

## **Karen Levitov Bio**

Karen Levitov is the Director and Curator of the Zuccaire Gallery at the Staller Center for the Arts and Professor of Practice in the Art Department at Stony Brook University. Prior, she was a curator and senior administrator at The Jewish Museum, New York, where she organized numerous exhibitions and published several books in connection with her exhibitions. Since 2014 as Zuccaire Gallery Director, she has presented over twenty-five exhibitions of diverse contemporary artists with accompanying catalogs. In addition, she organizes annual undergraduate and graduate student exhibitions and triennial faculty exhibitions. Levitov has received grants and awards for her exhibitions, including a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence and Stony Brook University's Presidential Grant for Departmental Diversity Initiatives. She has initiated interdisciplinary educational programming, including the campus-wide Art Crawl, artist talks, collaborative workshops, and community panel discussions. Levitov teaches an experiential Gallery Management Workshop and a freshman Scholars seminar on Modern Art and Creative Expression. She has served as juror and panelist for national exhibitions, symposia and competitions, including MTA Arts for Transit, and was an invited panelist for the Long Island Museum's roundtable "The Art of Collaboration: Creating Opportunities to Engage and Support Long Island Artists and the Arts Community." Levitov earned her MA in Art History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and PhD work at Stony Brook University. She is a member of the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries, the Museum Association of New York, the Long Island Museum Association and the SUNY Museum and Gallery Directors Association.