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You’ll spend four weeks in San Francisco each July for three consecutive summers, collaborating and building your skills. In between these intensive summer workshops you’ll do one-on-one, long-distance work with your faculty mentor and participate in productive online group critiques with your entire cohort.

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Selected Faculty

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