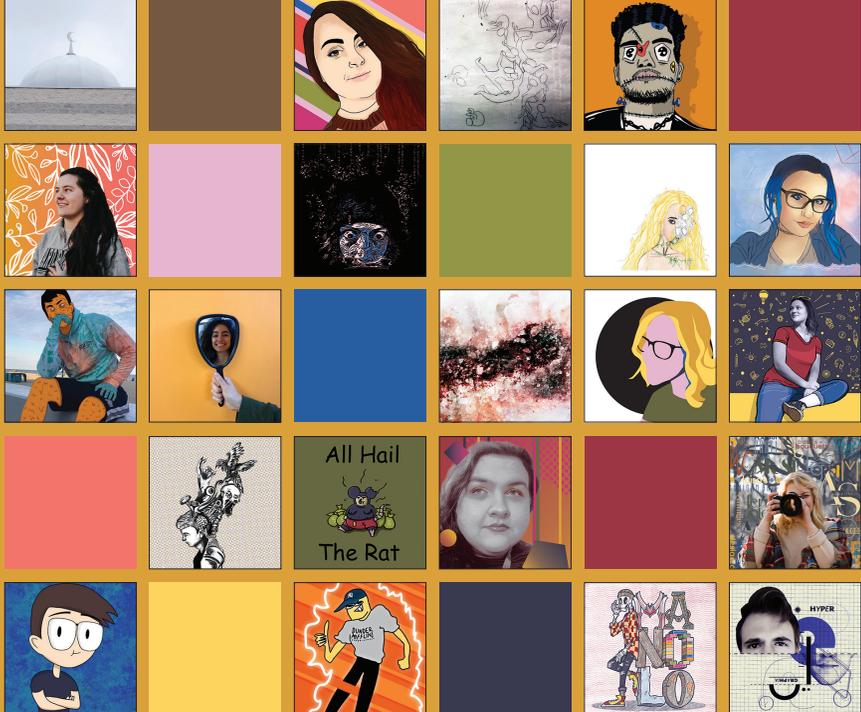


McDonough Museum of Art

YSU's Center for Contemporary Art



Spring 2020
Graduating BFA
Virtual Exhibition

PREVIEW
Friday
April 24

Facebook: [McDonoughMuseumofArt](https://www.facebook.com/McDonoughMuseumofArt)

Although we cannot currently come together for a traditional exhibition in the Museum space, the John J McDonough Museum of Art on the campus of Youngstown State University is excited to announce various ways to view the Spring 2020 Graduating BFA Virtual Exhibition. On April 24th beginning at 5pm get a special sneak peek preview of the exhibition on the McDonough Museum Facebook page. The work of students graduating from the Department of Art with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree will also be highlighted in a special digital catalog that will be available in May to view from a link on the McDonough website and via a digital exhibition of featured works hosted on Instagram at @socialdistancegallery

BFA students in the Department of Art work closely with nationally and internationally known faculty engaged in a broad range of art and design practices. Immersed in the quest for knowledge and creative self-realization, students embrace the advantages of professional studio and design programs. The Spring Graduating BFA Exhibition is the opportunity for students to share the original and innovative discoveries they have made in their artistic journeys communicating to the public their creative expressions of human experience.

The Spring Graduating BFA Exhibition celebrates the work of twenty-one students in the areas of digital media, photography, graphic + interactive design and interdisciplinary studio. Students participating in this exhibition include, Lama Alzahrani, Kristen Best, Michaela Best, Jalen Bosker, Jennifer Carlson, James Clark, Angela Cozart, Emily Combs, Daniel Dennison, Michelle Gabriel, Kristie Gearhart, Shannon Henrich, Caroline Lacusky, Ryan Lantz, Matthew Luonuansuu, Patrick Potter, Abbey Scoville, Sean Staser, Collin Temnick, Manolo Villatoro Padilla and Evan Von Thaer.



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MFA Thesis Exhibition | Venise Abell | Black Still

MFA candidate, Venise Abell will also share a selection of her recent artwork virtually on Instagram at @socialdistancegallery. Abell's MFA Thesis Exhibition, Black Still, will take place in September (dates to be announced) in the Judith Rae Solomon Gallery in Bliss Hall. Her art focuses on narratives taken from life experiences in regard to family and community issues relating to race. The camera has always been the tool through which these stories could be shared. With the use of image and object-making, a variety of materials and processes are now used to portray her stories. Abell's work has centered on her family's experiences working with the steel industry in Youngstown, racial stereotypes in the field of higher education, and the destruction of black communities through redlining, riots and lynching.

We recognize the hard work, dedication and creative spirit of our students and hope you will support them by taking a cyber journey to view their exhibition.

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