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## THE MOJAVE PROJECT

*The Mojave Project* is an experimental transmedia documentary and curatorial project, led by Kim Stringfellow, exploring the physical, geological and cultural landscape of the Mojave Desert. *The Mojave Project* reconsiders and establishes multiple ways in which to interpret this unique and complex landscape, through association and connection of seemingly unrelated sites, themes and subjects thus creating a speculative and immersive experience for our audience.

*The Mojave Project* explores the following themes: *Desert as Wasteland, Geological Time vs. Human Time, Sacrifice and Exploitation, Danger and Consequence, Space and Perception, Mobility and Movement, Desert as Staging Ground, Transformation and Reinvention.*

*The Mojave Project* is told through the voices, stories and research of historians, geologists, biologists, cultural geographers, native speakers, visionaries, land management officials, military personnel, miners, desert rats, environmental activists, aerospace engineers, land speed racers, along with diverse cross-section of the region's residents and stakeholders including Kim Stringfellow, who is a full-time resident of Joshua Tree, California located in the southern Mojave Desert.

*The Mojave Project* materializes over time through deep research and direct field inquiry involving interviews, reportage and personal journaling supported with still photography, audio and video documentation. Field Dispatches are shared throughout the production period at [mojaveproject.org](http://mojaveproject.org) and through our publishing partner, KCET Artbound. Installments include those of notable guest contributors. A program of public field trip experiences and satellite events explore the diverse communities and sites of the Mojave Desert.

The initial phase of the project is designed to make ongoing research transparent, inviting the audience into the conversation as the project develops. Ultimately, this project is an attempt to create a comprehensive transmedia repository of knowledge relating to the contemporary Mojave Desert.

*The Mojave Project* will culminate as large-scale traveling exhibition, incorporating the published research journals, photographs, videos, audio interviews, documents, maps along with other collected ephemera and objects gathered over the five-year production period. The project was initially launched for *Made in the Mojave* at MOAH (Museum of Art & History) in Lancaster, California during spring 2017. Partnering with LACE (Los Angeles Contemporary Exhibitions) through support from The Andy Warhol Foundation Curatorial Fellowship program, *The Mojave Project* was exhibited during fall 2018. In conjunction with this exhibition, Stringfellow coordinated two Mojave Desert field trips to provide participants with an on-site immersive experience.

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### **Kim Stringfellow Bio**

Kim Stringfellow is an artist, educator, writer and curator based in Joshua Tree, CA. Her work bridges cultural geography, public practice and experimental documentary into creative, socially engaged transmedia experiences. She is a 2016 Andy Warhol for the Visual Arts Curatorial Fellow, a 2015 Guggenheim Fellow in Photography and the 2012 recipient of the Theo Westenberger Award for Artistic Excellence. Stringfellow is a Professor at San Diego State University's School of Art + Design. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from Claremont Graduate University in 2018. For more information about Kim Stringfellow, please visit: [kimstringfellow.com](http://kimstringfellow.com).