

Confluence: an exhibition of Pratt's 2nd Year MFA

November 7 through 14th, 2017
Opening Reception Nov 7th 6 to 8pm
Steuben Gallery
200 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11205
Gallery hours: Nov 8-10, 12 and 15-17, 12-6pm

Pratt Institute's Fine Arts Department MFA Candidates of 2018 are pleased to present *Confluence*, an all-inclusive exhibition of their works in Steuben Gallery on Pratt's Main Campus with an opening reception on November 7, 2017 from 6-8p.m.

As part of the Graduate Symposium course, the 40 candidates have come together to create *Confluence*, an ensemble of five shows. Selected works from each artist have been grouped conceptually into "Junction," "Relations," "ReSurface," "Interdependence" and "Infinity" -- each framed as a response to a set of tensions. The diversity of engagements and formal approaches included in *Confluence* reflects the pluralism of artistic practices in the art world today. Viewed alongside one another, the collective body of work flows together, tracing the meetings of influence among a group of artists working under one roof.

"Junction" examines the intersection of the individual and capitalist institutions and includes paintings, sculptures, film and photography by David Jacaruso, Kristyn McKinney, Yeon Ho Jung, Edouard Nantas, Cary Wander, Liangxiao Zhang, Yuzhe Zhong, Bochun Cheng, Xiatong Wang and Jiawei Zhao.

"Relations" aligns the artists' work in the loci of desire, examining the spaces between the body and its needs. The artists working in a diverse set of practices include Courtney Dudley, Yen Yen Chou, Julia Galeano, Jake Szeligowski, Nick LaPole, Devi Loftus and Maura Martin.

"Resurface" explores sites and surfaces with various modes of artmaking, revealing an intuitive approach to formal composition and an investment in the associative potential of their respective media and materials. The diverse group of artists include Sora Woo, Ji Won Sim, Jill Brandwein, Noel Caban, Min Sun Lee, Abby Cheney, Rachel Cohen, Luisa Valderama and Kate Butler.

"Interdependence" traces social tensions of communities while considering the inhabited space, social reality, identity and displacement. The interdisciplinary and international artists include Huang Yun-Chi, Sheila Lam, Cameron Sokolik, Cougar Vigil, Weiran Sun, Barbara Oettinger, Natalia Espinel.

"Infinity" surveys the hidden streams of consciousness and thought, creating personal symbols and metaphysical realities. The artists working in painting, printmaking and photography include Marco Lorenzetti, Sojung Kim, Zhaoyang Zeng, Songyang Liang, Hongyu Pu, Naomi Frank and Christopher Maltese.

Please also consider joining us for the **MFA Open Studios on November 11, 2017 from 1 to 6pm in the Pfizer Building at 630 Flushing Avenue 7th FLOOR, with a reception from 6-8pm.

