



## Curriculum Vitae

Farah Salem

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### EDUCATION

- 2019 MA in Art Therapy and Counseling: School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA
- 2013 BA in Visual Communication: Gulf University of Science and Technology, Kuwait

### SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2020 Disclosed, United Photo Industries Gallery, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Mirage, Amazigh Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
Five Works: Farah Salem, Mana Contemporary, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Invisibly Visible, Sharp Site Gallery, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2016 In-Between the Skyline of Kuwait City, Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2022 The Land Between The Sea, Engage Projects, Chicago, IL.  
Crossings, Chicago Artist Coalition, Chicago, IL.  
Beautiful Diaspora/You Are Not The Lesser Part, Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL.
- 2021 I Sense Something Has Changed, Chicago Artist Coalition, IL.  
Earth (Em)Body, Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2020 The Long Dream, Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL  
Artists Run Chicago 2.0: ACRE Projects, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL  
Temporary Deformations, Antidote, Dubai/Paris based art platform
- 2019 Art of Connection & Spaces In Between, Sullivan Galleries, Chicago, IL  
Looking at AlSawaber, Contemporary Art Platform, Shuwaikh, Kuwait
- 2018 Tribe: Contemporary Photography from the Arab World, American University Museum, Katzen Art Center, Washington, DC  
What's Your Location?: Artist Book Exhibition, CEEE Erico Verissimo, Porto Alegre, Brazil  
Young Arab Artists Exhibition, Edge of Arabia, ArtX, New York, NY  
Paris Contemporary Art Show, ale Carreau du Temple, Paris, France
- 2017 International Women Photographers Award (Touring): Paris, Toulouse, Dubai, New Delhi, Port Said, Alexandria, Riyadh, Cairo  
20th International Open Exhibition, Woman Made Gallery, Chicago, IL  
Vantage Point 3, Sharjah Art Foundation, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2016 Blue Hour, Bolivia Biennale: Centro Cultural De Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
It's a bad word "belong", Ka Fotoğraf Geliştirme Atölyesi, Ankara, Turkey  
Artworks from Crossway Foundation Journey to Turkey, Naila Art Gallery, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
Art Jameel Photography Award Shortlisted Winners Exhibition, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia  
Abolish Article 153 Art Exhibition(touring), JAMM Gallery, Dubai, UAE, & FA Gallery, Kuwait

## RESIDENCIES

- 2021/22 Hatch Artist Residency, Chicago Artist Coalition, IL
- 2021 Radicle Studio Residency, Hyde Park Art Center, Chicago, IL
- 2019 ACRE Artist Residency: Chicago, IL and WI
- 2018 Test Site Residency: Site Sharp Gallery, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL
- 2016 Crossway Foundation Traveling Photography Residency: Journey to Turkey
- 2014 Per | Form 40 Day Performance Program: Contemporary Art Platform, KWT

## AWARDS:

2022

**Foundation for Contemporary Arts, Artist Emergency Grant, NYC.**

- 2021 Arab Dance Seminar Scholarship: City of Chicago DCASE Grant, IL.
- 2019 Diversity Scholarship Award: Acre Artist Residency, Steuben, WI
- 2018 Craft Schools Scholarship Award: Peters Valley School of Crafts, NJ
- 2017 Valuing Difference Scholarship Award: Live Oak, Chicago, IL  
Laureate Winner: International Women Photographers Award, Paris, France  
Steketee Scholarship Award: Ox-Bow School of Art & Artists' Residency, MI
- 2016 Sheikh Nasser Bin Hamad International Youth Creativity Award: Third Place Winner of Photography Category, Bahrain  
Art Jameel Photography Award Shortlisted Artist: Dubai, United Arab Emirates

## SELECTED TALKS

- 2021 Keynote Speaker Follow-up: Art Workshop Facilitator, 5th Integrated Creative Arts Therapy Conference, Institute of Therapy through the Arts, Chicago, IL
- 2020 Community Lunch: Naim Asba and Farah Salem, Speaker, Mana Contemporary, Online Q&A with Farah Salem and curator Krystal Grow, Speaker, United Photo Industries, Online
- 2019 Identity Displacement as a Material in Contemporary Art and Art Therapy, Speaker, 4th Integrated Creative Arts Therapy Conference, Institute of Therapy through the Arts Chicago, IL  
Intro to Photography, Wilbur Wright College, Visiting Artist, Chicago, IL
- 2018 Materials & Media in Art Therapy, Artist Presenter, School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
Contemporary Arab Art & Displacement, Visiting Artist, Michigan State University, E Lansing, MI
- 2017 Culturunners Workshop, Co-Facilitator and Performer, Smithsonian & Free Sackler's IlluminAisa, Washington, DC

## PUBLICATIONS:

First/Second Author:

- 2020 Published article and photo essay titled [Reclaiming Our Resettlement](#) by Farah Salem on Chicago Reader
- 2019 Peer-Reviewed Thesis titled [Identity Displacement as a Material in Contemporary Art and Art Therapy](#) by Farah Salem published to the Flaxman Library at School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL

- 2018 [Passiva/Activade](#), Artist book by Farah Salem and Antonio Da Silva. Self Published for What's Your Location? Artist books exhibition in San Paolo, Brazil
- [Invisibly Visible Poetry Collection](#), by Farah Salem and Manisha AR. Self Published (Print/Audio) for exhibition in SAIC, Chicago, IL
- 2016 [In-between the skyline of Kuwait City](#), photography book by Farah salem and published by National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters, Kuwait City, KWT
- 2016 [Kopru/Kupri](#), Crossway Foundation Artists Publication, Published by Ka Atolye, Ankara, Turkey

#### Press Features Highlights:

- 2022 [The Candid Frame Podcast Episode 584: Interview with Asha Imman Veal & Farah Salem](#) : Discussing Beautiful Diaspora/You Are Not The Lesser Part at Museum of Contemporary Photography.
- [Time and Time Again: An Interview with Farah Salem](#) :Sixty Inches from Center interview by Tempestt Hazel.
- 2020 [Lumpen #137 Artist Run Chicago](#): Farah Salem art reviewed by Lori Waxman 60 min/wrd art Critic.
- [CNN Arabia Website](#): Farah Salem book feature In-Between the Skyline of Kuwait City
- 2019 [The National Paper and Website](#): Interview with Farah Salem on the Young Arab Artists Exhibition in Art-X Gallery in New York City organized by Edge of Arabia in collaboration with the UNESCO
- 2018 [Tribe Magazine #6](#): Farah Salem book feature In-Between the Skyline of Kuwait City
- Time Out Dubai Website: Highlighting touring Solo Exhibition of In-Between the Skyline of Kuwait City in Dubai
- [The Arab Weekly Print Paper and Website](#): Interview with Farah Salem titled Woman photographer daringly captures beauty of Kuwait City's backstreets.
- [Arab News](#): Thinking outside the box with award-winning photographer Farah Salem.
- 2017 [Gulf News](#): International Photographers Women's Award Featuring the 2017 Laureate Winner Farah Salem.
- 2016 [Tribe Magazine #3](#): Report highlighting Farah Salem and other participants in Blue Hour Exhibition at: Centro Cultural de Santa Cruz on The Bolivia Biennale
- [Kuwait Times Newspaper](#): Book launch of Farah Salem titled In-Between the Skyline of Kuwait City
- [Tribe Magazine #2](#): Leading the way to Social Change by Lulu AlSabah, featuring Farah Salem
- [Harper's Bazar Magazine](#): Farah Salem as a participant in Abolish Article153 Exhibition
- [Flint Culture Website](#): Art Jameel and Crossway Foundation announce 'Jameel Journey to Turkey' for young gulf-region photographers' featuring Farah Salem.

#### COLLECTIONS:

Museum of Contemporary Photography, Chicago, IL, USA.

John Flaxman Library Special Collections, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, IL, USA.

Contemporary Art Platform, Kuwait.

*\*Private collections not included in this list*