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 Kinaya Hassane, New York University Photographic Crossings: Islandness, Labor, and Afro-Asian (Im)mobility in the Western Indian Ocean
 Joseph Shaikewitz, New York University

Un-Imaginable: Travesti Visualities in Latin America, 1900–1960

2024–2025 RECIPIENTS

- Sharayah Cochran, University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign Dangerous Photographs: What's the Harm in Documentary?
- Jennifer Marine, University of Virginia Registering the Invisible in Fin-de-Siècle Europe

2023-2024 RECIPIENTS

- Bay ByrneSim, Harvard University
- Anti-Fascist Photography and Printed Matter, 1930–1945: Lola Álvarez Bravo, Claude Cahun, and John Heartfield • Ash Duhrkoop, University of Virginia
- When the Dust Unsettles: Modernism and Extractivism in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of the Congo

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Isabelle Lynch, University of Pennsylvania
 Flash Light: Photography and Artificial Illumination c. 1839–1939

2022-2023 RECIPIENTS

- Katherine Mitchell, Boston University
- Photographic Currents in U.S. River Culture
 Joanna Szupinska, University of California, Los Angeles These Ambiguous Forms: On Zofia Rydet's Sociological Record, 1978–97

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- Jacqueline Atkin, McGill University Tracing the Human Face: The Art and Science of Emotional Expression (1860–1960)
- Paula Kupfer, University of Pittsburgh Marc Ferrez's Landscapes of Intervention: Photography, Ecology, and Enslavement in Late-Imperial Brazil

2021-2022 RECIPIENTS

- Casey Monroe, Boston University
- Picturing a Global Frontier: William Henry Jackson and the World's Transportation Commission
- Sameena, The University of British Columbia
 In the Grey Zone between Itinerant Commercial Exhibitions and Bombay Cinema: Practices and Technologies of Vernacular Photography in North India, 1930–1980s

2020-2021 RECIPIENTS

- Josie Johnson, Brown University
- Before the Iron Curtain: Margaret Bourke-White's Early Soviet Photographs
 Krystle Stricklin, University of Pittsburgh Grave Visions: Photography, Violence, and Death in the American Empire, 1898–1913

2019–2020 RECIPIENTS

- Anne Cross, University of Delaware
- "Features of Cruelty Which Could Not Well be Described by the Pen": The Media of Atrocity in Harper's Weekly, 1862–1866 • Caitlin Ryan, Princeton University
- Documents of Social Life: Photography, Politics and Public Education in Popular Front Paris

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2018–2019 RECIPIENTS

- Audrey Sands, Yale University
- Lisette Model and the Inward Turn of Photographic Modernism
 Tingting Xu, University of Chicago Beyond Treaty Ports: Early Chinese Photography 1860–1916: Practitioners, Trends, Contexts

2018-2019 FINALIST

• Tessa Hite, Boston University Rebranding the Enemy: American Propaganda and Photography in Postwar Germany

2017-2018 RECIPIENTS

- Leila Anne Harris, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- Labor and the Picturesque: Photography, Propaganda, and the Tea Trade in Colonial India and Sri Lanka, 1880–1914 • Natalie Zelt, University of Texas at Austin
- Self-Made: The Self-Portrait and the Photograph in "Post-Identity" Art of the United States

2017-2018 FINALIST

 Samuel Ewing, Harvard University Instructive Documents: Radical Pedagogy and the Reinvention of Documentary in the San Diego Group, 1970–1984

2016-2017 RECIPIENTS

- Juanita Solano, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University
- Theater of the Self. Photography, Race and Progress: Fotografia Rodriguez and Benjamin de la Calle, 1891–1938
- Yusuke Isotani, The Graduate Center, City University of New York The Quest for Identity in French Photography: The History of Arts et Métiers Graphiques 1927–1939

2015–2016 RECIPIENTS

- Erin Nolan, Boston University
- Ottomans Abroad: The Translation and Circulation of Nineteenth-Century Portrait Photography from Istanbul to Europe and the United States
- Allison Young, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University
 Torn and Most Whole: Zarina Bhimji and the "Culture Wars" in Britain, 1970–2002

2015-2016 FINALIST

 Emily Voelker, Boston University Visualizing the Indigenous Cultures of Amérique du Nord: Photography, Anthropology and Franco-American Exchange, 1870–1890

2014–2015 RECIPIENTS

- Dengyan Zhou, Binghamton University
- The Language of "Photography" in China: A Genealogy of Conceptual Frames from Sheying to Xinwen sheying and Jishi shying • Kara Fiedorek, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University
- Priests of the Sun: Photography and Religious Thought, 1840–1910

2014-2015 FINALISTS

- Stephanie Bender, Florida State University
- Construction of the Anstellte: Photographs of the Salaried Class in the Weimar Republic
- Leslie Brown, Boston University "Picture Ahead! Kodak as you go": The Picture Spot Sign in American Photography, Visual and Material Culture, and the Touristic Landscape
- Ellen Brueckner, Princeton University Seeing Plus: The Photography of Group f.64

2013-2014 RECIPIENTS

- Giulia Paoletti, Columbia University
- La Connaissance du Réel: Fifty Years of Photography in Senegal, 1910–1960
- Beth Saunders, The Graduate Center, City University of New York Developing Italy: Photography, History, and National Identity during the Risorgimento, 1839–1855

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- Ileana L. Selejan, Institute of Fine Arts, New York Esthetics and War Photography in the Late Seventies and Eighties
- Iliana Cepero, Stanford University
 Photographic propaganda, popular culture, and nation-state building in the Argentinean magazine Mundo Peronista

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- Andrea Gustavson, University of Texas What Comes Home: Vernacular Photography and the Cold War, 1945–1991
 Giulia Paoletti, Columbia University
- La Connaissance du Réel: Fifty Years of Photography in Senegal, 1910–1960
 Heather A Shannon, Rutgers University
- Primitive Camera: Adam Clark Vroman and the American Southwest, 1895–1904

2011–2012 RECIPIENTS

• Lisa Zaher, University of Chicago

- By Mind and Hand: Hollis Frampton's photographic modernism
- Shahrad Ehya, University of California, Berkeley The Contemporary Photographic Arts Practice of Shirin Neshat

2010-2011 RECIPIENTS

- Jung Joon Lee, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
 Nation-Building, Resistance, Democratization in Korean Photography, 1945–2008
- Elizabeth Cronin, The Graduate Center, City University of New York Passive Fascism?: The Politics of Austrian Heimat Photography

2009-2010 RECIPIENTS

- Annie Counter, University of Delaware Tuol Sleng Prison Photographs
- Lindsay Ruth Harris, Institute of Fine Arts at New York University Photography, Architecture and the Construction of Italian Modernism

2008–2009 RECIPIENTS

- Dalia Habib Linssen, Boston University Imprints of Their Being: The Photographs of Hansel Meith and Otto Hagel
 Makeda Best, Harvard University
- Alexander Gardner and the Image of History