

Andrea Kliffmiller

Artist Statement

My work is a personal investigation into grief, vulnerability, and resilience. The process of making allows me to explore my role of being a mother and a caregiver. To this end, I compose intricate networks and configurations as a response to the complexities that exist around chronic illness. Explorative marks are pressed into the paper offering a space of permanence and documentation.

These images and objects allude to my desire to nurture and mend. It is my process of arranging and affixing individual units of pinched, fragile forms that draws a parallel to that motherly pursuit. The way these forms repeat creates a tactile record of navigating a duality between fragility and strength.

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Education

2021 Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois
Bachelor of Fine Arts Printmaking

Selected Exhibitions

- 2021 ***Hotter 'N Hell***, Collegiate Juried Exhibition, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, LA
Bound, Mavigliano/Brabec Senior Art Prize Winner's Exhibition/BFA Exhibition, University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois
Juried Student Exhibition (Honorable Mention), WIU, Macomb, IL
Senior Group Exhibition, University Art Gallery, WIU, Macomb, IL
New Editions, Indianapolis Art Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mending, Solo Exhibition, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, Illinois
College Invitational, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
- 2020 ***Social Distance: Art in the Time of Quarantine***, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, Illinois
- 2019 ***Identification***, Solo Exhibition, Culbertson Memorial Hospital, Rushville, IL
Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Exhibition, Annex Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Open to Interpretation, Juried Exhibition, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, IL
WIU Printmakers Exhibition, Student Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Student Juried Exhibition, University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
James L. Applegate Student Exhibition, Illinois Board of Higher Education
- 2018 ***Notice***, Solo Exhibition, Student Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Exhibition, Annex Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
College Invitational, Figge Art Museum, Davenport, Iowa
Student Juried Exhibition (Honorable Mention), University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

Awards|Grants|Honors

- 2021 Mavigliano/Brabec Senior Art Prize, Western Illinois University
Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Spring 2021, Talent Grant Winner, Cash Award, Western Illinois University
- 2020 Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Fall 2020, Talent Grant Winner, Cash Award, Western Illinois University
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- 2019 Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Fall 2019, Talent Grant Winner, Cash Award
Commission, **International Gifts**, 50 edition print series, School of Global Education and Outreach, Western Illinois University
Illinois University
Artist, Community Mural Project, The Old Dairy, Macomb, IL
Tuition Waiver Essay Award Recipient, **Interesting Times: Venice Biennale and the Roman Renaissance**, Italy Study Abroad, WIU
Department of Art
Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Spring 2019, Talent Grant Winner, Cash Award
Dean's List, WIU
- 2018 Selected Artist, **Holiday Card**, WIU Foundation, Western Illinois University
Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Fall 2018, Talent Grant Winner, Cash Award
Dean's List, WIU

Permanent Collections

- 2021 University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL
- 2018 University Art Gallery, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

Publications

- 2019 The HAND Magazine Issue #23

Related Work Experience

- 2021 Program Coordinator, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, IL
- Technical Assistant, Dona Lantz, Brooklyn, IL
- Teacher's Assistant, Introduction to Studio Arts, WIU
- Live Model, WIU Department of Art and Design
- Student Juror, Talent Grant/Tuition Waiver Award, WIU
- Secretary, Board of Directors, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, IL
- 2020 Live Model, WIU Department of Art and Design
- 2019 Live Model, Michael Mahoney, Macomb, IL
- 2018 Program Teacher, The HUB Arts & Cultural Center, Rushville, IL

Professional Organizations

- 2019 Kappa Pi Art Honor Society, Delta Delta Chapter, Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL

Lectures|Workshops

- 2021 "Printmaking and the Politics of Protest: A Conversation with Shepard Fairey" with Shepard Fairey, moderated by Tyanna Buie and Susan Czechowski
- "Paperclay Workshop" with Amanda Salov, virtual
- 2020 "Constructing Narratives" with Tyanna Buie, University of Iowa
- 2019 "Hand-Built Vessels" with Erica Iman, University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri