

## **Blowout-Transformed**

*Blowout-Transformed* began as an ongoing series of photographs of blown-out automobile tires that I found along the highway in Las Vegas, Nevada. This project was inspired by a conversation I had with a friend and colleague. We were speaking about the idea of “life explosions,” and how they can seem so devastating, yet sometimes turn out beautifully. I was thinking about the phrase “life explosions,” as I drove down the highway one day, and an exploded, blown-out tire, caught my attention. I pulled off the road and loaded it into my car. When I moved from Delaware to Las Vegas in 2016, I brought the tire with me, and photographed it in my studio. I like the idea of taking something that is generally considered garbage, and transforming it into something beautiful. Eventually, I started thinking of the blown-out tires I photographed as visual metaphors that illustrate the experience we share as human beings. The tires encountered a tumultuous event that left them isolated and rotting on the highway, yet ultimately, they were repurposed to experience a new beginning. As my work evolved, I decided to pair each image with an anonymous story of personal transformation. *Blowout-Transformed* is an ongoing body of work that will eventually become a book. Please contact me if you are interested in sharing your story.