

# JJ Levine

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## EDUCATION

- 2018 MFA, Photography - Concordia University, Montréal, Québec.  
2009 BFA, Major Photography, Minor Interdisciplinary Studies in Sexuality - Concordia University, Montréal, Québec.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2025 Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec (CALQ) Public Presentation to produce ten new still images and a video piece for Dessiner le monde depuis ma fenêtre exhibit, Musée d'art contemporain de Baie-Saint-Paul, Baie-Saint-Paul, Québec.
- 2022 Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant to attend exhibition in London, UK.  
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec (CALQ) Dissemination and Promotion Grant for production costs associated with printing and shipping 52 photographs for JJ Levine, Queer Photographs retrospective exhibition at McCord Museum, Montreal.
- 2020 "Harry Pregnant 2015" Shortlist for This is Gender 2020 photo competition, World Health 50/50 London, England.
- 2019 Finalist: New Discovery Award 2019 Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France.  
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec (CALQ) Travel Grant to attend exhibition in Arles, France.  
Canada Council for the Arts Travel Grant to attend exhibition in Arles, France.  
LOJLQ Travel Grant, Montreal to attend exhibition in Arles, France.
- 2018 Finalist for Claudine and Stephen Bronfman Fellowship in Contemporary Art.
- 2017 Finalist for Sylvie and Simon Blais Award for Emerging Artists in Visual Arts.
- 2016 Faculty of Fine Arts In-Course Award, Concordia University.
- 2015 Faculty of Fine Arts Fellowship Award, Concordia University.
- 2014 Graduate Studio Arts Advisory Committee Award, Concordia University.  
Al Obaidi Graduate Entrance Scholarship, Concordia University.  
Best Portfolio Award, PhotoForum Portfolio Review, Galerie Les Territoires, Montréal, Québec.  
Conseil des Arts et des Lettres du Québec (CALQ) Travel Grant to attend exhibition in Edmonton, Alberta

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2024 Solo exhibition, Galerie UQO (Université du Québec en Outaouais), Gatineau, Québec
- 2022 JJ Levine: Queer Photographs - Solo retrospective exhibition, McCord Museum, Montréal, Québec  
JJ Levine: Queer Portraits, Canada House, The High Commission of Canada in the United Kingdom, Curated by Christine Redfern, London, UK
- 2021 JJ Levine: Portraits, Touchstones Nelson: Museum of Art and History, Nelson, British Columbia

- JJ Levine: Alone Time, Ellephant Art, Montréal, Québec  
 2020 Famille Art Souterrain Festival 2020, RESET, Montréal, Québec  
 2019 Exhibition: New Discovery Award 2019, Rencontres d'Arles, Arles, France  
 2018 Intimates, JJ Levine MFA Thesis Exhibition, MFA Gallery, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec  
 Alone Time, Vitrine sur l'art, Art Souterrain, Montréal, Québec  
 2016 Family, La Centrale Powerhouse Gallery, Montréal, Québec  
 2015 Alone Time, Hamilton Artist Inc., Hamilton, Ontario  
 Tapestry, Hamilton Artist Inc, Cannon Wall Project, Hamilton, Ontario  
 2014 Queer Portraits 2013-2014, Harcourt House, Main Space Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta  
 Switch, Libre Galleria d'Arte, Verona, Italy

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2025/26 Dessiner le monde depuis ma fenêtre, Musée é d'art contemporain de Baïé-Saint-Paul, Baïé-Saint-Paul, Quebec  
 2024 Bedtime Conversations / Conversations intime, Ellephant Art, Montréal, Québec  
 2023 Real Families: Stories of Change, The Fitzwilliam Museum, University of Cambridge, UK  
 The Look/Le Regard: Evergon, Emmanuelle Léonard and JJ Levine, Ellephant Art. Montréal, Québec  
 Love Me Gender, Musée de la civilisation, Québec City, Québec  
 2022 CANADA NOW: New Photography Acquisitions, The Image Centre, Toronto, Ontario  
 Who am I/ Who I am, Qui je suis/ Qui suis-je, Ellephant Art, Montréal, Québec  
 2020 Fluid Bodies, E-Flux Kunstverein Freiburg, Freiburg, Germany  
 2019 Transamerica/n: Gender Identity, Appearance Today, McNay Art Museum, San Antonio, USA  
 Exposition sur les liens entre le corps et la citoyenneté, Agora Galerie, Montréal, Québec  
 Exposition d'hiver, La Castiglione –Galerie d'art photo, Montréal, Québec  
 Portraits intimes: Donigan Cumming, JJ Levine, George Steeves, Andrea Szilasi, La Castiglione –Galerie d'art photo, Montréal, Québec  
 2018 Utopia as Method, Regart Gallery, Lévis, Québec  
 Selection from "Switch," "Alone Time," and "Queer Portraits," Ipseity Penticton Art Gallery, Penticton, British Colombia  
 2017 Les cabinets de curiosités Lgbtq+, CIAC - Centre international d'art contemporain de Montréal, Montréal, Québec  
 While No One Was Looking, Mainline Gallery, Montréal, Québec  
 Flux, Parks Exhibition Center, Idyllwild Arts Foundation, Idyllwild, California, USA  
 2016 Non Binary, Centre Never Apart Gallery, Montréal, Québec  
 LO QUE SE VE NO SE PREGUNTA Identidades trans\* y de género no conformista," The Cultural Centre for Spain in Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico  
 Trans Time Paris, Galerie Confluence, Paris, France  
 He, She, They, Ze, The Arcade gallery at Columbia College, Chicago, USA  
 Maureen: A Concordia MFA Group Show, Ecole des Beaux Arts, Montréal, Québec

- 2015 RAIDS, Galerie Donald Browne, Montréal, Québec  
 Nobody Passes, Kulturhistorisk Museum, Oslo, Norway  
 FACE/OFF, PDA Projects, Ottawa, Ontario  
 Exposition Chromatic Paris 2015, The Docks - City of Fashion and Design, Paris, France  
 Book launch and "Queer Portraits" exhibition, Articule Gallery with Jamie Ross, Montréal, Québec
- 2014 Gender Blender, MU Art Space, Eindhoven, Netherlands  
 Exposition Chromatic MTL 2014, Montréal, Québec

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023 Visiting artist guest lecture for Yale School of Art, Master's Artist Lecture Series, and four studio visits, New Haven, USA  
 Public Talks : EVERGON : TOUJOURS PRÉSENT, Musée national des beaux-arts du Québec, Québec  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for UBC Okanagan Fine Art Department Artist Lecture Series, online  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for History Photography course at Concordia University, Prof. Reilley Bishop-Stall. Montreal, Québec  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for Professional Practice course at Emily Carr University, Prof. Patryk Stasieczek. online
- 2022 Artists in Conversation: JJ Levine and Kali, CANADA NOW: New Photography Acquisitions, The Image Centre, online  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for History Photography course at Concordia University, Prof. Reilley Bishop-Stall, Montréal, Québec
- 2021 Artist in Residence, VU Photography Artist Run Centre, Québec City, Québec
- 2019 Photography book exhibit at Rencontres internationales de la photographie en Gaspésie, Gaspé, Québec  
 Du concept à l'objet : Le livre photographique, exposition et causerie, La Librairie Olivieri, en collaboration avec Serge Allaire, in partnership with Momenta Biennale de l'image, Montréal, Québec
- 2018 Professor for PHOTO 210, Foundations in Photography: Theory, Vision, and Practice, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec  
 Affiliate Member: Milieux Institute, Post Image Cluster, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec
- 2017 Commissioned artist, Les Postes du Futur postcard series for Montreal 375, Comptoir Public, Montréal, Québec.  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for FFAR 250 course, Concordia University, Fine Arts Department, Prof. Tammer El Sheikh, Montreal, Québec  
 Artist Talk at Dawson College, Montréal, Québec
- 2015 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Raymonde April for PHOTO 300, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec  
 Invited panelist Queering the Gaze symposium, Hamilton Artist Inc., Hamilton, Ontario  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for Media and Gender course, Concordia University, Communications Department, Prof. Matthew Hays. Montréal, Québec.

- 2014 Visiting artist guest lecture for Special Topics in the Photographic Image: The Portrait and the Type course, Concordia University, Communications Department, Prof. Vanessa Meyer, Montréal, Québec  
 Artist Talk to accompany "Queer Portraits 2013-2014" exhibition, Harcourt House Main Space Gallery, Edmonton, Alberta  
 Visiting artist guest lecture for Media and Gender course, Concordia University, Communications Department, Prof. Dayna McLeod, Montréal, Québec  
 Teaching Assistant for Prof. Tema Stauffer. PHOTO 210, Foundations in Photography: Theory, Vision, and Practice, Concordia University, Montréal, Québec

## BIBLIOGRAPHY OF CRITICAL REVIEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 "Switch genders and don't tidy up! How to make a modern family portrait" by Chloë Ashby, *The Guardian*, October 2023. UK.  
 "Chosen Family: JJ Levine's 'Queer Portraits' series," by Katie Underwood Maclean's Magazine, January 2023. Canada.  
 "Whose Family Portrait?" by Austin Henderson, *Esse Arts + Opinions* magazine issue 107 Family, Winter 2023. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2022 "*Questions of identity arise in JJ Levine's McCord Museum show Queer Photographs*" by Ian McGillis, *Montreal Gazette* – February 23, 2022. Montréal, Québec.  
 « Queer jusqu'au bout des ongles » by Caroline Montpetit, *Le Devoir* – 18 février, 2022. Montréal, Québec.  
 « La liberté et le courage d'être » by Sarah-Émilie Nault, *Journal de Montréal* – 5 mars, 2022. Montréal, Québec.  
 « Portrait de famille queer » by Éric Clément, *La Presse* – 27 février, 2022. Montréal, Québec.  
 "The queer portraits of JJ Levine" by Richard Brunette, *Fugues Magazine* – January 30, 2022. Montréal, Québec.
- 2020 "JJ Levine, Family," Text and Portfolio in *Cordella Magazine*, Issue 13 pp84-89, 2020. Castella, California. USA.
- 2019 "JJ Levine Intimates" CV 125, *Ciel Variable Magazine*, Featured Artist Portfolio. Interview and text by Charles Guilbert. Montréal, Québec.  
 "Family, Friends" *Maisonneuve Magazine* Photo Essay, Fall 2019, Issue 73. Montréal, Québec.  
 "Transamerica/n: celebrating the underrepresented history of trans art." *The Guardian*, by Nadja Sayej, August 2019. USA.  
 "Switch" *Society Magazine*, Photo Portfolio, June 2019. Paris, France.
- 2017 "JJ Levine Family" *Esse Arts + Opinions* magazine issue 91 LGBT +. Article by Ariane De Blois, September 2017.
- 2015 "Beyond the Binary: the gender neutral in JJ Levine's Queer Portraits." by Jackson Davidow, chapter 17 in *Otherwise Imagining queer feminist art histories* Edited by Amelia Jones and Erin Silver, Manchester University Press, 2015. *Queer Portraits 2006–2015*, self-published monograph (209 pages), with text by Erin Silver, Johnny Forever Nawracaj, Jackson Davidow, and Greg Ellermann. Montréal: JJ Levine, 2015.

- Switch*, self-published monograph (56 pages), with text by Marty Fink, Morgan M Page, and Susana Vargas. Montreal: JJ Levine, 2015.
- 2014 "Whipping the Binary" by JJ Levine. Photography & Culture Journal. Volume 7, Issue 3: *Queering Photography*, pp303-304, November 2014. United Kingdom.
- "JJ Levine's Gender-bending Portraits" The Guardian- The Observer Sunday May 2, 2014. By Corrine Jones, United Kingdom.
- "Portraits of One Person as Two Genders" SLATE Magazine By David Rosenberg February 10, 2014.
- "Tapestry by JJ Levine" Elle France March 2014.