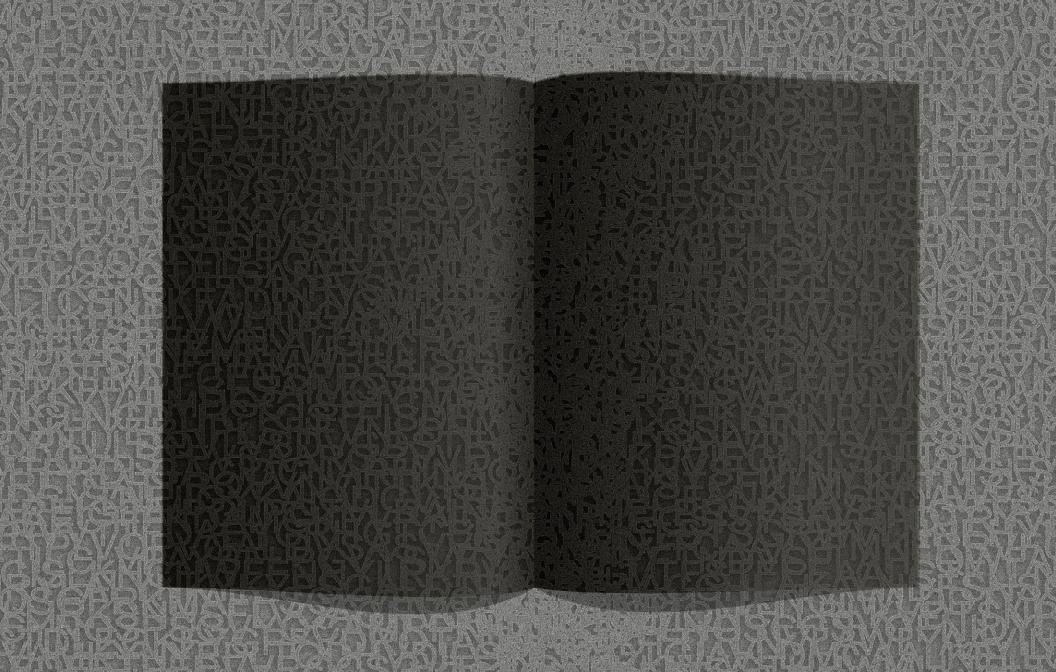






previous spread: Variants 2A and 3, book forms and typography, SARS Cov2 protein sequence, NIH.gov

*Dark Chapter,* book form and typography, SARS Cov2 protein sequence, NIH.gov





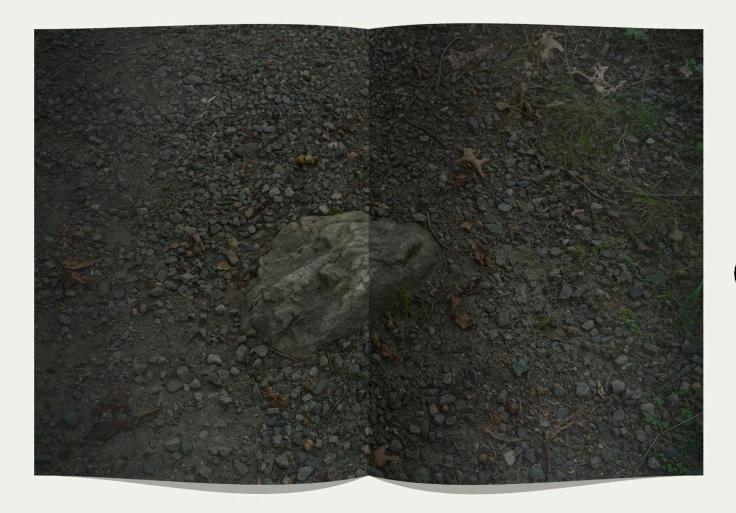


## 2: Assault

*Rubble,* photograph in book form, extracts from Russia/ Ukraine war photograph

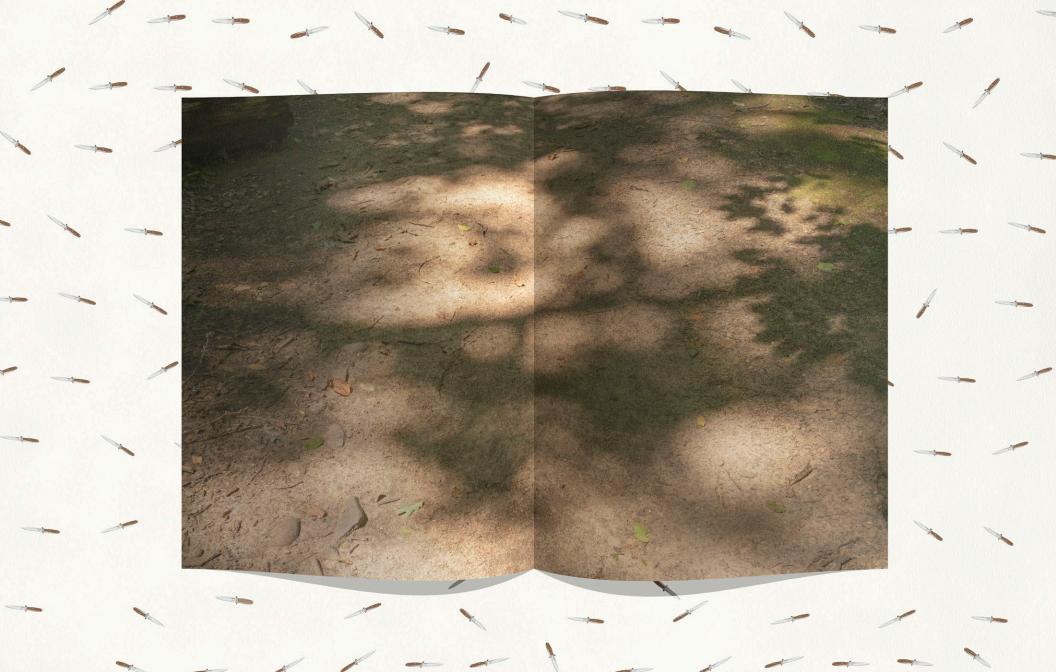


Fight and Flight, photograph in book form, modified emoticons

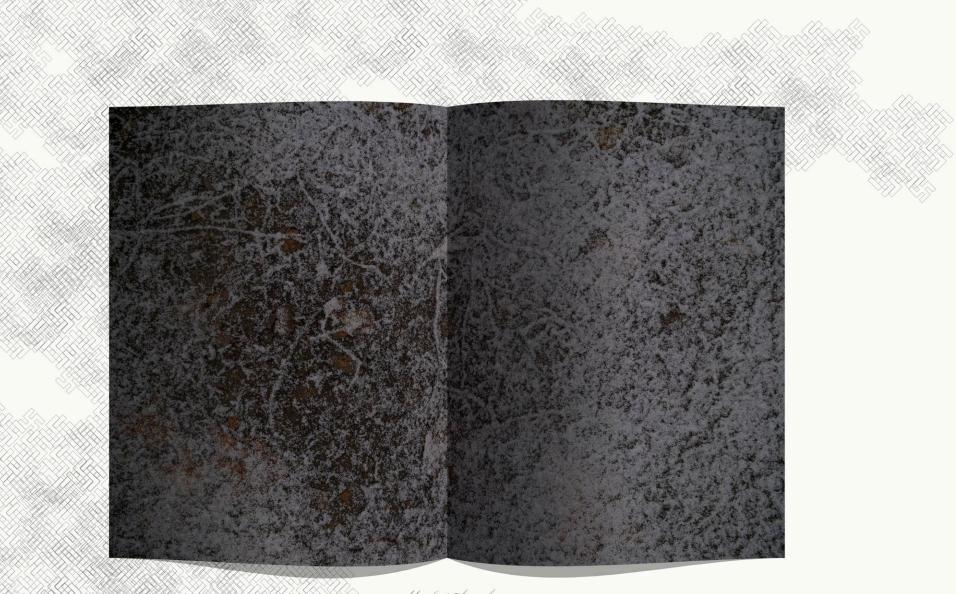




*Puncture,* photograph in book form, graphics



*Morbid Thoughts,* disturbing graphics, photograph in book form



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*Semiautomatic,* graphics, photograph in book form



*Dubious Serenity,* graphics, photograph in book form



*Market Forces,* graphics, photograph in book form

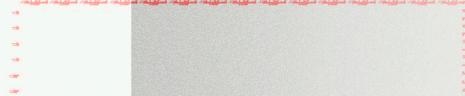




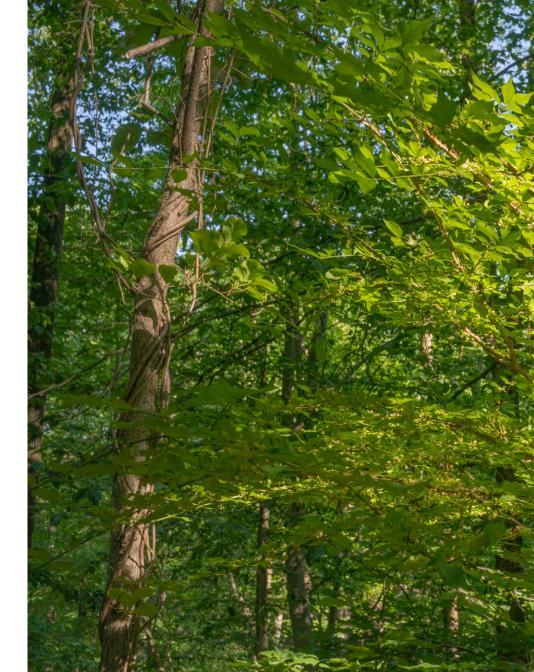
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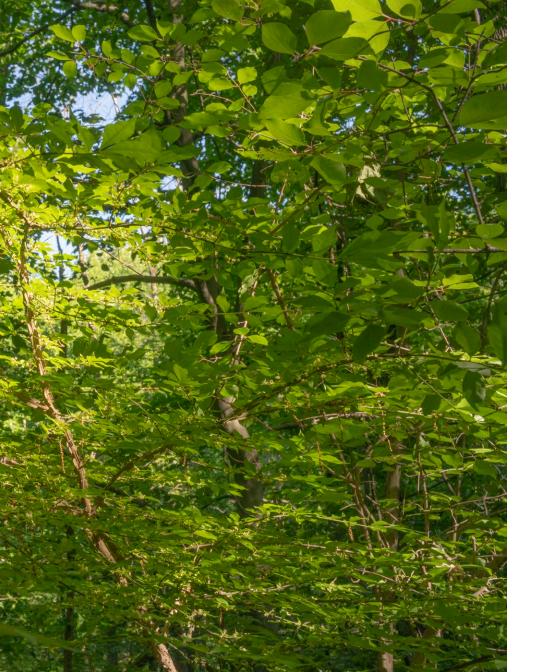
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*Desperation,* Earth surface temperature map, NASA.gov



*End of the Road,* polar bear pajama scan, photograph in book form



*Terra Firma,* photograph in book form, *PIA14208,* Earth's Moon, NASA.gov



Uncomfortable Musings, photograph in book form, PIA08417~Enceladus (Saturn moon) map, NASA.gov



*Topographic Questions,* photograph in book form, Juno (Jupiter's moon), NASA.gov



Alternative Lifestyles, photograph in book form, Tethys (Saturn moon) image, NASA.gov



*Curving Ridges,* photograph in book form, Mars image, NASA.gov







## 4: Afterword

This is placeholder text by Virginia Fabbri Butera, PhD

Lorem Ipsum comes from a latin text written in 45BC by Roman statesman, lawyer, scholar, and philosopher, Marcus Tullius Cicero. The text is titled "de Finibus Bonorum et Malorum" which means "The Extremes of Good and Evil". The most common form of Lorem ipsum is the following:

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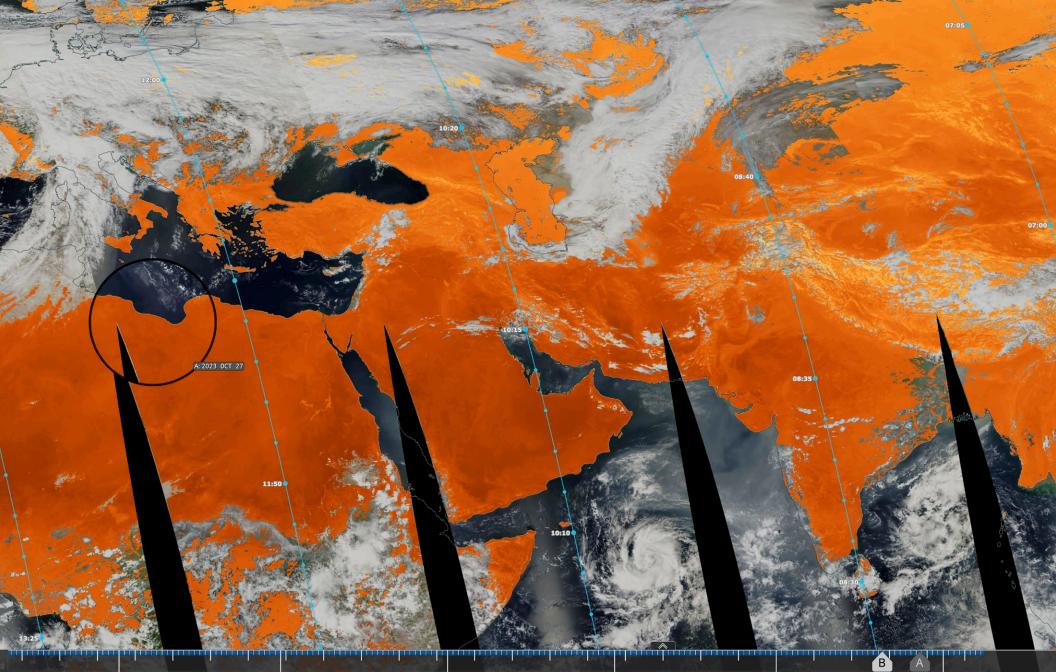


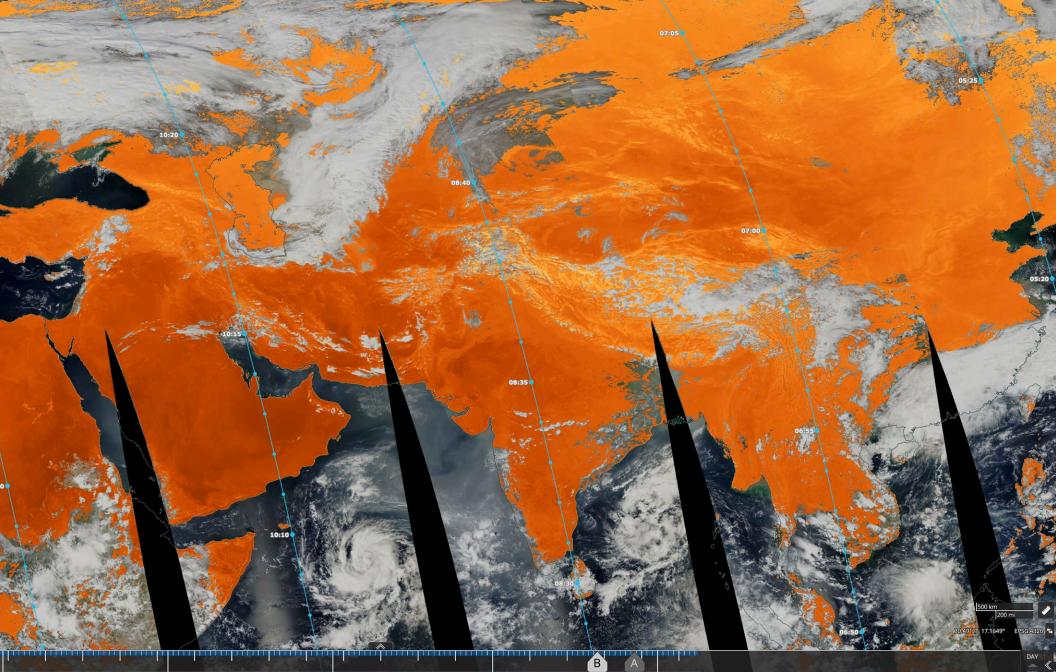
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Thanks to Watchung Arts Center and Paul Pinkman for hosting Refuge in February and March of 2024

opposite: *A.I. Pie in the Sky* photograph in book form, *A.I. generated pies and sky* 





## About the author

Edward Fausty began making photographs as a young child. A visionary experience as a premed student sparked a move to New York City and what has turned out to be a life commitment to pictures.

Deeply influenced by his unexpected immersion in color photography with Joel Meyerowitz at Cooper Union, Fausty later earned an MFA at Yale School of Art, inspired by master printer Richard Benson to explore ink printing. After former teacher and printer Norman Sanders' encouragement, Fausty taught himself collotype, the obscure 19th century photomechanical process, and later taught printmakers at the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop. Integrating these experiences has resulted in numerous distinct but concentrated bodies of work. In many of these projects, some quite experimental and some documentary, ink and paper have been central, whether on press or, currently, with digital pigments.

Fausty's work is represented in such collections as The Canadian Center for Architecture, The George Eastman House, The U.S. Library of Congress, Pfizer Corporation, The Hoboken Museum and Yale and Princeton Universities. He has been featured in solo exhibits at the Hunterdon Art Museum in Clinton, New Jersey, the Lewis K. Meisel Gallery and Carter Burden Gallery in New York City, the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey, the Princeton University Wilson School, and Inquiry Art Gallery.

He has been awarded New York Foundation for the Arts and National Endowment for the Arts fellowships collaborating with Brian Rose on *The Lower East Side Project*, exhibited at the Henry Street Settlement in New York. He has received a teaching fellowship in collaboration with Accra Shepp at Princeton University's Lewis Center for the Arts, and received an individual artist's fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts in 2023. He currently lives in Boonton, New Jersey.



