Juror's Statement

The work shared here represents steps taken by emerging artists along the path that shapes the academic and creative journey. Each of these artists has navigated assignments with a singular compass, their explorations as makers visible throughout this hand forged landscape. The resultant terrain is as expressive as it is varied, a topography infused with craft and formed through an embrace of materiality. The work is tactile and funky, witty and challenging, curious and keen.

The steadfast practice of drawing here acts as an accomplice, subverting art historical references: Madonna becomes Dadonna, an empowered Olympia fixes the viewer's gaze. Ceramics deftly traverse texture, pattern and proportion. Prints beckon the viewer to investigate provocative territory that confronts commerce, politics and identity. Sculpture sparkles with a glittering bird caught in flight, while plaster comes to life, squeezed by exuberant worms. Metal colludes with fiber, and soft materials serve to interrogate hard subjects.

In his 1962 essay, "The Creative Process", James Baldwin declares, "The precise role of the artist, is to...blaze roads through that vast forest...to make the world a more human dwelling place." The artists shown here occupy that role with enthusiasm and intent, their work and journey both inextricable and ongoing.

About the Juror

Ellen Ito is a culture worker and artist from Seattle, WA currently living and working in Tacoma, where she manages a museum collection and programs the art space SLIP. Interested in the intersection of foodways, culture and identity. In a committed relationship with ceramics and paint, with a wandering eye for performance and glass. Recent projects include the performative work and publication Cook at cogean? gallery and Today's Special, a group exhibition and interactive experience curated for Bellwether 2019 at the Bellevue Arts Museum.

Abby Orgish

Resilience

Plaster, acrylics 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Alanna Volk

3am

Metal 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Andi Thomas SanchezThe Gay Olympia

Charcoal 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Anna Watson

Building

Plaster 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Becca Walls

Caution

Steel and rope 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Bennett ShoemakerTeapot Set

Porcelain clay 2019 Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Brayan RodriguezThe Obelisk

Metal and fabric 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Brenda RoblesShort and Stout

Stoneware
2019
Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Bridget MyersAluminum Cloud

2019 Sculpture/Metal

Bridget Myers100 Grand Candy Bar

graphite on recycled paper 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Bridget MyersCatch of the Day

Reclaimed burlap and plastic 2019
Intermediate Sculpture

Cameron Milton Beloved 14K

Mixed media 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Cameron Milton

I am everything they feel and so I feel it all at once, as I am done unto them and how I become undone.

Linoleum print 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Candy Di Gangi Queen of the Clouds

Recycled clothes 2019

Catherine Croft Worm on Worm Action

Plaster 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Catherine CroftSavannah

Vine charcoal 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Catie Spencer Have A Nice Day

Oil paint 2019 Painting

Catie Spencer

Sweater Love

Aquatint 2019

Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Catie Spencer

Jeff Delivers

Linocut 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Cayden Briscoe Tsai It's a Stack

Steel 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Daniel Sackett

Bettie

Collage 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Eliza Tesch

Shatter

Plaster, paint 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Emily Meyer

Empty Cup

Ink and graphite 2019

Visual Concepts I

Emma Blinn

Teapot Tower

Clay 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Emma McCarthy Cookie Jar

Ceramic 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Emma Strand

Pierced

Plaster 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Emma Lundquist

River Rocks

Wood, hot glue 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Erica Major

Broken Furnace

Graphite, gouache 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Hunter LoftusFinding Home in White

Wood, glue, glitter 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Iris Nosk Wonky Tea Set

Porcelain 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Isa Hunscher

Levis Are My Favorite Jeans

Metal, paper mache, chicken wire, Levis jeans 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Isa Hunscher

Atomic

Metal, spray paint 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Isa Hunscher

Stumped

Wood 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Isabella Yates Japanese Coins

Charcoal 2019 Visual Concepts I

Jacqueline Kaplan Untitled

Clay 2019 Principles of 3D Design

Janelle Sopko Clothesline

Intaglio print 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Janelle Sopko Sticky

Linoleum print 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Jill La Fetra Oh How the Tables Have Turned

Metal, foam, plaster, horse hair 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Jill La FetraDungeon Crawler

Metal, spring 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Jill La Fetra Unfolding Spring

Wood, acrylic, string lights 2019 Sculpture/Wood

Joe Favorite Open, Close

Ink 2019 Visual Concepts I

Justine JonesSee the Unseen

Linocut, ink 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Justine Jones Rest and Express

Etching, ink 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Katie HetterlyNoli Me Tangere

Mixed media 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Kendyl Chasco

Large Soda Fired Vase

Ceramic 2019 #N/A

Kendyl ChascoMedium Soda Fired Vase

Ceramic 2019 Independent Study

Kendyl ChascoSmall Soda Fired Vase Group

Ceramic 2018 Independent Study

Lauren Taber

Constructed

Charcoal & ink 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Larissa (Loo) Lief Time is Money

Mixed 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Libby StroupSqueezed Pitcher

Ceramic 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Libby StroupPlate + Bowl Cake Stand

Ceramic 2019
Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Lily Rand

Portrait of a Jug and Chestnut

Charcoal 2019 Visual Concepts I

Lily Rand

A Humble Offering

Ink 2019 Visual Concepts I

Liv SageWhere Are You?

Print 2018 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Liv Sage Have You Registered

to Vote?

Print 2018 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Liv SagePracticum 3

Clay, wood, plaster 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Maddie HarringtonUntitled

Linocut print 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Madeleine GolitzPlastic Puddle

Packaging plastic 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Madelein Golitz

Pirates Booty

Chip bags, wire, and wrappers 2019
Intermediate Sculpture

Mali Mathews

Wave

Steel 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Mali Mathews

Against the Curve

Steel 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Mali Mathews

Stuck

Steel and yarn 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Melina Christensen Indeterminate Animal Mask

Ceramics
2019
Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Michael Fortenberry

Tug

Steel 2019 Advanced Sculpture

Miranda Karson

Re:Birth

Charcoal, graphite, photograph 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Miranda Karson

Egret

Ceramic 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Handbuilding

Miranda Karson

Yap

Ceramic 2019

Ceramics: Beginning Handbuilding

Miranda Mireles Discarded

Steel, clothes, fabric glue 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Miranda Mireles

Strands

Steel, horsehair 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Nathaniel Chusid

Perfect Chaos

Metal 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Nathaniel Chusid

The Fall

Metal 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Patrick Selner Untitled

Screenprint 2019 Intermediate Printmaking

Rebecca Connolly Free Curtis Flowers

Linocut print 2019

Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Sam Singer Untitled #1

Stoneware
2019
Ceramics: Beginning Wheel Throwing

Sam WattersSelf Reflection

Steel/metal 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Siena MarchianoDrip

Ink, pen, graphite 2019 Visual Concepts I

Siena Marchiano Spill

Ink, pen, graphite 2019 Visual Concepts I

Skye McCurdySelf Portrait

Charcoal 2019 Visual Concepts I

Skye McCurdy Smoke Break

Acrylic/micron 2019 Visual Concepts I

Skyler LoftusBlooming Corgi

Cardboard, plastic 2019 Intermediate Sculpture

Will Brooks

Beep Boop

Linocut Print 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Will Brooks

Papa Bless

Etching 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio

Willa BartholomayDryer

Lint and metal 2019 Sculpture/Metal

Willa Bartholomay Lungs

Metal, paper mache, reused miscellaneous materials 2019
Sculpture/Metal

Zoe Ray You're Not My Dad

Ink, charcoal, acrylic 2019 Intermediate Drawing and Design

Zoe Ray I Like My T Hot

Intaglio 2019 Beginning Printmaking: Relief and Intaglio