Paul Thulin-Jimenez

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BIOGRAPHY

Paul Thulin-Jimenez is an associate professor of Photography and Film at Virginia Commonwealth University whose practice uses photography, collage, video, and installation to explore history, cultural identity, consumerism, memory, and myth. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally at venues including United Photo Industries (New York), Candela Gallery (Richmond, VA), Grand Prix Fotofestival Łódź (Poland), Athens Photo Festival (Greece), Center for Fine Art Photography (Colorado), Mt. Rokko Photography Festival (Japan), Nera di Verzasca Photo Festival (Switzerland), FIF_BH International Festival of Photography (Brazil), and the Noorderlicht Photo Festival (The Netherlands).

Thulin-Jimenez's work has received numerous recognitions, including the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Professional Fellowship (2025), Virginia Commission for the Arts Artist Fellowship (2006), Conveyor Exhibition Grant (2013), Hariban Award Honorable Mention (2015), Critical Mass Top 50 (2015), and the LensCulture Emerging Talent Grant (2015). His monograph *Pine Tree Ballads* (Candela Books, 2019) is held in distinguished research collections such as the Library of Congress (Washington, DC), the Museum of Modern Art Library (New York), and the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, among others. His artist book projects *Isla de Las Palmas* (Collector's Edition) and *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs* (Deluxe Collaborative Portfolio) were acquired by Centro, the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College (2025); the Museum of Modern Art Library (2026); Princeton University's Firestone Library Special Collections (2026); the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (2026); and the Clark Art Institute Library (2026). His artist book *X*, made with the poet Cody-Rose Clevidence, was acquired in 2026 by the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Yale University and the Poetry Collection at the University at Buffalo.

He lives and works in Richmond, Virginia.

EDUCATION

2000 M.F.A. in Photography, Virginia Commonwealth University

1995 B.A. in Philosophy, Summa Cum Laude, Virginia Commonwealth University

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2020 El Cuadrado Gris Gallery, San Juan, Puerto Rico

2019 *Pine Tree Ballads*, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2018 The Burgin Center for the Arts, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

2016 Workspace Gallery, Lincoln, Nebraska

2014 Hunt Gallery, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia

2013 Arlington Arts Center, Arlington, Virginia

2013 United Photo Industries, Brooklyn, New York

2009 Hoffmaster Gallery, Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin

2006 Red Mountain Gallery, Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno, Nevada

2006 Zone VI Gallery, Sinclair Community College, Dayton, Ohio

2006 SRO Gallery, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas

TWO & THREE ARTIST EXHIBITIONS

2016 *Chasing Tales*, Three Artist Invitational: Paul Thulin, Dolezal/Shipley, Daniel Coburn, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2015 UNO-St. Claude Gallery, Paul Thulin & Dolezal/Shipley, New Orleans, Louisiana

2015 Colorado Photographic Arts Center, Paul Thulin & Dolezal/Shipley, Denver, Colorado

2008 Transmission Gallery, Paul Thulin & Stephen Vitiello, Richmond, Virginia

2007 Nightingale Gallery, Paul Thulin & George Allen, Eastern Oregon University, Oregon

GROUP EXHIBITIONS

2026 The Ephemere Photobook Exhibition, KG+ Special, KYOTOGRAPHIE, Kyoto, Japan, April 18 – May 17, 2026 (*X*, book dummy)

2024 "Folding Suns" (Invitational Group Exhibition), Buffalo Institute of Contemporary Arts, Buffalo, New York, August 2 – September 21, 2024

2023 "37th Annual Collector's Night," Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 13, 2023

2022 "Collector's Night 2022," Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, May 14, 2022

2021 "Unbound 10," Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2021 "Collector's Night 2021," Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, March 1–21

2021 "Am I Altering Your Aura," WPA Collectors' Night Benefit Auction 2021, Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C., May 6–20

2020 "HomeBound: A Virtual, Cause-Driven Exhibition," Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia, May 5 – June 8

2020 "High Frequency," Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C., June 4–18

2020 "Collector's Night 2020," Visual Arts Center of Richmond, Richmond, Virginia, February 26 – March 7

2019 "Currents Art Fair," Richmond, Virginia, October 25–27

2019 "CURRENTS 2019: Reimagined Histories | Rewritten Futures," Ogden Museum of Art, New Orleans, Louisiana

2018 "The Big Picture, Coup de Fourche #2," Studio Baxton, Brussels, Belgium

2017 The Big Picture, Denver Month of Photography, Denver, Colorado

2017 "Mundo, Imagen, Mundo," Belo Horizonte International Photography Festival (FIF-BH), Cultural Institutions of Ipatinga, Minas Gerais, Brazil

2016 Renaissance Photography Prize, Getty Images Gallery, London, England

2016 Top 10 Finalist Slide Night, Nera di Verzasca Photo Festival, Switzerland

2016 Kuala Lumpur International Photoawards 2016, Whitebox Gallery, PUBLIKA, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

2016 "[mis/dis]placed" (Group Exhibition), Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

2016 Points of Entry, Photofestiwal Lodz, curated by Alison Nordström, Lodz, Poland

2016 "LIFE," Annenberg Space for Photography Invitational Slideshow, Los Angeles, California

2015 "Mundo, Imagen, Mundo," Belo Horizonte International Photography Festival (FIF-BH), Belo Horizonte, Brazil

2015 LensCulture Emerging Talent Exhibition, SF Camerawork, San Francisco, California

2015 National Best Contemporary Photography 2015, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, Indiana

2015 Emerging Photographer's Show, Mt. Rokko International Photography Festival, Kobe-Shi, Japan

2015 Emerging Artists Auction, Daniel Cooney Fine Art, New York, New York

2015 BIPA, Galeria Valid Photo, Barcelona, Spain

2015 Third Person, Cleveland Print Room, Cleveland, Ohio

2015 Portfolio Showcase 8, The Center for Fine Art Photography, Fort Collins, Colorado

2014 Herald II, Main Branch Richmond Library, Richmond, Virginia

2014 "An Ocean of Possibilities," 21st Noorderlicht Photofestival 2014, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands

2014 "This May Have Happened," Filter Photo Festival, David Weinberg Gallery, Chicago, Illinois

2014 35 Candles, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2014 Cabin Fever Auction, 1708 Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2013 Philadelphia Photographic Arts Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2013 The American Landscape, 1708 Gallery Satellite Exhibition, Richmond, Virginia

2012 Mimesis, 311 Gallery, Raleigh, North Carolina

2012 Winter Show, Modernbook Gallery, San Francisco, California

2012 Unbound, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2012 Anniversary Exhibition, ADA Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2010 PS 19: The International Competition, Texas Photographic Society, San Antonio, Texas

2010 PhotoSpiva Exhibition, Spiva Center for the Arts, Joplin, Missouri

2007 Romanticism Restaged: The Romantic Impulse in Contemporary Art, SPAS Gallery, RIT, Rochester, New York

2007 Smoke Gallery, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada

2006 The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, The Photography Institute at Columbia University, New York, New York

2005 Northern National Art Competition (Award of Distinction), Nicolet College, Rhinelander, Wisconsin

2005 14th Annual New Images Exhibition, New Image Gallery, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

2005 Photography Image Biennial, juried by Maggie Taylor, Wellington B. Gray Gallery, East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina

2004 Re: FOTO FUTURE, Art Center of Battle Creek, Battle Creek, Michigan

2004 Peninsula Fine Arts Center Biennial (Levinson Photography Award), Peninsula Fine Arts, Newport News, Virginia

2004 Photography and Digital Images, juried by Katherine Ware, LBI Foundation of Arts and Sciences, Loveladies, New Jersey

2004 In2Words: Numbers, juried by Sarah Tanguy, Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Alexandria, Virginia

2001 Pixels: Contemporary Photography and the Computer, Visual Arts Center, Tidewater Community College, Portsmouth, Virginia

2001 American Photography Institute: National Seminar Fellows, NYU Photo Center, New York, New York

2000 10th Annual New Images Exhibition, New Image Gallery, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

2000 3rd Annual National Student Photography Competition, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee

2000 Graduate Thesis Show, Anderson Gallery, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia

BOOKS

2026 *X*. Paul Thulin-Jimenez, with poems by Cody-Rose Clevidence. Self-published artist book: metallic silver papers, poems printed in silver ink. Designed by the artist; hand-bound by Rory Sparks. Edition of 10, September 2026.

Guasábara. Paul Thulin-Jimenez, with poet Rubén Ramos Colón. Artist book, forthcoming late 2027.

2024 *Memory Orchards*. Paul Thulin-Jimenez, 4 color photos. Published by Candela Books, February 2024. Hardcover, edition of 100.

2023 *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs Collaborative Portfolio*. Self-published, edition of 6, April 2023.

2022 *Isla de Las Palmas*. Self-published, edition of 25, January 2022.

2019 "Till Death Do Us Part." Paul Thulin-Jimenez, 1 B/W photo in *On Death*, Graves, Kris; Feinstein, Jon; Seikaly, Roula. New York: Kris Graves Project LLC, 2019, pgs. 86–87.

2019 *Pine Tree Ballads*. Authored by Paul Thulin. Published by Candela Books, 2019. Hardcover, edition of 750.

COLLECTIONS

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs Collaborative Portfolio* (copy 4 of 6) and *Isla de Las Palmas* (Newsprint Collector's Edition). Collected by the Clark Art Institute Library, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *X*, with poems by Cody-Rose Clevidence. Edition of 10. Collected by the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library (Yale Collection of American Literature), Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *X*, with poems by Cody-Rose Clevidence. Edition of 10. Collected by the Poetry Collection, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York.

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas* (Newsprint Collector's Edition). Special edition of 25, made in collaboration with artist Rory Sparks. Collected, with *Pine Tree Ballads*, by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Library, Richmond, Virginia.

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas* (Newsprint Collector's Edition) and *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs Collaborative Portfolio*. Collected by the Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, New York.

2026 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs Collaborative Portfolio*. Collected by Firestone Library, Special Collections, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

2025 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas: 100 Yrs Collaborative Portfolio*. Self-published, April 2023. Edition of 6. Collected by the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College, New York, New York.

2025 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. *Isla de Las Palmas* (Newspaper Special Edition). Completed in collaboration with artist Rory Sparks, custom Riso-printed folio housing the self-published book *Isla de Las Palmas*. Special edition of 25, 2024. Collected by the Center for Puerto Rican Studies, Hunter College, New York, New York.

2024 Thulin, Paul. *Pine Tree Ballads*. Candela Books, 2019. Hardcover, edition of 750. Collected by:

- Melvin Gelman Library, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.
- Bortz Library, Hampden-Sydney College, Hampden-Sydney, Virginia
- Museum of Modern Art Library, New York, New York
- Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- Wallace Memorial Library, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
- Courtright Memorial Library, Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio
- Capital One, Richmond, Virginia
- Ingalls Library, Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland, Ohio
- Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Massachusetts
- Cecil H. Green Library, Stanford University, Stanford, California
- Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

2022 *In Honor of Cacique Yuiza*, Private Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2022 *Pine Tree Ballads* (book), VCU Library, General and Special Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2022 *Isla de Las Palmas* (book), VCU Library, General Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2021 *Hijuki and Bil*, Private Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2021 *Isla de Las Palmas* (book), Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2020 *Star of El Yunque*, Private Collection, Seattle, Washington

2020 *Genesis*, Private Collection, Washington, D.C.

2018 Capital One, Richmond, Virginia

2017 *Library 1*, Private Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2015 Benaki Museum, Athens, Greece

2014 *Grave of Heloise*, Private Collection, Richmond, Virginia

2012 *Deer*, Private Collection, Melbourne, Australia

2005 Getty Collection and Archives, Los Angeles, California

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2023 Thulin-Jimenez, Paul. 1 full color image in *New Yorker* (literary section), November 2023: Print.

2020 *Isla de Las Palmas* (digital catalogue): Paul Thulin-Jimenez, 3 gold monotone photos in *High Frequency*. Washington, D.C.: Washington Project for the Arts, 2020, pgs. 117–118.

2019 Susan Edgely, "American Connection," *Black + White Photography*, November 2019: Print.

2019 Collier Brown, "Pine Tree Ballads," *The Od Review*, 2019: Web.

2019 Book Review, "Living, Being, and Dying with the Pine Trees," by Colin Pantall. PH Museum, 4 color images and text, June 2019: Web.

2019 *Abridged Magazine*: "DELETE," Belfast, Ireland, 2 color images, May 2019: Print, multiple pgs.

2019 Interview, "Paul Thulin Retells His Family's Folklore with Photographic Magic," by Jon Feinstein. Humble Arts Foundation, 14 color images and text, April 2019: Web.

2019 Interview and Book Announcement, by Tom Seymour and Brennavan Sritharan. *British Journal of Photography*, 19 color images and text, February 2019: Web.

2019 "Richmond photographer Paul Thulin's family-themed exhibit blurs fact and fiction at Candela," by Amanda Villa Adams. *Style Weekly* [Richmond], 1 color image and text, February 2019: Print.

2016 Thulin, Paul. 3 color photographs in *APhF:16 Athens Photo Festival*. Athens: Hellenic Centre for Photography, 2016, pgs. 118–19.

2016 Thulin, Paul. 5 full color images and text in *British Journal of Photography*, May 2016: Print, multiple pgs.

2016 Artist Highlight, Feature Shoot, 2 color images and text, January 2016: Web.

2016 Artist Highlight, Fotoweb, *Fotografia Magazine*, 1 B/W image, January 2016: Web.

2016 Interview with Paul Thulin, by Tom Seymour and Brennavan Sritharan. *British Journal of Photography*, 11 color images and text, January 27, 2016: Web.

2015 Glasgow, Hamidah. *Portfolio Showcase VIII*, The Center for Fine Art Photography, 12 full color images and text, pgs. 102–109, 2015: Print. 127 pgs.

2015 Thulin, Paul. "The Big Ten." *GUP*, November 2015: 6 full color images and text, pgs. 133–44: Print.

2015 "Emerging Photographers' Show 2015." Mt. Rokko International Photo Festival 2015. Kobe: UTAKATADO, 6 full color images, pg. 58, 2015: Print. 70 pgs.

2015 Interview with Paul Thulin, by Alexander Strecker. LensCulture, 20 color images and text, August 2015: Web.

2015 Interview with Paul Thulin, by Antone Dolezal. *Paper Journal*, 10 color images and text, April 2015: Web.

2014 Artist Highlight, *Aint-Bad Magazine*, 15 images and text, December 2014: Web.

2014 "Hark the Herald Two," *Style Weekly* [Richmond], October 2014: Print.

2014 "Review: This May Have Happened / David Weinberg Photography." *Newcity Art*, 16 Sept. 2014: Web. 1 B/W image, "Cervantes' Shadow."

2014 Melis, Wim, Hester Keijser, and D.H. Mader. *An Ocean of Possibilities*. Groningen: Stichting Aurora Borealis, under the auspices of Stichting Fotografie Noorderlicht, 5 full color images and text, multiple pages, 2014: Print. 256 pgs.

2014 *PLOT Volume 3: Hunting Ground*, CCNY, May 2014: Print.

2014 Feature Shoot, Artist Highlight, 10 color images, January 2014: Web.

2013 Flak Photo | Photography Online, The Collection, September 2013: Web.

2013 Newton, Karen. "Photographic Memory: 'Still Action' at 1708 Gallery Embraces the Little Mistakes." *Style Weekly* [Richmond], May 2013: Print.

2013 Harley, Mark. "ACTING STILL." *Richmond Arts Review*, 29 April 2013: Web.

2013 *Fraction Magazine*, Issue #53, August 2013: Web.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2026 Longlist, Ephemere Photobook Grant (*X*), Kyoto, Japan

2025 VMFA Professional Fellowship ($8,000), Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia

2023 Dean's Summer Research Grant ($3,000), VCUarts, Richmond, Virginia

2020 Dean's Research Grant ($7,000), VCUarts, Richmond, Virginia

2018 Dean's Exploratory Grant ($5,000), VCUarts, Richmond, Virginia

2018 "Isla de las Palmas," Shortlist 50, "Political Landscape," Guernsey Photography Festival | Raven Russia International Photography Competition, Guernsey

2017 Landskrona Foto Festival – International Photography Festival (juried portfolio invitation), Landskrona, Sweden

2016 Winner: Best Series, Renaissance Photography Prize, London, England

2016 Top 10 Finalist, Nera di Verzasca Award, Switzerland

2015 Shortlist 25, Gomma Photography Grant

2015 The Big Ten: International Emerging Talents, GUP Magazine

2015 LensCulture Emerging Talent Grant ($2,500), San Francisco, California

2015 Encontros da Imagem – International Photography Festival (juried portfolio invitation), Braga, Portugal

2015 Honorable Mention, Hariban Award, Benrido Collotype Atelier, Kyoto, Japan

2015 Shortlist 15, Guernsey Photography Festival | Raven Russia International Photography Competition, Guernsey

2015 Critical Mass Top 50, Photolucida, Portland, Oregon

2015 Juror's Commendation, "Fellowship 16 International Photography Competition," juror Jon Feinstein of Humble Arts Foundation, Silver Eye Center for Photography, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2014 Review Santa Fe (juried invitation), Santa Fe, New Mexico

2013 ACP Portfolio Review (juried invitation), Atlanta, Georgia

2013 Print Award, Philadelphia Photographic Arts Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

2013 Conveyor Arts Exhibition Grant, Newark, New Jersey

2007 Review Santa Fe Participant (juried invitation), The Center, Santa Fe, New Mexico

2006 Fellowship in Photography ($5,000), Virginia Commission for the Arts, Richmond, Virginia

SELECTED PUBLIC EVENTS AND GUEST LECTURES

2026 Panel Presentation, "Archipelagic Documentary," Translocal Knowledge: Archives, Diasporas, and Circulations symposium, VCUarts Qatar Collateral Program, 61st International Art Exhibition – La Biennale di Venezia, Venice, Italy, June 24

2020 "Isla de Las Palmas," El Cuadrado Gris Galleria, San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 11

2019 Artist Lecture Series for VCU Students, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2019 Artist Lecture, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2019 Book Signing, The Photography Show, Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD), New York, New York, April 5

2019 Artist Lecture, National Conference, Society of Photographic Education, Cleveland, Ohio

2017 Artist Lecture, The Burgin Center for the Arts, Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

2016 Artist Lecture, Candela Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2016 Interview, Through a Lens Darkly, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia

2016 Artist Lecture, Richmond Photography Group, Richmond, Virginia

2014 Artist Lecture, Herald II, Main Branch Richmond Library, Richmond, Virginia

2014 Artist Lecture, Hunt Gallery, Mary Baldwin College, Staunton, Virginia

2014 Artist Lecture, VCUarts Qatar, Doha, Qatar

CURATORIAL ACTIVITY

2020 Thulin, Paul. "#NewVisions2020: A Student Competition," Texas Photographic Society, website

2013 Thulin, Paul. "Still Action," 1708 Gallery, Richmond, Virginia

2012 Thulin, Paul. "SELECT: WPA Exhibition & Art Auction Gala," Washington Project for the Arts, Washington, D.C.