

PARALLAX

An apparent displacement or difference in the apparent position of an object viewed along two different lines of sight and is measured by the angle or semi-angle of inclination between those two lines. From the Greek meaning "alteration".

– Oxford English Dictionary, 1968

Used by astronomers to measure the distance of celestial objects, Parallax, also allows the human brain to gain depth perception. An error which occurs in optical instruments like those used to make these images, it also describes the feeling of displacement I experienced upon returning to the US after living abroad for 5 years. This series is about starting over, about seeing and finding my bearings. For me, looking back is often a way to understand, to connect and to move forward.

The Warner & Swasey Observatory is a decaying symbol of Cleveland's past. A symbol of opportunities that once lay beyond the horizon. The observatory once glorious now sits tired, abused and largely forgotten except for the few trying to save it or strip it bare.

I wanted these images to be quiet and ethereal, to look back while at the same time looking beyond the horizon. We often look without seeing. For me seeing takes time, patience and experimentation. My process of making art requires the same.