



# PhotoWork Foundation Announces the 2025 PhotoWork Senior Fellows

(New York—April 24, 2025) – The PhotoWork Foundation is proud to announce the 2025 PhotoWork Senior Fellows: **Michelle Arcila**, **Will Matsuda**, and **José Ibarra Rizo**. Beginning in May 2025, these three outstanding artists will embark on a six-month mentorship to develop their first photo book projects, supported by \$10,000 awards, dedicated advisors, and guidance from leading voices in the publishing world.

With the support of their advisors and insights from invited publishing professionals, they will explore every stage of the photo book process, including concept development, editing, design, production, and publication. By the end of the fellowship, each artist will produce a preliminary maquette, equipping them with the knowledge and foundation to pursue the publication of their first photo book.

The PhotoWork Foundation is deeply grateful to our jurors: **Matthew Genitempo**, Photographer and Publisher at Trespasser; **Dr. Sarah Kennel**, Aaron Siskind Curator of Photography at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts; and **Denise Wolff**, Independent Book Editor and Former Senior Book Editor at Aperture. Their thoughtful review and discernment were instrumental in selecting this inaugural cohort of Senior Fellows.

## About PhotoWork Foundation

The PhotoWork Foundation supports the development and education of post-documentary photographic artists and cultivates an audience for their work. Through a diverse program of outreach to individual artists and those who will be enriched by the results of their sustained efforts, the Foundation seeks to empower an aspect of photography that is often not commercially viable but is essential to the collective understanding of what it looks like to be living in society today. PhotoWork Foundation believes that providing education, guidance, mentorship, and resources to early and mid-career photographers builds a connected community of artists that will collectively make important contributions to a common humanist perspective on our shared culture.

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