

# Helen Altman

## Born

1958 Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Currently lives and works in Fort Worth, TX

## Education

1989 M.F.A., University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

1986 M.A., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

1981 B.F.A., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

## Grants and Awards

2009 Texas Commission on the Arts Grant, Austin, TX

1999 Otis and Velma Davis Dozier Travel Grant, Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX

1993 National Endowment for the Arts, Mid-America Arts Alliance

1991 Engelhard Award, Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

## Selected Solo Exhibitions

2018 *Sticks and Stones*, Tyler Museum of Art, Tyler, Texas  
*Coming Home to Roost*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, Texas  
*Cell Series: Helen Altman*, Old Jail Art Center, Albany, Texas

2017 “Hair of the Dog”, Moody Gallery, Houston, Texas

2016 *Helen Altman: Wilderness, Wildfires & Workhorses*, Longview Museum of Fine Arts, Longview, TX

2015 *Cover Your Nut*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX

2013 *clear view*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX

2011 *Half Life*, Moody Gallery, Houston TX  
*Firewalls*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Tree Line*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX

2009 *Greetings from Home*, DCKT Contemporary, New York, NY  
*Helen Altman: Spotted Deer*, The Grace Museum, Abilene, TX

- 2008 *Flora/Fauna and Other Natural Concerns*, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX
- 2007 *Floater*, Moody Gallery, Houston TX
- 2006 *Dozens*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2005 *Scorched*, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2004 *Patch of Blue*, Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Smoke Signal*, DCKT Contemporary, New York, NY  
*Home Again*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*Dark Horse*, Moody Gallery, Houston TX
- 2003 *Cerca Series*, Museum of Contemporary Art, San Diego, CA
- 2002 *Fire and Ice*, The Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
*Lassie Go Home*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2001 *My Best Eggs*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*Trailhead*, Women and Their Work, Austin, TX  
*Mixed Herd*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Moose and Squirrel*, J.M. Moudy Exhibition Hall, Texas Christian University, Ft. Worth, TX
- 1999 *Ever Green*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI  
*Running Rabbit*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1998 *Nature Depicted*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1997 *Just Ahead*, Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX; traveled to Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX
- 1995 *Ark*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Out of the Woods*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1992 *Helen Altman*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Burning Down the House*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Watching Pots*, Ida Green Gallery, Austin College, Sherman, TX

### **Selected Group Exhibitions**

- 2017 *The Art of Found Objects-redux!*, Williams Tower Gallery, Houston, TX

- 2016-17      *Flora and Fauna*, Tyler Museum of Art, curated by Caleb Bell, Tyler, TX
- 2016          *Trace Echo*, Gaddis Geeslin Gallery, Sam Houston State University, curated by Melissa Mednicov Huntsville, TX  
*Twenty Five: A Celebration*, Galveston Arts Center, curated: Clint Willour, Galveston, TX  
*tête-a-tête: Folk Art and Fine Art from the Permanent Collection*, Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX
- 2015-16      *40th Anniversary Exhibition*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2015          *Supranatural Realistic*, East/West Galleries, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX  
*Destination Unknown*, Talley Dunn Galley, Dallas, TX  
*Animalia*, Gensler, Organized by Kinzelman Art Consulting, Houston, TX
- 2014          *The MAC @ 20, Part Two*, McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*The Skull Show*, Bedford Gallery Leshar Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek, CA  
*Drawn In / Drawn Out*, The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX  
*Selections from the Legendary Collection of Sonny Burt & Bob Butler*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2013          *Back Room*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 2011          *New Variations*, Talley Dunn Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Second Nature: Contemporary Landscapes from the MFAH Collection*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
*Beasts and Bunnies*, McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2010          *Girls Just Want to Have Funds*, P.P.O.W Gallery, New York, NY  
*Dead or Alive: Nature Revisited*, Museum of Arts and Design, New York, NY  
*Vanités*, Fondation Pierre Bergé - Yves Saint Laurent, Paris, France  
*35 Year Anniversary Exhibition*, Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 2009          *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Group Exhibition*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, Texas  
*Attempt to Raise Hell*, The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, La Jolla, CA
- 2008-09      *The Texas Chair Project By Damian Priour*, Austin Museum of Art, Austin, Texas
- 2008          *Material Culture*, The Art Galleries at TCU, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX  
*Something New*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2007          *Generalized Anxiety Disorder*, Walter Maciel Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
*Cherry Picked: 2007 Survey of Texas Art and Artists*, Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, Texas

- 2006 *Furniture as Metaphor: Sculpture and the Poetics of Domesticity*, University of North Texas Art Gallery, Denton, TX  
*New: Work, Projects, Series, Finds*, Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Objects of Desire*, sixspace, Culver City, CA
- 2005 *Welcome 2 the Jungle*, DCKT Contemporary, New York,  
*Land*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*Pairings*, The Dallas Center For Contemporary Art, Dallas, TX  
*Photo-based*, Traywick Contemporary, Berkeley, CA
- 2004 *Texas Vision: The Barrett Collection*, The Meadows Museum, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX  
*Flock & Fable – Animals and Identity in Contemporary Art*, Chelsea Art Museum, New York, NY  
*5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2003 *Flip*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX
- 2002 *Next*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas, TX  
*The Inward Eye: Transcendence in Contemporary Art*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
*Project Phoenix*, Red Bud Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Home Sweet Home*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
- 2001 *Burn: Artists Play with Fire*, Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL; The Columbia Museum of Art, Columbus, SC  
*Creature (dis) Comforts*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX
- 2000 *Texas Dialogues: Scenic Overlook*, Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio, TX  
*Natural Deceits*, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, Fort Worth, TX  
*Burn It! Next Text*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX  
*Artistic Centers in Texas: Dallas/Fort Worth*, The Texas Fine Arts Association, The Jones Center for Contemporary Art, Austin, TX  
*Who Needs TV?* Art League, Houston, Houston, TX  
*small*, The Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX  
*Texas*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
*Making a Mark: experimental drawing and printmaking*, University Art Gallery, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI  
*Crossing State Lines*, Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
*Out of the Ordinary New Art from Texas*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
*Uniquely Texas Icons*, New Braunfels Museum of Art, New Braunfels, TX
- 1999 *Helen Altman, Matthew Sontheimer, Liz Ward*, Dunn and Brown Contemporary, Dallas  
*Threshold*, John Michael Kohler Arts Center, Sheboygan, WI; Contemporary Art Center of

- Virginia, Virginia Beach, VA  
*Texas Draws*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
*The Aquarium Show*, Galveston Arts Center, Houston, TX
- 1998 *ARTS BOTANICA*, Ida Green Gallery, Austin College, Sherman, TX
- 1997 *Visions*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Serial Imagery*, Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Works on Paper*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Surface Tensions*, Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio, TX  
*Schemata: Drawings by Sculptors*, The Glassell School of Art, Houston, TX
- 1996 *Transformers: A Moving Experience*, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland, New Zealand; Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Burning Issues*, Galveston Art Center, TX  
*First Texas Annual*, Contemporary Art Center of Ft. Worth, TX
- 1995 *The Home Show*, University of San Antonio Art Gallery, TX  
*Das Pop*, Donna Beam Fine Art Gallery, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV; traveled to: Museum of Agenda and Transgression, Dallas, TX; Betty Moody Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1994 *Drawings*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Helen Altman, Kay Rosen, and Madhvi Subrahmanian*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*New Works Fellowships: Northern Telecom*, Arlington Museum of Art, TX  
*The Light Fantastic*, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX  
*Uncommon Objects*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX
- 1993 *Small Wonders*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Texas: Between Two Worlds*, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX; traveled to: Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, TX; Art Museum of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX  
*Light*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Sculptors and Paper*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Texas Art Celebration 1993*, Cullen Center, Houston, TX  
Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX
- 1992 *Ship Shapes*, Galveston Arts Center, TX  
*Housewares on Level 6*, Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*New Texas Art*, Cheney Cowles Museum, Spokane, WA and Boise Art Museum, ID  
*Art & Nature*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Urban/Suburban: Texas Artists: Responses to Life in Suburbia*, Arlington Museum of Art, Arlington, TX  
*Re-creation, Recreation, re:Creation*, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX  
*Beyond Glory: Re-Presenting Terrorism*, Maryland Institute, College of Art, Baltimore, MD

- 1991 *The Perfect World*, San Antonio Museum of Art, TX  
*5, An Anniversary Exhibition*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*Metamorphosis of a Butterfly*, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 1990 Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Domestic Disorder*, Diverse Works, Houston, TX  
*The Reality Factor: Helen Altman & Jeff Roddy*, Barry Whistler Gallery, Dallas, TX  
*New American Talent: The Sixth Edition*, Laguna Gloria Art Museum, Austin, TX
- 1989 *Water*, Hiram Butler Gallery, Houston, TX  
*Art in Metroplex*, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, TX
- 1986 *National, 86 Small Works Exhibition*, Cobleskill, NY  
*Monomania*, Ferguson Center Gallery, Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Two Views*, Ferguson Center Gallery, Tuscaloosa, AL

### Public Collections

American Airlines, Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport, Irving, TX  
 Art Museum of Southeast Texas, Beaumont, TX  
 Dallas Museum of Art, Dallas, TX  
 The Grace Museum, Abilene, TX  
 Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, San Diego, CA  
 Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, TX  
 Sarah Moody Gallery of Art, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

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 Kelly, Patrick, "Cell Series: Helen Altman," *The Old Jail Art Center*, April.  
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- 2013 Mora, Patricia, "Gallery Gourmet: Exhibitions at PDNB, Talley Dunn and RE Gallery," *Dallas Morning News*, June 15.
- 2011 Lima, Benjamin. "Helen Altman: Half-Life", *Pastelegram*, October 7.
- 2010 Fabricius, Karl. "Skulls Created from Kitchen Spices," *Reuse*, December 6.  
 Stanley, Caroline. "Design Porn: A Collection of Tasteful Skulls," *Flavorwire*, October 20.  
 Sietsema, Robert. "Just In Time for Halloween, Artist Helen Altman Makes Skulls From Spices", *The Village Voice*, October 12.

- Guinn, Jennifer. "Museum of Arts and Design: Dead or Alive at The Museum of Arts & Design", *Sloan Magazine*, Fall 2010.
- Budick, Ariella. "Dead or Alive, Museum of Arts and Design, New York", *Financial Times*, September, 27
- "Art Project of the Day", *The Daily WH.AT*, September 23.
- Archer, Nate. "Helen Altman: Spice Skulls", *designboom*, September 23.
- Macleod, Chris. "From Eerie to Exhilarating – Dead or Alive," *Times Square Chronicles*, August, 2.
- Strickland, Carol. "Creating Art from Birds, Bugs, and Bones," *Christian Science Monitor*, June 21.
- Angier, Natalie. "Of Compost, Molecules and Insects, Art is Born," *The New York Times*, May 3.
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- 2009 Taffet, David. "Artfully Abilene," *Dallas Voice*, June 4.
- Ayers, Robert. "Buy These Before Somebody Else Gets There First!," *A Sky Filled With Shooting Stars*, February 26.
- 2008 Carroll, Sean. "Top Ten Losses of 2008," *Glasstire*, December.
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- Fielder, Garland. "Critics' Picks: Galveston," *Art Forum*, September 7.
- 2006 Terranova, Charissa N., "Whose Eggs Anyway?," *Glasstire*, September.
- 2005 Reinish, Jonathan. "Welcome 2 the Jungle at DCKT Contemporary," *NY Arts Magazine*, July/August.
- 2004 Ostrower, Jessica. "Helen Altman at DCKT," *Art in America*, September, p. 133.
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- 2002 Anspion, Catherine, "Preview: Helen Altman," *expoMAG: Houston's Digital Magazine for the Visual Arts*, Fall.
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- McCall, Presley, "Helen Altman at Glassell," *Houston Intown*, October, p. 15.
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- Odem, Michael. "Helen Altman: My Best Eggs," *ARTFORUM*, January, p.145.
- 2001 Davenport, Bill. "Trailhead," *Women and Their Work*, January 13-February 17.

- Watson, Neil. Burn: Artists Play with Fire. Norton Museum of Art, West Palm Beach, FL.
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- 1997
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- 1996
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 Chadwick, Susan. "Diverse Works Cleans Up with Domestic Disorder," *The Houston Post*, September 24.  
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- 2008  
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- 2002  
 Olsen, Valerie Loupe, Fire and Ice, the Glassell School of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, Houston, TX
- 2001  
 Herbert, Lynn, The Inward Eye: Transcendence in Contemporary Art, Contemporary Arts Museum, Houston, TX  
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