# **Brianne Cohen**

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#### **EDUCATION**

#### University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

2006-present

Ph.D. in progress, ABD status, Art History. Contemporary Art and Critical Theory.

• Dissertation: "Mass Mediation: Negotiating the Art of Collectivism in a New Europe." Adviser: Terry Smith.

### Courtauld Institute of Art, London, United Kingdom

2004-2005

M.A., Art History. Contemporary British Art.

- Thesis: "Thomas Hirschhorn: Making Art Politically." Adviser: Julian Stallabrass.
- Thesis Distinction.

### Pomona College, Claremont, CA

2000-2004

B.A., Art History.

- Thesis: "Clouding the Clock-Face: Contemporary Art of Chuck Close, Sophie Calle, and Brooke Singer."
   Reader: Jennifer Friedlander.
- Cum Laude.
- Louisa Moseley Fine Arts Prize, awarded for best senior thesis in art history.

#### **Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany**

March-July 2003

Course in cultural studies

#### Institute for the International Education of Students, Berlin, Germany

March-July 2003

Four courses, including: German Art & Architecture 1933 – Present

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

"Farocki's *In-Formation: Silent Statistics and Stereotypes*," in *Athanor XXIX*, ed. Allys Palladino-Craig (Tallahassee, FL: Florida State University, 2011).

"Cai Guo-Qiang's Explosion Events as Performances of Planetarity?," in *Negotiating Difference: Contemporary Chinese Art in the Global Context*, eds. Jeong-hee Lee-Kalisch, Birgit Hopfener, Franziska Koch, and Juliane Noth (Berlin: Freie Universität, 2011). (forthcoming)

"Thomas Hirschhorn's *Utopia*, *Utopia* = *One World*, *One War*, *One Army*, *One Dress*: Imagining Alternative Forms of Political Affiliation," in Kennedy, Jen, ed. *Crossing the Boundaries XVI: Trading Spaces*. Binghamton, NY: Binghamton University, 2008.

#### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

#### Andrew Mellon Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh

2010-2011

#### Walter Read Hovey Memorial Fund of the Pittsburgh Foundation

Summer 2010

#### DAAD Graduate Scholarship, Berlin, Germany

2009-2010

#### Friends of Frick Fine Arts Travel Grant, 2x

For artist interviews in Glasgow, Scotland with members of the collective Henry VIII's Wives.

June 2010

#### • For research of contemporary art in Beijing, China.

March 2009 Summer 2009

Marstine Family Foundation Travel Grant

• For travel to and research Thomas Hirschhorn's *Bijlmer Spinoza-Festival* and the 53<sup>rd</sup> Venice Biennale.

# Outstanding Paper Award, University of Pittsburgh Grad Expo

March 2009

• Awarded for presentation of "Cai Guo-Qiang's Explosion Events as Performances of Planetarity"

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Arts and Sciences Graduate Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2008-2009
<ul> <li>Austrian Room Scholarship, Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh</li> <li>To conduct archival research at the Generali Foundation in Vienna, Austria.</li> </ul>	Summer 2008
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2x	
<ul> <li>For intensive German language study in Vienna, Austria.</li> <li>For intensive French language study at the Alliance Française, Paris, France.</li> </ul>	Summer 2008 Summer 2007
<ul> <li>Dissertation Development Grant, University of Pittsburgh</li> <li>Awarded for travel and research at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Venice Biennale and Documenta 12.</li> </ul>	Summer 2007
Provost's Humanities Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh	2006-2007
Flintridge Foundation Research Grant  • Awarded for thesis travel throughout Ireland to research contemporary art.	July-August 2003
CONFERENCES	
"Thomas Hirschhorn: Parodying the Topography of a Swiss 'Imagined Community'" 67 <sup>th</sup> SECAC Conference Savannah, Georgia	November 2011
"Thomas Hirschhorn's <i>Bijlmer Spinoza Festival</i> : Untethering <i>Banlieue</i> Stereotypes" Media Acts, 10 <sup>th</sup> NorSIS International Conference Trondheim, Norway	October 2011
"Thomas Hirschhorn: The Artist as Political Actor"  "The Role and Practice of Artists in Society" Graduate Student Symposium The Art History Society of California State University, Los Angeles	January 2011
"Farocki's In-Formation: Silent Statistics and Stereotypes" 28th Annual Graduate Student Symposium Florida State University	October 2010
"Populism, Xenophobia, and Tatlin's Tower" Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association Alexandria, VA	October 2010
"Monuments to Subjectivity in Thomas Hirschhorn's Interdisciplinary Installations" Displaying Word and Image, AIWIS/AIERTI University of Ulster, Belfast, United Kingdom	June 2010
"Cai Guo-Qiang's Fireworks: Igniting a Paranational Landscape." Negotiating Difference: Contemporary Chinese Art in the Global Context, Freie Üniversität and the Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany	October 2009
"Farocki's <i>Deep Play</i> : Gambling on Spectatorship." Chance: The 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Boston University Graduate Student Symposium on the History of Art, Boston University, Boston, MA	March 2009
"Cai Guo-Qiang's Explosion Events as Performances of Planetarity." Imag(in)ing Asia and the Pacific: Emerging Visualities and Art Perspectives, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY	February 2009

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#### "Farocki's 'Interpretative Turn:' Raising the Stakes in Deep Play."

October 2008

Storytelling: Playful Interactions and Spaces of Imagination in Contemporary Visual Culture, University of Pittsburgh, PA

"Thomas Hirschhorn's *Utopia*, *Utopia* = *One World*, *One War*, *One Army*, *One Dress*: Imagining Alternative Forms of Political Affiliation."

March 2008

Crossing the Boundaries XVI: Trading Spaces, SUNY Binghamton, NY

#### "Finnegans Wake: Remembored Nation, Forgotten Histories."

June 2005

North American James Joyce Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### Teaching Instructor, University of Pittsburgh

Introduction to Modern Art

Summers 2008, 2009

#### Teaching Assistant, University of Pittsburgh

History of Architecture TheoryIntroduction to Modern Art

Spring 2008

Fall 2007

#### RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contemporaneity, Journal Editor, University of Pittsburgh

2009 – present

Pomona College Art Museum, Curator Intern, Claremont, CA

Summer 2002

#### Southern Methodist University Meadows Art Museum, Intern, Dallas, TX

Summers 2001, 2000

• Awarded the O'Donnel Foundation internship grant