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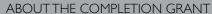
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Completion Grantee

GINA OSTERLOH Shooting Blanks

Artist Statement

Shooting Blanks is based upon the impotence and futility of language, dislocation, and the desire to connect. In each of my lush, mostly large-scale photographs, I address the body and its surrounding environment as symbiotic physical and psychological spaces. Through metaphors of camouflage and non-verbal sensations of the body, a porous boundary of the body becomes visible. The environments or rooms I built for Shooting Blanks are constructed from colored office bond paper found in Manila. In many of my photographs, the room itself is treated as a second skin, created through hundreds of paper cuts. In Blind Rash, the room is constructed from hundreds of pink skin-scale or camera shutter like shapes. A young woman poses for the camera, yet her eyes are covered, cutting basic means of perception and denying access to the viewer. In Cut (Pairs) two figures on all fours slouch over, as their bodies articulate the same paper cuts as the surrounding room, yet only partially match in color. It is through this mis-articulation via mimicry in language, that slippage occurs, and restrained desires misfire. While previous works insisted upon the use of my own body, Shooting Blanks marks a pivotal shift - as my work expands to incorporate other bodies and in some photographs, allows the body to disappear altogether, leaving the room blank.



Grants are given to photographers and visual artists working with photography to finish an ongoing body of work. An edition of the finished portfolio will become a part of the Silverlens Foundation Collection.













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GINA OSTERLOH | Shooting Blanks

01 Blind Rash

 30×38 inches / 76×97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

02 Empty (Rash Room)

 30×38 inches / 76×97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

03 Mute Rash

 30×38 inches / 76×97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

04 Blank Attempt Where My Face Fell Off (Time to Shed)

 11×14 inches / 28×36 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

05 If My Face Was a Line Drawing (Time to Shed)

11 x 14 inches / 28 x 36 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

06 Impossible Delineation for 3-Dimensional Body (Time to Shed)

11 x 14 inches / 28 x 36 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

07 Loose

 30×38 inches / 76×97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

08 Cuts (Pairs)

30 × 38 inches / 76 × 97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

09 Dots Rear Misfire (Cut Room)

30 × 38 inches / 76 × 97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

10 Empty (Cut Room)

30 x 38 inches / 76 x 97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

II Dots Front Misfire (Cut Room)

 30×38 inches / 76×97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

12 Hair Hole (Orifice and Color Field)

28 x 35 inches / 71 x 97 cm Durst Lambda photograph Single Edition 2008

Yellow #2 Maximum (Orifice and Color Field)

16 x 20 inches / 41 x 51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

14 Yellow #1 Minimum (Orifice and Color Field)

13

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16 × 20 inches / 41 × 51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 4 2008

Blind Rash (Poster)

 11×14 inches / 28×36 cm Offset print 2008

16 Mute Rash (Poster)

 11×14 inches / 28×36 cm Offset print 2008

GINA OSTERLOH b. 1973, Texas, USA

Filipina-American Gina Osterloh was born in Texas in 1973. She graduated with a Bachelor of Communications/ Media Studies from the De Paul University in Chicago. She took her Masters of Fine Art in the University of California Irvine. She has had various exhibits and video and mixed media installations in various galleries and institutions such as the San Francisco Art Institute, SF Art Commission, Queen's Nails Annex, Luckman Gallery, Cultural Center of the Philippines, Mag:Net Gallery, Green Papaya Art Space, etc. She received a Fulbright Grant to research on surrealism and contemporary art in the Philippines from October 2007 to June 2008. Osterloh is the only recipient of the 2008 Silverlens Foundation Completion Grant.

EDUCATION

2007 University of California Irvine Masters of Fine Arts, Studio Art

1996 De Paul University Chicago, Illinois, USA Bachelor of Communications/Media Studies

SELECTED SHOWS

2008 Silverlens Foundation 2008 Grantees Exhibition Silverlens Gallery, Makati City, Philippines

Beyond Frame: Philippine Photomedia
UTS Gallery, Sydney, Australia (curated by Gina Fairley)

Futura Manila, Osage Gallery, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong, China

Galleon Trade: California/Mexico/Philippines
Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, California, USA

Tints of Majesty, Lizabeth Oliveria Gallery, Los Angeles, California, USA

Swarm in the Aperture: Recent Photography in the Philippines Museum of the Filipino People, Manila, Philippines

Truthiness: Photography as Sculpture California Museum of Photography, USA 2007 Blank Athleticism (curated by Margaret Tedesco) 2nd floor projects, San Francisco, USA

> Marfa—the B sides Queen's Nails Annex, Marfa, Texas, USA

Galleon Trade (curated by Jennifer Wofford) Mag:Net Gallery, Manila, Philippines

*Trauma, Interrupted*Cultural Center of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines

2006 Good Times For Never
Oueen's Nails Annex, San Francisco, USA

Video MixTape 5 (curated by Chris Bassett) Kunstraum Innsbruck, Austria

There, There (video screening, curated by Craig Goodman) New Langton Arts, San Francisco, USA

Satellite (video screening, curated by Natasha Garcia-Lomas) Elojo Atomico/Antimuseo de Arte Contemporaneo, Madrid, Spain

2002 Infinite Booty (video installation)

Ze Dos Bois Axis of Good, Lisbon, Portugal

AWARDS

2008 Silverlens Foundation Completion Grant

2007-8 Fulbright Recipient, Manila, Philippines
Research of Surrealism and contemporary art in the Philippines

2006 Medici Grant

2004 Enabled production of work for Queen's Nails Annex group exhibition

2004-5 Diversity Fellowship Recipient, University of California Irvine

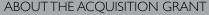
2004-6 Graduate Travel and Research Grant Recipient University of California Irvine

Acquisition Grantee

LENA COBANGBANG Overland

Artist Statement

Since working from a series of photographs from 2005 entitled *Terrible Landscapes*, I have been using food as material, as part if not entirely, for recreating scenes or landscapes. For my photos in *Terrible Landscapes*, I have based them entirely on newspaper clippings of disasters and accidents, or other tragic events that I have been collecting for years. I was trying to make parallelisms between traditional landscpape paintings, and food styling with my photos as though seesawing between grandeur and awe and wretched wastefulness and utter disgust. Both sensations derived from each. It seems that *Overland* is a direct sequel to this series but instead these scenes I've imagined/set-up are entirely made-up as though I'm imagining what it truly means to be utopian but that it is actually problematic. There is only stasis and a lot of artifice, thus, the predominant use of gelatin—suspending figures and fake foliage in mid-verb or mid-becoming. And for me, while I was making the gelatins and pouring the mixture and arranging them and photographing them and letting a last lingering look before they're thrown away were all a process of retrieving wonder and magic for me, like a drug-induced inertia, which you wish could go on forever:



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LENA COBANGBANG | Overland







01 Overland 0a

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

02 Overland 0a3

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

03 Overland 01

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

Overland 01-day

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

05 Overland 02b

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

06 Overland 03

 40×27 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

07 Overland 04

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

80 Overland 05

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

09 Overland 06

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

Overland 07 10

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

11 Overland 08

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

12 Overland 09

 27×40 inches / 102×67 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2008

LENA COBANGBANG b. 1976, Quezon City, Philippines

Lena Cobangbang was born in Quezon City, Philippines in 1976. She has had solo shows at Finale Art File, Mag:Net Gallery, and at Surrounded by Water. Internationally, she has exhibited in Belgium, Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia, Hong Kong, California and Hawaii. In 2006, Cobangbang was given the Cultural Center of the Philippines 13 Artists Award. Cobangbang is a Philippine representative to the 2008 Singapore Biennale.

EDUCATION

1995-2002 University of the Philippines, Diliman

Units in Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Painting

1993-95 College of the Holy Spirit, Mendiola, Manila

Units in Bachelor of Fine Arts Major in Advertising

SOLO SHOWS

2008 Overland, Finale Art File, The Artwalk, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

2007 All This Useless Beauty, Mag:net Gallery, Katipunan, Quezon City

2005 All That Heaven Allows

Finale Art File, The Artwalk, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City

2001 Adventures In Living Vol. 2 (an inventory)

Stockroom, Surrounded By Water, The Pied Piper Place, Mandaluyong City

2000 Search and Destroy Missions (an installation exhibit)

Kitchen, Surrounded By Water, The Pied Piper Place, Mandaluyong City

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2008 Silverlens Foundation 2008 Grantees Exhibition Silverlens Gallery, Makati City, Philippines

Christie's Autumn Southeast Asian Modern & Contemporary Art Auction Hong Kong, China

Beyond Frame: Philippine Photomedia

University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) Gallery, Sydney, Australia

Silverlens Gallery

ARTSingapore, Singapore

Singapore Biennale 2008, Singapore

Silverlens Gallery, ShContemporary, Shanghai, China

Cut: New Photography from Southeast Asia

Valentine Willie Fine Art, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2007 Land

Galleria Duemila, Pasay City, Philippines

Manila Envelope

Thirty Nine Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii

I Have Nothing to Paint and I'm Painting It

Mo Art Space, Taguig City, Philippines

2006 Conflict Resolutions

Future Prospects Art Space, Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines

Missing Vocabularies, Green Papaya Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines

Metropolitan Mapping

Exhibition Gallery, Hong Kong Cultural Center, Hong Kong, China

2005 Picturing Painting

Jorge Vargas Museum, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines

AWARDS

2008 Silverlens Foundation Acquisition Grant

2006 Cultural Center of the Philippines 13 Artists Award

RESIDENCY

2003-04 Big Sky Mind Artists Project Foundation Inc., Cubao, Quezon City, Philippines

Acquisition Grantee

CONRADO VELASCO

Pixel Towers 1-6: Deadpan Aesthetics, Lossy Compression & Post-It Note:

Artist Statement

I have chosen the work of Bernd and Hilla Becher as a springboard to explore how the digital workflow opens up new questions about issues on representation/nonrepresentative notions, analog/digital, hi-res/lo-res and original/simulacra.

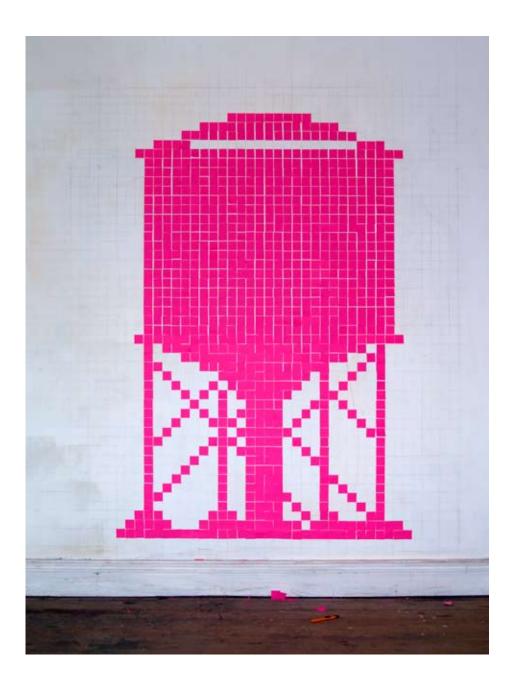
Using the "pixel" as a structural unit I wanted to see how pixilation taken to its extreme would affect the original intent of the artist/photographers. And what effect would it have on the neutrality and specifity of the photographic subject, in this case the Bechers' Water Tower series?

The Post-It-Notes versions I created extend Bernd and Hilla Bechers' study of typologies to an extreme conclusion by reducing the subject into its most deadpan state. One might say the images have undergone some sort of erasure or "leveling" where identity is replaced with form. Shape replaces what was there before. But the erasure only generates another identity.

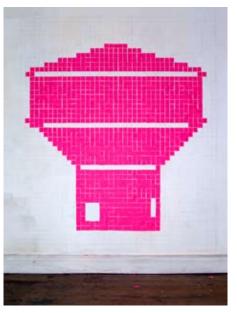
The luminous cladding of Post-It-Notes (the stand-in for the pixels) are ironically more impervious to lossy digital compression than the Bechers' 8×10 film originals Additionally the Post-It-notes have the same throw-away quality and impermanence of pixels.

ABOUT THE ACQUISITION GRANT

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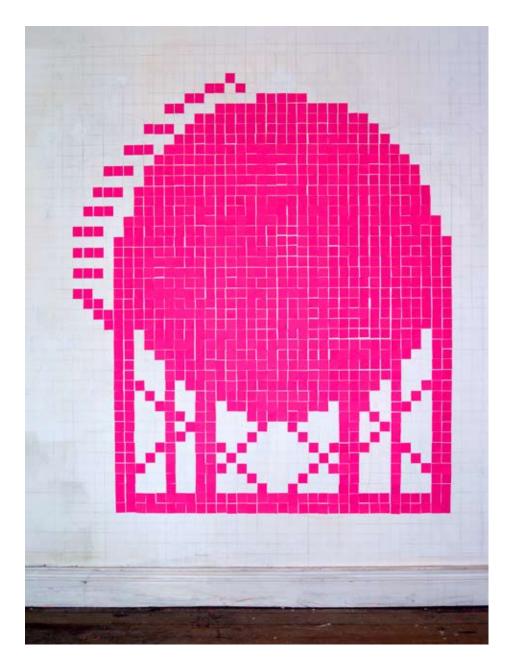








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CONRADO VELASCO | Pixel Towers 1-6

01 Pixel Tower I

25 × 20 inches / 63.5 × 51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

02 Pixel Tower 2

 25×20 inches / 63.5×51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

03 Pixel Tower 3

25 × 20 inches / 63.5 × 51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

04 Pixel Tower 4

 25×20 inches / 63.5×51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

05 Pixel Tower 5

25 × 20 inches / 63.5 × 51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

06 Pixel Tower 6

 25×20 inches / 63.5×51 cm Durst Lambda photograph Editions of 5 2007

CONRADO VELASCO b. 1956, Manila, Philippines

Conrado Velasco was born in Manila and is a graduate of the University of the Philippines. With a design and art practice that could be best described as multidisciplinary, he is a veteran practicioner of photography. His client list, which includes clothiers and lifestyle purveyors like GAP Inc., Banana Republic, Old Navy, Pottery Barn and Williams Sonoma, attests to this. Presently he is engaging with photography to make art. He has worked and exhibited in North America, Australia and Europe. This is Velasco's second Silverlens Acquisition Grant.

EDUCATION

University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines Bachelor of Fine Arts, Visual Communications Bachelor of Science in Architecture (Undergraduate Studies)

SELECTED SOLO SHOWS

2008	Do Irish Clouds Dream of Becoming Sheep? Index Gallery, Waterford Central Library, Waterford, Ireland
2007	1:1000, Green Papaya Arts Projects, Quezon City, Philippines
2006	Architecture of Pestilence Mag:Net CR Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines
	Tinstaej Reload, Barewalls Gallery, Manila, Philippines
2005	Tinstaej (There is no such thing as endless joy.) Vargas Museum, University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines
2003	(A)Symmetry, Finale ArtFile, Manila, Philippines
1999	Portraits, Cafe Royale, San Francisco, California, USA

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2008 Silverlens Foundation 2008 Grantees Exhibition Silverlens Gallery, Makati City, Philippines

Through the Lens: First RWA Photography Exhibition Royal West of England Academy, Bristol, England

Silverlens Gallery, ArtHK08, Hong Kong, China

SHIFT, MO_Space, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City, Philippines

2007 *Tinstaej # 85*, Commissioned public sculpture Bonifacio Arts Foundation / Ayala Land High Street Promenade, Fort Bonifacio, Philippines

The Shape of Things to Come, Greyfriars Art Gallery, Waterford, Ireland

Posted 3-Future World, Shandon Art Trail 2007, Cork, Ireland

2006 Triclops of Surveillance, Juried Exhibition Claremorris Open Exhibition, Ireland

Tinstaej # 26, Group Exhibition Limerick Printmakers Gallery, Ireland

Tinstaej # 26-28, AAF Group Show, New York City, USA

2003 Cut: New Collage, Mag:Net Gallery, Manila, Philippines

AWARDS

2008 Silverlens Foundation Acquisition Grant.

2007 Silverlens Foundation Acquisition Grant.

WAWI NAVARROZA b. 1979, Manila, Philippines

WAWI NAVARROZA

The ACC-SLF Fellowship Grant will allow Navarroza to attend various workshops and lectures at the International Center of Photography (ICP) in New York City, as well as do research in the city's various museums, galleries, schools and cultural institutions from March to June 2009.



Letters Unsent, 2007

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PHOTOGRAPHY EDUCATION

2005 Angkor Photography Festival Workshops Workshop Scholar

Sinag Arts Foundation - Lighting Design Master Class under premiere Japanese lighting designer Shoko Matsumoto

Wawi Navarroza is is a young Filipina visual artist working with the medium of photography. Her work translates abstract concepts into symbolic portraits and visual poems. She explores mindscapes and everyday evidences of the archetypal as seen through the prism of personal experience, all in silent pursuit of mapping out the Self. Her signature photographs are captured on monochrome film and the negatives are manipulated by hand using a unique process that she discovered and improved through her darkroom experiments. She is an active proponent of fine art photography in the Philippines and engages herself continuously in art projects. Navarroza has also exhibited in the Netherlands, Russia, Australia, Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, etc. She has been awarded in the Philippines (Art Association of the Philippines, Ateneo Art Awards, etc.)

and abroad ("Con Otros Ojos" Barcelona, Spain, Prix de la Photographie Paris, etc.)

De La Salle University, Manila, Philippines

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Communication Arts (Photography)

SOLO SHOWS

2008 When All Is Said And Done (Moments, Memories, and Confabulations)
Artesan Gallery Singapore

This Is What She Told Me, INSEAD Singapore

2007 Santa Frida: 100 Years Between Us (Navarroza Homage To Frida Kahlo) Instituto Cervantes de Manila, Manila

Saturnine: A Collection Of Portraits, Creatures, Glass & Shadow Silverlens Gallery, Manila, Philippines; McDermott Gallery, Siem Reap (Angkor), Cambodia; Art Reflex Gallery, Saint-Petersburg, Russia

Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama, BlackSoup Project ArtSpace, Manila

ABOUT THE ACC-SLF FELLOWSHIP GRANT

The ACC-SLF Fellowship Grant is awarded to an individual or individuals who can actively contribute growth to the field of photography in the Philippines. The grant is for study, research, observation, creative exploration, participation in conferences and seminars and related activities in the United States or other Asian Countries. Photographers, artists, curators, historians, journalists, critics, educators, conservators and other individuals may apply.

SELECTED GROUP SHOWS

2007 Larasati Auctions: Pictures Of Asia, Mariott Hotel, Singapore

Global/Vernacular, Ateneo Art Awards 2007 winners' group exhibition
Ateneo Art Gallery, Quezon City

New Works, Ateneo Art Gallery, Quezon City, Philippines

2006 Another Asia, main exhibition for the Noorderlicht Photography Festival 2006 Fries Museum of Contemporary Art, Leeuwarden, Netherlands

Outbound, group exhibition of 12 Filipino contemporary artists cited for the Ateneo Art Awards 2006, Ateneo Art Gallery, Quezon City

AWARDS AND GRANTS

2008 Asian Cultural Council - Silverlens Foundation Fellowship Grant

2007 Honorable Mention, PX3 Prix de la Photographie Paris (France)

Ateneo Art Awards 2007 "Global/Vernacular" for outstanding work on solo exhibit Saturnine: A Collection of Portraits, Creatures, Glass & Shadow

Ateneo Art Gallery-Artesan Gallery Artist Residency Grant (Singapore)

Finalist, Ateneo Art Awards 2006 Outbound for outstanding work on solo exhibit Polysaccharide: The Dollhouse Drama



Having gained public recognition in Manila since its inception in 2004, the Silverlens Gallery (SLG) features 8-9 shows a year, representing a mix of emerging and mid-career contemporary Philippine artists, as well as established international artists. Silverlens shows photography and new media.

At the forefront of collecting Philippine art for the Silverlens Foundation, SLG provides consultancy for art collections and acquisitions. As both gallery and art foundation, Silverlens establishes the vital partnership between defining the market and shaping art history.

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SLab (Silverlens Lab) is the gallery for Philippine contemporary art showing painting, drawing and sculpture. The two spaces are bridge-linked, the former being a piano warehouse and the latter being the auditorium.

SLab has two galleries, a 120 square meter main space for longer curated shows, and 20SQUARE, a smaller gallery for young artists, for projects curators are working on, and for collectors' and artists' consignments.

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