

# Marissa Roth FRGS, FRPS

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**EDUCATION**     **Bachelor of Fine Arts** | University of California, Los Angeles | December 1979

**AWARDS**     **Pulitzer Prize** | Best Spot News Photography 1992  
Part of The Los Angeles Times staff that covered the 1992 Los Angeles riots

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Staff Photographer | UCLA Daily Bruin** 1977-1979

**Freelance Photojournalist | Documentary & Fine Art Photographer** 1981-present

- Los Angeles Times 1984 - 1994 | Worked as a full-time freelance photographer
- New York Times 1994 - 2014
- Assignment work: Time, Newsweek, International Herald-Tribune, Wall Street Journal, Starlight Foundation, Museum of Tolerance, UCLA School of Medicine, International Medical Corps

**Curator** | 2009-present

**DESIGNATIONS** – **Fellow, Royal Geographical Society** London  
– **Fellow, Royal Photographic Society** England

**PUBLISHED BOOKS**

**THE CROSSING** Lecturis Publishers | November 2019  
Essays by Pico Iyer, Contains 62 color photographs

**INFINITE LIGHT: A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEDITATION ON TIBET** Marquand Books | April 2014  
Foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Poem by Tsering Woeser, Contains 72 color photographs

**COME THE MORNING** Wayne State University Press | March 2005  
Text by Mark Jonathan Harris, Contains 20 black and white photographs commissioned for the book

**REAL CITY: DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES INSIDE/OUT** Angel City Press | August 2001  
Text by D.J. Waldie, Contains 69 black and white duotone photographs

**BURNING HEART: A PORTRAIT OF THE PHILIPPINES** Rizzoli Publisher | April 1999  
Text by Jessica Hagedorn, Contains 84 black and white duotone photographs

**SOLO EXHIBITIONS**

**In Hollywood**

Leica Gallery London  
London, England | December 12, 2023 – March 29, 2024

**Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet**

Director's Gallery, Royal Geographical Society  
London, England | April 4 – June 4, 2023

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

European Culture Capitol 2022 Exhibition  
Novi Sad, Serbia | June 18 - 24, 2022

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

Roosevelt House, Hunter College, New York  
Forum and Exhibition | May 10 - June 24, 2022

**Witness to Truth** *Portraits of Holocaust Survivors of the Museum of Tolerance*

104 Portraits taken between 2005 and 2020, Project completed February 2020  
Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA, Permanent Exhibition | Opened September 18, 2005

**Faces of Survival** *Portraits of Holocaust Survivors*

Vancouver Holocaust Education Center, Vancouver, BC, Canada | June 2018 – June 2019

**Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet**

Phoenix Art Museum, Phoenix, AZ | September 23, 2017 – February 18, 2018

**Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet**

William D. Cannon Art Gallery, Carlsbad, CA | March 18, 2017 – May 21, 2017

**Street Seen** | Curator and Photographer

City of Los Angeles, Department of Cultural Affairs | Public Art Division  
Terminal 7, Los Angeles International Airport | November 4, 2016 - May 7, 2017

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

Venice Arts, Venice, CA | January 15– March 12, 2015

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

The Highground-Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Neillsville, WI | June 1 – July 30, 2014

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

Centre de la Mémoire, Oradour-sur-Glane, France | June 22, 2013 – April 30, 2014

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

Willy-Brandt-Haus, Berlin, Germany | March 8 – April 3, 2013

**One Person Crying: Women and War**

Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA | August 16 – December 10, 2012

**Srebrenica - Then is Now** *15 Years After the Massacre*

Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles, CA | July 9 – August 31, 2010

**In Hollywood & Downtown Los Angeles Inside/Out** | Curator and Photographer

City of Los Angeles, Department of Cultural Affairs | Public Art Division  
Terminal 1, Los Angeles International Airport | January 16 - May 29, 2009

**An Evening with Marissa Roth** | Book Signing and Photography Exhibition

Book Alley, Pasadena, CA | December 1, 2007 - March 30, 2008

**Caught in the Crossfire: Women and War**

Weatherlane, Santa Monica, CA | October 18, 2001 - December 6, 2001

**Real City: Downtown Los Angeles Inside/Out**

Dawson's Gallery, Los Angeles, CA | August 25 - September 15, 2001

**Inside/Out: Downtown Los Angeles** | Project commissioned by the Los Angeles Public Library

Exhibited at the downtown Central Library | July 1 - September 24, 2000

**Burning Heart: A Portrait of the Philippines**

Montgomery Gallery, Pomona College, Claremont, CA | November 2 - December 19, 1999

**Burning Heart: A Portrait of the Philippines**

Sepia International, The Alkazi Collection, New York, NY | May 13 - August 13, 1999

**The Children Wear Old Eyes** *A Philippine Portrait*

Lentz Center for Asian Culture, University of Nebraska, Lincoln NE | April 8 - July 1, 1994

**Hollywood**

Center for Creative Studies, College of Art and Design, Detroit, MI | September 1 - November 30, 1984

**GROUP EXHIBITIONS****The Lonka Project – Portraits of Holocaust Survivors from around the world (Dorothy Bohm)**

Inaugural exhibition at the United Nations, New York, January 27, 2020

The Willy-Brandt-Haus, Berlin, Germany, January 27 – April 11, 2021

**Women Look Out**

Arena1 Gallery at Santa Monica Art Studios, Santa Monica, CA | March 11 – April 8, 2017

**24th Annual Women's Work Exhibition**

Old Court House Art Center, Woodstock, IL | March 3 – May 1, 2011

**Annenberg Space for Photography** *Slide Show Night*

Inspired by Picture of the Year | September 17, 2009

**Indomitable Spirit** | Benefit Photography Auction for the Starlight Children's Foundation

Exhibition Co-Chair with Douglas Kirkland, Ace Gallery, Los Angeles, CA | November 13, 2008

**Divas! An Exhibition of Immodest Photography** | September 25 - December 13, 2008

Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum, California State University, San Bernardino, CA

**Earth & Time: Nature Studies by Four**

Remy's on Temple Los Angeles, CA | October 27 - November 25, 2007

**Through the Looking Glass** *Documentary Photography of the Philippines*

Remy's on Temple, Los Angeles, CA | March 1-31, 2007

**Branching Out** *A Group Show*

Sepia International, The Alkazi Collection, New York, NY | May 12-June 9, 2007

**16th Annual Center Awards**

Center for Photographic Art, Carmel, CA | October 27 - December 1, 2006

**A Sense of Place**

Center for Photographic Art, Carmel, CA | January 21 - March 3, 2000

**Captured** *MOCA Underground*

Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles, CA | September 27, 1997

**Photography Los Angeles Now**

Unity Arts Center | Spring Street Gallery, Los Angeles, CA | August 5 - 28, 1995

**24 Hours in the Life of Los Angeles**

LAPA Gallery, Los Angeles, CA | June 1 - August 30, 1984

## **AS CURATOR of EXHIBITIONS**

**Frank Hurley: Antarctica and Beyond** | This exhibition is in the early stages of research, and Roth will be traveling to multiple destinations where noted Australian photographer Frank Hurley photographed, "following in his footsteps", for both research and photography, including Australia, Antarctica and Papua New Guinea. The exhibition will debut in 2024 in conjunction with The Royal Geographical Society in London.

**Lost Man Blues: Jon Schueler – Art & War** | An exhibition of paintings by the American Abstract Expressionist painter Jon Schueler juxtaposing his war-themed paintings and peaceful skylscapes, with his writings about his World War II experiences and subsequent PTSD, and his creative process, excerpted from his biography, *The Sound of Sleet: A Painter's Life*. Exhibition debuted February 2020.

**Street Seen** | Curator and Photographer  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Division  
Terminal 7, Los Angeles International Airport | November 4, 2016 - May 7, 2017

**My War: Wartime Photographs by Vietnam Veterans**  
The Highground-Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Neillsville, WI | August 6 – Oct 30, 2016 San Juan Island Museum of Art, Friday Harbor, WA | Fall 2019

**In Hollywood & Downtown Los Angeles Inside/Out** | Curator and Photographer  
City of Los Angeles, Department of Cultural Affairs, Public Art Division  
Terminal 1, Los Angeles International Airport | January 16 - May 29, 2009

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Stop Hate Speech Conference - Speaker**  
Sofia, Bulgaria | December 5-6, 2022

**International Women's Day, Lecture/Panel Member, *One Person Crying: Women and War***  
Museum of Tolerance Los Angeles | March 8, 2020

**The Crossing *A Photographic Meditation of the Atlantic Ocean***  
Throckmorton Fine Art Gallery, New York City, January 11, 2020

**The Crossing *A Photographic Meditation of the Atlantic Ocean***  
Royal Geographical Society, London, Presented a Monday Night Lecture | December 4, 2019

**The Crossing *A Photographic Study of the Atlantic Ocean***  
Jon Schueler Centenary Symposium, Presented a Lecture and Photographs  
Sabhal Mór Ostaig University, Isle of Skye, Scotland | May 27 – 29, 2016

**International Women's Day Panel Member, *One Person Crying: Women and War***  
Annenberg Space for Photography Los Angeles | March 8, 2014

**Lecture with Photographs, *One Person Crying: Women and War***  
Annenberg Space for Photography Los Angeles | March 28, 2013

## **ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER | PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR**

**EARTH PHOTO – Joint annual photo completion: Royal Geographical Society and Forestry England**  
Chair, Jury Committee 2027-2023; and Photographic Advisor, Mentor 2017 - Ongoing  
**El Camino College** Photography Department Career and Technical Education | Member since 2009  
**Los Angeles Center of Photography** | 2014 - Ongoing  
**Center Theater Group** The Music Center, Los Angeles | Ongoing

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Professor, Part Time, Saddleback College Emeritus Institute, CA** | Spring Semester 2016

**UCLA Extension** | 2005-2008

**Los Angeles Center of Photography** | 2010 - Ongoing

**Guest Lecturer** USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

## **ARTICLES | PRESS**

**HISTORY HIT – Interview with Dan Snow** | January 20 12, 2021

<https://play.acast.com/s/dansnowshistoryhit/marissaroth-photojournalist>

**WASHINGTON POST - In Sight** | March 12, 2020

**After spending decades examining the effects of war, this photographer found new inspiration in the Atlantic Ocean** [https://www.washingtonpost.com/photography/2020/03/02/after-spending-decades-examining-effects-war-this-photographer-found-new-inspiration-atlantic-ocean/?itid=hp\\_hp-visual-stories-desktop\\_no-name%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans](https://www.washingtonpost.com/photography/2020/03/02/after-spending-decades-examining-effects-war-this-photographer-found-new-inspiration-atlantic-ocean/?itid=hp_hp-visual-stories-desktop_no-name%3Ahomepage%2Fstory-ans)

**ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY - London** | January 2020 Issue

**The Lonka Project - Photographic Tribute to Holocaust Survivors - Group Exhibition**

<https://marissarothphotography.com/PRESS/Lonka-Article-January-2020/1>

**TROUW - The Netherlands The Crossing** | December 7, 2019

<https://marissarothphotography.com/PRESS/TROUW-Article-December-2019/1>

**INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CORPS International Women's Day Blog Entry** | March 8, 2019

One Person Crying: Women and War, Jordan 2018

<https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/story/women-in-war/>

**ROYAL PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, London - CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY JOURNAL**

Tibet - Infinite Light | Winter Edition 2019

[https://issuu.com/bjsdesign/docs/winter\\_journal\\_2019\\_for\\_issuu](https://issuu.com/bjsdesign/docs/winter_journal_2019_for_issuu)

**LEICA-MAYFAIR BLOG | Marissa Roth Following in Frank Hurley's Footsteps**

Following in Frank Hurley's Footstep's World War I Battlefields, Ypres, Belgium | October 25, 2018

**HEAVY COLLECTIVE (AUSTRALIA) | Q&A Marissa Roth - Hollywood/Los Angeles** | October 10, 2018

<http://theheavycollective.com/2018/10/10/qa-marissa-roth-hollywood-los-angeles/>

**BLACK + WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE (UK)** One Person Crying | August 2017, Issue 205

[https://14752605972e3549da8a43cd978c5ee1953636f3cd8db3077c76.ssl.cf1.rackcdn.com/issue205\\_Roth.pdf](https://14752605972e3549da8a43cd978c5ee1953636f3cd8db3077c76.ssl.cf1.rackcdn.com/issue205_Roth.pdf)

**LENSCRATCH - FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY DAILY** Marissa Roth: My War | September 15, 2016

<http://lenscratch.com/2016/09/marissa-roth-my-war/>

**NEW YORK TIMES Lens Blog | My War: Wartime Photographs by Vietnam Veterans**

How Young Soldiers Saw Life in Wartime Vietnam by Joseph Berger | Tuesday June 28, 2016

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY | The Eye and the Image, Women Photographers of Los Angeles**

March 15, 2016

<http://photofriends.org/the-eye-and-the-image-women-photographers-of-los-angeles/>

**URTHONA JOURNAL OF BUDDHISM & THE ARTS**

Portfolio: Marissa Roth, Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet, Issue 32 | January 2016

**LA OBSERVED** | In Honor of International Women's Day by Iris Schneider | March 11, 2014

[http://www.laobserved.com/intell/2014/03/in\\_honor\\_of\\_womens\\_day.php](http://www.laobserved.com/intell/2014/03/in_honor_of_womens_day.php)

**ANNENBERG SPACE FOR PHOTOGRAPHY** | Marissa Roth and Sara Terry

War: Witnesses to Aftermath, Presentation coincided with War/Photography exhibition | March 28, 2013

<https://annenbergphotospace.org/video/marissa-roth-and-sara-terry-war-witnesses-aftermath/>

**BLACK & WHITE MAGAZINE *Profile & Portfolio: Marissa Roth*** | February 2011

**ASIAN JOURNAL *Interview: Marissa Roth*** | March 5, 2007

**AFTERIMAGE *State of Photography*** | November/December 2006

**PHOTO DISTRICT NEWS *Exposure: Marissa Roth*** | October 1999

#### **PRINTS IN PERMANENT COLLECTIONS**

**Bibliothèque Nationale de France** Paris, France

**Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher LLP** Los Angeles, CA

**Lentz Center for Asian Culture** Lincoln, NE

**Musée Carnavalet** Paris, France

**Museum of Tolerance** Los Angeles, CA

**Los Angeles Public Library** Los Angeles, CA

#### **PRINTS IN PRIVATE COLLECTIONS**

**Michael Zilkha** Houston, Texas

**Marjorie and Len Vernon** Los Angeles, CA

**Stephen and Mus White** Los Angeles, CA

**Marsha and Vern Bohr** Pasadena, CA

**Steve and Maya Richards** Los Angeles

**Debby and Bill Richards** Pasadena, CA

#### **CURRENT PROJECTS and TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS**

##### **The Crossing – Traveling Exhibition**

A personal journey across the Atlantic Ocean capturing what it feels like to be at sea, suspended in time and in the prosaic rhythms of the ocean. The book was published in November 2019, essays by Pico Iyer.

##### **Infinite Light: A Photographic Meditation on Tibet - Traveling Exhibition**

A series of color photographs that captures the subtle beauty and profound spirituality of this ancient culture. A book of this work was published in April 2014, foreword by His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

##### **One Person Crying: Women and War - Traveling Exhibition**

This is a multi-country project that addresses the impact of war on women in their particular society, country or culture. Subjects include Syrian and Afghan refugee women, American mothers who lost sons in the Iraq War, and Eastern European World War II survivors. A book about this project is forthcoming.

##### **Witness to Truth 2005-2020 - Permanent Exhibition**

Commissioned portrait series containing 110 portraits and interviews of Holocaust survivors who volunteer at the Simon Wiesenthal Center/Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. A book is forthcoming.

##### **Cantata – In Covid-19 Isolation – Forthcoming Book**

Personal photo essay inspired by being in lockdown and isolation in England during the pandemic.

#### **REFERENCES PROVIDED ON REQUEST**