

## Josie Lepe

Visual Artist Josie Lepe

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### **Education**

2022 Masters in Fine Art in Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2019- Rochester Institute of Technology - The Kalish Editing Workshop- June 2019

2019- Accounting Certificate- UCSC Extension, Santa Clara, California- Accounting 1, Finance for Business Courses, Managerial Accounting, Intermediate Accounting.

2003 Bachelors in Fine Art in Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose.

### **Teaching Experience**

2023 Spring -Teaching Assistant- Photo-125 Sec 01 - Special Topics: Portraiture with with Professor Binh Danh in the Art & Art History, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2022 Fall Teaching Associate- Photo 40 Beginning Black and White Digital Photography in the Art & Art History, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2021 Spring, Teaching Assistant- Image and Idea with Professor Robin Lasser in the Art & Art History, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2021 Fall, Lecturer, J95 Beginning Digital News Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2022 & 2021 Summer, Mosaic Journalism, San Jose Urban High School Journalism, In person Workshop, Two-weeks course mentoring and editing students, San Jose, California.

2021Spring, Story Telling Bootcamp in the Beginning Digital News Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2020 Summer, Mosaic Journalism, San Jose Urban High School Journalism Online-Workshop, Two-weeks course mentoring and editing students, San Jose, California.

2020-2019 Spring, Portrait Lighting workshop in the Beginning Digital News Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2020 Spring- Teaching Assistant- Color Photography with Professor Binh Danh, in the Art & Art History, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2019-2018 Fall, Sports Academy workshop in the Beginning Digital News Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2009 Spring, Beginning Digital News Photography, San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

2007-2011 Mosaic, San Jose Urban High School Journalism Workshop, Two-week workshop mentoring five photography students held at San Jose State University, San Jose, California.

## Exhibitions

2023 The de Young Open 2023, The de Young/Legion of Honor, Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco. (Group Exhibition Sept.30-Jan.7, 2024)

2023 An Choi, Eat and Play, Chopsticks Alley Art Gallery, San Jose, California. (Group Exhibition Sept.1-Jan.14, 2024 )

2023 Liftoff, Curated by Andrew McNeely, Radius Gallery, Santa Cruz, California. (SJSU MFA Group Exhibition May 25-June 4)

2022 *La Cena*, Thesis Exhibition, San Jose State University, San Jose, California. (Solo Exhibit)

2022 For the Love of Ink, Reyes Metros Kalli, San Jose, California. (Group Exhibit)

2021 Fragments, The Black Gallery, MFA Advancement to Candidacy, San Jose State University, San Jose, California. (Solo Exhibit)

2021 Together, Theta Belcher Gallery, San Jose State University, San Jose, California. (Group Exhibit)

2021  *Holding the Moment*, Part III Group Exhibit - Jan. 11-February 14, 2021, Mineta San Jose International Airport, Curated by San Jose Cultural Affairs. (Group Exhibit)

2020 *Sequestering*, Group Exhibit at Art Ark Gallery, Nov. 6th-Dec. 5, 2020.

2020 Black Gallery, MFA Group Exhibition -Jan. 27-30, San Jose State University, San Jose, California (Group Exhibit)

## Work Experience

Fall 2022- **Grad Assistant**- Photography Department, Art & Art History, **San Jose State University**. Assist students with equipment check-out using the One.sjsu system. Helping students with chemistry and printer assistance in developing their projects. Guiding students in the photo lab at SJSU.

May 01, 2018-Present - **Independent Photojournalist**

Photographic work for clients; Associated Press, San Francisco Chronicle, LA Times, Stanford University, San Jose State University, The Hill, CityLab.

July 19, 1999 – Jan. 31, 2018 - **San Jose Mercury News/ Bay Area News Group**  
Staff photojournalist, photo lab manager, photo lab technician,

Managed the photo lab, including maintaining the monthly purchasing budget and capital request. Served as the photo editor and assignment editor, and producer of multimedia slideshows, and videos for the print and digital editions.

Photo assignments included news, business, features and professional sporting

## **Professional Awards**

2016 - Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News for coverage of the Ghost Ship fire for the East Bay Times- Lepe was part of team and contributor to the coverage that won the Pulitzer.

2015 - Sports Photo Award of Excellence for photo essay "The Cinderella Man"  
The San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers Association 39th Annual News Photography and News Video Competition

2013 - Award of Excellence, Sports, The San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers Association 38th Annual News Photography and News Video Competition

2012 - Award of Excellence, Portfolio, The San Francisco Bay Area Press Photographers Association 39th Annual News Photography and News Video Competition

2011 - Sports Photography, Single Photograph, Second Place, "Laid Out Flat."  
National Headliner Awards, Newspapers