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## A Series of Impermanent Events

Kayla Goodyear
Wood, plants, ice, metal, glass $24^{\prime \prime} \times 17^{\prime \prime} \times 14.5^{\prime \prime}$


## Meghan O'Toole

for my sister, Nancy


You don't know there are pebbles of gold, silver, these precious things stowed in the high glass atriums, the chambers in your chest.

If you could reach inside pry with twist, stretch, balance breath
pry apart tarred ribs to peer in you would see sunlight glancing off the rises of ocean waves.

You do not walk the earth with mirror-eyes.
Others have found the sleeping lavender and daisy-woven steel in your words, the dignity of dandelion milk and the crushing forte of the deep-root earth in your irises. As you move, exhale soft creeping candle flames.

I see pools of pancake batter, eucalyptus and mint, the smell of summertime pillows, sister eyelash kisses and your hand stirring honey into tea. See this.

You should know you can warm your cold fingers with the breath from your own lungs.


## Meghan O'Toole

## How

This is not complex.
Not in the way that wind balances the world's pressure.
Air flows, dragging storms and sails.
to
Respect this.
Comb the grass and cattails.
Let dirt collect under your nails and kiss the puckering surfaces of salty waters.
Your toes cannot touch their depth.
It took millions of years for the Colorado River to sink Earth
four thousand feet
into the fossil-pocketing crust.
A century of carbon emissions taking bites from the blue of our sky.
Think of this.

The atmosphere layers like a cake frosted with clouds and color. Scoop the air into your lungs and thank it.

When you realize ripping soil, gouging mines, and tearing up earth-hugging roots scar this marble in the galaxy, fall to your knees and let this land catch you. Try to see if hurricanes are forgiving.

## Strange

## Meghan O'Toole

We cut buckthorn bristle branches in quiet woods, stacking the twisted torsos, arms and other cloud-caressing parts of the trees that don't belong. Here, we built a pyre from the bent brittle shapes.

It's easy to work in silence.
Saw
Cut
Snap
Drag
and we burned that wild, the hungry orange vampire flame licking sweet sap as it bled from the younger rings.

We halted the invasion of thorny trees striped with bands of shriveled bark. Singing as we sawed, we became guardians of the mulchy dark sponge floors, the blooming mushrooms and the head-hiding turtles. We reeked of summer bonfires.

In the forest I forgot myself kneeling in the chips and leaves of other dying things.
It's easier, here, to make friends.
Buckthorn always grows to choke more in this strange country.


Wood, brazing rod, hemp
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Sample group 111.

## Are we being represented?



## Meghan O'Toole

The plastic bottle sits empty on the sewing box beside your bed. I remember you carving the word TIME
in all caps on the headboard with a parched ballpoint pen. Dad scolded you for wrecking the wood.

The bottle, droplets of Evian still clinging to its sides makes it seem like you crawled beneath your duvet and slept soundly last night, the warm vent of your breath heating the den of blankets.

My head is cradled in the dip of your pillow. The vintage cases cover yellow nightmare stains. I can see you sipping the last trickle then capping the crinkly plastic.

You hated disposable bottles piled like a landfill in our recycling bin, some only half empty. You said it was wrong how they capped and sold the world. Your lips will never touch one again.

## Wasteful



## Hybrid Form \#2

Olivia Zubko
Wood, steel, cotton thread $22^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime} \times 5$ "

## Sheared Gold

## Michelle Mabry

I am made of
California.
Her tides call and call and call to when she was an island.

Her curve is my thickest rib; my right hip, the coast.

Her ocean
salts my marrow,
her faults crack my heart, sick with longing.

## Gregory Bryant

describe these moments in time
singularly unconfined.
in the soft dark that draws the curtain of your senses in close
the personal, the here, your body, your breath
soaking in the warmth of your own flesh


## Ventral

# Hybrid Form \#1 

Olivia Zubko
Wood, steel $12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime} \times 12^{\prime \prime}$

## Michelle Mabry

## The mesh

spreads like a blossom,
a camera eye.
My chest bursts,
stars line up like stitches
where everything used to.

## Gregory Bryant


long tone for the short changed half, half, highhat; the weekend man... that man ruined the ritual every week I come in here and the manager man... my friend the manager says " 8.66 " I need the ritual, call me obsessed, please... "9.66," Wrong, Wrong, Wrong NO fulfill my ritual, Turkey salami bread and... give me my OCD salami fix, you say "8.66" I'll pay. I'll pay. Just say it right.

## Claiming Heritage

to Basquiat

## Gregory Bryant

Do not claim Egypt for yourself leave that sad inheritance to others broken tombs and dry stones and near forgotten gods do not claim the long low valley or its holy flood let some other man call the slave driver of Old Egypt his father
Heir to millennia of chained captives leave that heritage to the Arabs, most recent conquerers of an ancient land, may they keep Pharaoh and his many graves

Mixed media $4^{\prime} \times 2.5^{\prime} \times 2.5^{\prime}$



I Don't Know Nuthin' 'Bout Art But I Know What I Like Olivia Zubko
Mixed media $6^{\prime} \times 6^{\prime} \times 3^{\prime}$
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## Morrow Wights

## Gregory Bryant

Exaggerated figures on an oversimplified landscape striding over ridiculously green forests and I one of them, stepping around perfectly conical mountains, caricatures of mountains,
like a child's picture of mountains rendered solid. following the range west to the featureless coast where the sea whispers Darkly against the shore And the Baleful stars hang low in a dead black sky here the memory finds me memory of a place over this watery horizon from a story I have never read in a book that was never written
A memory of a lagoon, the silence of the leaning trees the Hush on the edge of thick gloom
I lift my feet off the brief sand and set out over the deep hunched down, unable to rise higher than a foot above the waters, legs lapped by every swell, a long Journey in a moonless, sunless world across brooding tides, then the lagoon and the Morrow Wights, the Marrow Wights, palest in among the umbral trunks, emerging now out under the eyes of the stars,
Marrow Wights in the open water of the lagoon paddling in bleach wood canoes through the still surface approaching

## Her Name is a River

## Michelle Mabry

Here's what happened: I woke up and read the day, pleaded by windows.
The frontier asked her name.
I longed with the
quicker darkness
for a lit path in the brindled distance, some unbridled rivet to hold her together. Genes must not forget to unzip this.

I should have been named for a river,
to be delicate, yet spreading over the edges of acceptable.
My system of sleep
involves open air
and
telling night
it's a new
terrible,
but right for me.
I hurry to catch up,
the red bull
of lateness
touches my topping nerves, maybe I call your bluff
and steal you
this time.
Perhaps,
you think you
gold the trees.
I drink what I might miss,
no,
I stick to my cold guns-
dreaming about
coated,
copper darts and
how they curl when turned,
still polite,
sharp arrows.

My towns fall, suspiciously so. You realize too late, is
was
the real danger you ignored.

## Like

a quiet friend, the turning skytilted red, ants with wings, my motor lures every knot.

I untie threads and cells, the small rooms your children made into themselves.
I gleam and unwind each this.
Each mastered trick of control, I drill like a small coin to hang at my hip: souvenirs.

My return
bleeds the map, each country's rutting sun.

Stand to greet, give me your hand, lust is the property of manners.

Patience cures my headaches, my thirst runs on and on.

I am the black river.
If you try to rule me,
your regret
will drown you
all by itself.


## Psychology

## Hana Chang

Mixed media $24^{\prime \prime} \times 37^{\prime \prime}$

## thrills for weird people

## Gregory Bryant

Pretending to be homeless is a time passing game props to bring, don't go overboard: ripped shoes or an unkempt beard if desperate find unfrozen mud
Pick a well monied suburb,
You don't want to meet any real street people and the neighbors need to have better cars than you can afford hear that this is for privileged car buyers only, get a wild walk going, whether that means getting a little drunk or a little high, that's fine
for me that means going off my middle class style meds and not eating for a day,
to each imitator their own method
anyway, take a good coat
we're looking to experience hypocrisy not hypothermia
find a public school, the younger the better
or maybe a church, the more conservative the better
if possible go to a synagogue for elderly Jews
because this has got to be offensive
so the more the better
Wait till nine or ten, don't worry the streets are very well lit, comparatively
Don't watch your step
slipping on ice to bring home bruises adds authenticity
Walk around the block for at least three hours
in a circle


## Untitled

Alexis Swinson
Ink pen $9.5^{\prime \prime} \times 10.5^{\prime \prime}$


## Brooke Blocki

I used to know a pharmacist in a grocery store I'd bring him cracked statues of Chinese horses, lucky racing whips,
Dylan albums; in return he'd buy me maki and laugh at my soy sauce mustache.
barefoot in the parking lot, I sat across from him one or two feet apart maniacal invincible in love.

I'd call at 11:11
every Tuesday
to guess the color of his tie fabricating baby names
for our unborn twins I could hear
his extension cord swinging the circumference of the loop growing. he kindly reminded of comments tucked away in my journal where his answer was scribbled in red next time. that didn't stop me. I found a glistening engagement ring in the lost and found box at a gas station on route 41, a plastic one, that leaves a green residue when you take it off.
out of nowhere
I found myself unglued
in the shallows
wallowing in the afterglow of an imaginary moon.

## Pain

Karina Ortiz
Photography $10 " \times 8$ "


## Evolution Interlude

W.C. Schwerin

Stoneware, sand $19^{\prime \prime} \times 16^{\prime \prime} \times 15^{\prime \prime}$


## henpecked

 at the dunton house restaurant
## Brooke Blocki

I'm eying a man
in a periwinkle sweater, gray pants, newsboy cap; a cane rests against his chair.
his hair is thinning and he watches a waitress as she wipes sweat off her forehead; his wife is there too, badgering, scolding him with disapproval: come on, Harold, your soup's growing cold. I am two booths to the left, still in uniform, eating a salad and hoping to spy the unusual; but she keeps nagging, and the frail man lifts a heavy arm to peck at minestrone; under the table he clenches his fist, digging nails into brittle skin; somewhere submarines, dozens and dozens of dance halls, ornamented entryways, women too, lend a brief escape, but she keeps nagging. the wife shifts her attention to Saltines, crinkling and crackling the wrapper but it won't open: the cellophane resists and soon she's calling for the waitress who brings her crusty bread instead. she noshes at the loaf with a grimace that reminds me of melted wax indistinct, incapable of ever achieving a solid form.

## The Baiyou*

## Vivian Stewart Award Winner

## Stefani Stamboliyska

We never had a garden together in my little home.
We had beautiful, distorted garbage and I didn't say a word of it because
even though you damage my surroundings, you please my majority.
Every day, I carried your stench but I didn't say a word of it because
I was scared that you'd walk away from this kind of mortgage.
It's not that my body's been depreciated from its value.
You haven't touched me like that.
You just carved and carved
these whimsical scars in the inside of my skull.
This graffiti was close to home, close to me.
I've lost my credibility for seven years.
I can't even stand back up once you've rooted me to a place of no neighborhood.
To these tastes and dishonesties,
toasting champagne for dry humor, but it's a bad taste that never goes away.
These internal scars have developed cracks, you see.
I have a leaky roof, my electricity's out, and everything said hits too hard to home.
I don't know what to make of it and I'm getting sicker by the day.
You've left me alone, you've gone to another.
Left the baiyou to emerge into the grottoes.
I guess my home wasn't edgy enough for you.
It would've put you in a different situation if you lost your job,
then maybe I would've had more sympathy for you.
But I can't. It just makes me shake my little fists at your self fulfillment.
Tall man counting his cash and boxes!
Stained my carpet feet with the underwater soot.
Stained my curtains in tears as I drown in this house with debt;
I wish I could just walk away from my body's home,
or maybe I wish I could take care of a family in my body,
or maybe I should bulldoze this home on a Zamboni machine and bury myself in the rubble.
Is this funny for you?
I noticed the floating worlds.
They came in all shapes and sizes.
Shiny windows; high rise mansions; and a fancy condominium with a beard tag on it.
Then I opened my eyes to a warm sight.
I don't have stains on my carpet anymore because I don't have a carpet.
Lumberjack floors aren't as soft as carpet but they're tough on words;
lukewarm surfaces in the summers but they feel so warm in the cold winter days.
Harlot curtains were substituted; no black, just peach schnapps.
Ugly ceiling is patched up with compliments, but I did give it a nice sunroof.
Running light helps me feel open-minded.
The neighbors came by with the seasons.
Still, I made a garden just for me.


## Meaningless

Hana Chang

Acrylic and fingerprints $24^{\prime \prime} \times 37^{\prime \prime}$

## First Love

## Marie Chapman

The first thing I noticed about you
Was not your eyes--dilated.
It was not your huge eyelashes-fluttering.
It was not your tender stomach.
It was not the scar against your back.
I noticed not your skin sticking against mine, Breast against breast.

It was not your lips all over my body
--Imagined in my mind and yours.

It was not your divorced parents Or your bisexual sisters.

I noticed not the cancer you wished would kill you; I barely even noticed it took your goddamn leg.

It was not your heart--fickle and enlarged.
I noticed that you kept talking to me When no one else would.


Marie Chapman
The hours we spent
My darling, I am sorry;
I've broken your spine
Was I without care?
Methinks I use you in haste, Old dictionary

Beautiful in blue,
Loaded with definitions
Eight years my elder
Mulling it over, Toiling versus languishing, You give me choices

Above and beyond
You go, giving me knowledge
So I seem smarter
The text hath no swears; Noah Webster was a prude, But you're such a BAMF

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Faucet
Stephen Messemer
Bronze $6.5^{\prime \prime} \times 3.5^{\prime \prime} \times 3.5^{\prime \prime}$
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## Responsive Expression

## Kayla Goodyear

Watercolor, micron $21^{\prime \prime} \times 22^{\prime \prime}$


## Michelle Mabry

Chicago is not a time zone but a lot of longing behind my ribs.

I,
an immigrant swooning, bid on this treasure without any map.

I look for trouble to meet and the railways move my line, a stray blue flame.

My border glows
as it hunts some avenue
as it hunts some a
to keep me fixed, and
so unhemmed.

## Anodyne

## Introspection

## Julia Thielen

Maple tree sap trickled through her hair And bled into her eyes
Caramel strands framed her face
Highlighted her grin and hid her tears
The impression of a heart
Branded the tip of her nose
Not classically beautiful
But pretty in a buttons up way When loud
Her voice swept the wind of winter When shy It whistled the whispers of May
She didn't smile often
But when she did
It would usually be secretly To herself

## Leslie Murray

The people on the corner left their cigarettes, democracy, their coffee cups, and me, bereft, recalling how he crossed his knees and spread his arms in black and white as hope and anger overlapped, becoming suddenly contrite the moment that the shutter snapped. We're relics of our impulse and our fallout is a document from which, dissolving, we disbandour fracture, captured: permanent. He leaves; I stay. We fall apart, defined, divided from the start.

## Jackson and LaSalle

Pillar
Maricruz Bustos
Colored pencil $14.5^{\prime \prime} \times 23^{\prime \prime}$


## Mama's stripes

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#### Abstract

June Raufeisen Mama shows me her belly every visit "This is what you did to me" she'd say lifting her shirt and tracing her stripes her skin is soft with stretch and wear She had carried me there The doctor had sliced through her and I emerged in a wrinkled little body "you were so ugly" she said

Mama was 21, "younger than you are now" she said and maybe her young head, was bored of living dolls so she moved to the city, to smile and sing She'd think of her distant daughter in blue-smocked dresses and sunflower bows socks to the knees dandelion wreaths popsicle-stained lips of summer and goodbye tears to kindergarten

I had known even then that she would not come back and so every visit, she shows me her belly as to redeem herself through bodily sacrifice she says "This is what you did to me"


## Alive and Close Enough to Touch

Doug Tabb
Ceramic, wood $18^{\prime \prime} \times 11^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$


## Untitled

Isaac LaRussa
Oil on canvas $34^{\prime \prime} \times 46^{\prime \prime}$


June Raufeisen

Marcy plays bridge with the blue hairs on Saturday evenings of cake slices sipping tea on salamander tongues Markus was her only child and he died in 'Nam so she whistles through the birdcage worrying about crumbs on the carpet

Brooklyn Bobby got his chops knocked out in a brass knuckle brawl circa 1996 he had been paid a $\$ 100$ to take one to the mug and lose no virgin to this, his embroidered scar tissue was as numb to its delivery, of flesh on flesh ripped open and pulped he was ugly anyways, he said in his sleep and the blackness was filled with cigarette burns of dead dreams, spilling red on its cracks

Darlene cries through the kettle boiled over spreading tears on bread for breakfast she takes exotic Spanish names in the nighttime drawing up her lamé dress, of spanked luster on skin walking down streets on shaved legs waking up to mornings on barren beds and of specters, lonesome and loved for the hour she leaves the sheets unwashed hoping to conjure warm bodies

Dan who always ate alone, licks his finger every page turn his gaze wanders past the crease of the paper to imagine silhouettes of satin ladies in cocktail dresses anyone would do, to fill the adjacent seat but with perfumes and pursed lips slightly parted to fill in the 7 years of singular plated meals and their singular checks, and singular complementary mints Dan peers through the paper past 7 years

## Vignettes of

 Ioneliness

## Infestation

## Erin Barrett

Wood, vellum, fluorescent light 50 " $\times 16.5^{\prime \prime} \times 16.5^{\prime \prime}$

## Kristen Franke

There is a train station inside me.
A pleasant theater.
A hangar
for the placid
resonating voice of a woman
counting off the shifting
quaking vibrations as they storm
like living tunnels
journeying unrestrained through my landscapes.
They are beyond rails
chuffing off into
the orange and sapphire hues
of mystery and cloud spouts.
Mescaline
There are not many stops.
Not enough pauses for breath but
even the smallest of clouds
could catch you.
You cannot be you here.
Be something else.
Pinch the ground.
Steady your skin.

## Kristen Franke

This skin burned you.
The fluffy lashes.
Lobes of breasts that
seem so easy to peel away.
So easy to dust the flesh from the bone.
Unhook the seams.
Invert.
Scrawl a new name
like scales over skin
armor to fend off reflections
and old photographs.
Film and skin will crumble down to dust
in graveyard cloaks
when we have settled in to sleep.
Let them shrivel.

## Jori Nelson

They're running down the contours of my face:
cars achieving top speed as they turn the corner of the track.
I fear them pooling in my lap.
Basking in the moon's shadow, my body goes numb.
Trains echo through the air for miles, but I can still hear their voices.
I fear the sounds spouting from their lips.
Mom was never one to yell... until now.
Dad's voice rumbles through the mortar, cracking the bricks which support me.
I fear the growing space between them.
A chaotic discussion quiets with just a short statement: the period on a fifteen-year run-on sentence.
I fear the silence cracking amid the wintery air.
My eyes dry, a sign of relief.
My frosted cheeks tingle as my heart breaks anchor.
I fear that I am happy.

## Severed

## Mitch Pointillism

Kaelyn Phelps

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## Sunrise <br> Surprise

## Adrian Jania

My room feels cold.
The air is still, the windows shut.
This night is lasting longer than most and as I struggle to sleep the resonance of a motorcycle zooms by.

Regaining my composure, I tip-toe down the stairs. With a dimly lit eastern sky, the blue paint shines through the frost. The engine turns to a start. Rumble, rumble, my beautiful race car.

The winding backroads' call for attention rings.
Full of confidence,
I pound through the gears.
Hard on the accelerator
4..3..2..1..
strong brake,
downshift,
sharp right.
No margin for error.
The wheels battle the asphalt for grip.
Tires screech, the engine growls and exhausted brakes burn. I've had enough. It's time for bed.

## 4..3..2..1.

 strong brake, downshift, sharp left.A glowing pair of eyes under a chandelier of bone. Good morning.


## Untitled

Erin Barrett
Wood, metal, foam $1^{\prime} \times 6$


Hiraeth
Sarah E. Harling
Cast iron $9^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime} \times 4^{\prime}$

## Michelle Mabry

## The Point of North

I made you an iron mask to use when you woke up and your raven of memory talked in her quiet box.

You did not finish dark, you still jump from roof to roof in your head, never falling. You fly like a daring, an Illinois squirrel, gravity just an invisible stairway.

Your stem remembers
the torque
and tries to test you
with a question of the day,
but your raven of thought
keeps each secret aloft, bonds uncut, doling out necessities.

The matters of love pulled you from the fields, all those trembling bluebirds made your ravens
jealous.
They don't flit, they drive the sky,
relentless
and primed.
You know
that stop was too long
too long
too long--
the whist
slipping from your wife's eyes
makes your ravens
talk in pieces
about
when you made them wait.
Even though all the lamps burned out and the sea seems angry, this is just a speech for the living.

So you are not lost from time, only spoken to another and time is really just a long street, a charged ocean of quiet tracing hours, not so out of order.

You repeat, you proceed like sharp snow or early dinner darkness; rather elegant, your north.

Perhaps squared
or cubed, stalling our compass with a stutter, a tricked arrow.

My young lady words
disappear
for grappling however.
Gone is gone and we lose summer, smarting everyone.

## The Order of

## Michelle Mabry

Right foot in the dirt.
Black foot in the left. Dark, darker, darkly kneel after the day gives you whitecaps,
this and sun.
Remove all stops, be stunned, be stupefied. I'm going anyway, you best pay close attention to this.

## Blue

is wide
open,
a deep pull pool
like walking without worry not holding on.

Green is long and never lost, so northern in the way, and looks at the splendid lain wicked
like a sadness.
Don't say this one too much, it's too much.
The sky in his sandwich of blue and violet, so they melt.

## Color

Orange for the claim of a California, trying to frame me. Each waterway calling for my return to that bent index of land.

Red in all my flights, so many ways to be a girl.
Start with this, start with knowing to find me
in the careful placement
of each boasting button.
The sleepness of the hollows, the snow of earliness; the last color melts these rock tickers of men and dames of the city's type. We see all the stitching in the midst.

Yellow, the piece of direction, this mid right right,
left, north, that closes for ardor in the shield while absence laughs at love.



## Pulp-Bang Bang

Chris Dwyer
Painted woodblock $24^{\prime \prime} \times 16^{\prime \prime}$

