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## EDUCATION

University of Minnesota:  
M.A., Photographic Communication; B.A., Studio Arts & B.A., Economics

## SOLO EXHIBITIONS

- 2011 "Faces of New America," environmental photographic and sound installation,  
Cargill Hall Gallery, Minneapolis Central Library, MN  
2007 "Heroines Portraits," Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, MN  
2006 "Passage to Oblivion," Minnesota Center for Photography, Minnesota  
Projects Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
2002 "Three Portfolios: Jila Nikpay's Photographs/1995-2002," House of Artists,  
Tehran, Iran; organized by the Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Iran  
1999 "Against Gravity," The Print Center, Philadelphia, PA  
1998 "Recent Work," Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN

## GROUP EXHIBITIONS/ FILM SCREENINGS

- 2010 Walker Art Center's Best Buy Film/Video Bay, Minneapolis, MN, *In Waiting*  
2009 "MNTV," Twin Cities Public Television, St. Paul, *In Waiting*  
2009 "Women with Vision Film Festival," Walker Art Center, *In Waiting*  
2008 "MNTV," Twin Cities Public Television, *Labyrinth*  
2008 "International Short Films on Culture," Jaipur, India, *Rhythm of Tides & Shroud and Torrent*  
2008 "Women with Vision Film Festival," Walker Art Center, *Labyrinth*  
2007 "Manifestations of Contemporary Art," Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran, selected photographs from the World in Between  
2007 "Latitudes," California Building Gallery, Minneapolis, MN, *Labyrinth*  
2007 "Arizona International Film Festival," Tucson, AZ, *Rhythm of Tides*  
2007 "Women with Vision Film Festival," Walker Art Center, *Rhythm of Tides*  
2005 "Women with Vision Film Festival," Walker Art Center, *Keepers of the Garden*  
2005 "23<sup>rd</sup> Annual MPLS-St. Paul International Film Festival," *Shroud & Torrent*  
Minneapolis, MN  
2004 "Central Standard Film Festival," organized by IFP/MSP, Minneapolis, MN  
*Keepers of the Garden*  
2004 "Women with Vision Film Festival," Walker Art Center, *Shroud & Torrent*  
2004 "Sacred Texts," film installation: *Shroud & Torrent*, Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Minneapolis, MN  
2001 "New Photography: McKnight Fellows 2000/2001," Katherine E. Nash Gallery, Minneapolis, MN  
1998 "Inner Landscapes," PARTS Gallery, Minneapolis, MN

## **AWARDS**

- 2010 **Artist Initiative Grant, Media Arts**, Minnesota State Arts Board
- 2009 **Arts, Culture & Humanities Grant**, St. Paul Foundation
- 2008 **COMPAS Community Art Program Grant**, McKnight Foundation
- 2008 **Film & Video Travel and Study Grant Program**, Jerome Foundation
- 2007 **Minnesota Media Arts Program**, Jerome Foundation
- 2006 **Latitude**, Mizna and Metropolitan Regional Arts Council Special Initiative
- 2006 **Artist Initiative Grant, Media Arts**, Minnesota State Arts Board
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- 2004 **Minnesota Media Arts Program**, Jerome Foundation
- 2005 **Access Grant**, Independent Feature Project Minneapolis/Saint Paul
- 2003 **Access Grant**, Independent Feature Project Minneapolis/Saint Paul
- 2002 **Travel and Study Grant**, Jerome Foundation
- 2002 **Artist Assistance Fellowship**, Minnesota State Arts Board
- 2001 **Career Opportunity Grant**, Minnesota State Arts Board
- 2000 **McKnight Photography Fellowship**, McKnight Foundation
- 1998 **Artist Assistance Fellowship**, Minnesota State Arts Board

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2008 Member of COMPAS roster of Writers & Artists in the Schools
- 2008 Panelist, Jerome Foundation's Media Arts Program, Minneapolis
- 2007 Juror of Merit Scholarship Competition, Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Minneapolis, MN
- 2000 Member of the Artist Assistance Photography advisory panel of Minnesota State Arts Board, Minneapolis, MN

## **RECENT TEACHING**

- 2006-09 **Instructor**, IFP Minnesota Center for Media Arts, St. Paul, MN
- 2006-08 **Instructor**, Minnesota Center for Photography, MPLS, MN
- 2003-05 **Adjunct professor**, Department of Art, University of Minnesota
- 2003-04 **Instructor**, Compleat Scholar Program, University of Minnesota

## **RECENT RESIDENCIES & VISITING ARTIST**

- 2009-10 **Artist-in-Residence**, Como Park Senior High School, St. Paul, MN, photography residency with youth from immigrant backgrounds
- 2009 **Visiting Artist**, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Visual Lecture Series
- 2009 **McGuire Visiting Artist**, Blake Schools, Minneapolis, MN, a month long media arts and photography residency
- 2007 **Guest Artist**, Women's Art Institute, Minneapolis College of Art & Design
- 2006 **Guest filmmaker**, Institute for Global Studies, University of Minnesota
- 2006 **Guest filmmaker**, Walker Art Center, post-screening discussion

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Heroines: *Transformation in the Face of Breast Cancer***, book published by Zenith, Minneapolis, MN, 2006. Contributing writer, Thomas Moore

**Sacred Texts**, Minneapolis College of Art & Design, Exhibition Catalog, 2004

**McKnight Fellows 2000/2001**, Katherine Nash Gallery, Exhibition Catalog, 2001

## **REVIEWS & ARTICLES**

**Minneapolis / St. Paul magazine**, July 2009, "The New Face Book," Photographer Jila Nikpay points her lens at teenagers from local immigrant families, by Kate Dohman

**The Bridge newspaper**, December 2007, "An Individual Journey," feature article by Anna Pratt

**10,000 Arts magazine**, November 2007, "Point of Entry," feature article by Ann Klefstad

**Heroines: *Transformation in the Face of Breast Cancer***, a 2006 book release, featuring photography & poetry, with an essay by author Thomas Moore, published by Zenith, Minneapolis, MN

**Star Tribune newspaper**, July 30, 2006, section E, "Artist Jila Nikpay transformed lives with Heroines Project," feature article by Kay Miller

**Minnesota Public Radio**, April 7, 2006, coverage of Heroines Music by Karl Gehrke

**Radio mnartists**: April 6, 2006, interview with Jila Nikpay by Marya Morstad

**Minnesota Public Radio**, April 5, 2006, interview with Jila Nikpay by Cathy Wurzer

**Minnesota Women's Press**, Vol., 21, No. 26, March 2006, "An emotional Landscape: artist's book portrays women who have survived breast cancer," by Alison Bergblom Johnson

**Minnesota Monthly magazine**, March 2006, Art section, feature article on Heroines Project

**NY Arts**, Vol.9, No. 7/8, July/August 2004, review of "Sacred Texts" exhibition, pp 14-15

**Sacred Texts**, Minneapolis College of Art & Design Exhibition Catalog, 2004

**Minnesota Monthly magazine**, August 2003, Spot light section, pp 77-78

**AKS magazine**, No. 182, May 2002, interview in Farsi

**Iran Newspaper**, No. 2105, April 23, 2002, review of solo exhibition at the House of Artists in Farsi

**Minneapolis Star & Tribune newspaper**, September 6, 2001, "New Photography: McKnight Fellows 2000/2001," Katherine Nash Gallery

## **COLLECTIONS**

Minnesota Historical Society, Minneapolis, MN; Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art, Tehran, Iran; Target Corporation, Minneapolis, MN; The Museum of Modern Art's Library, New York, NY; and numerous private & public collections