

McDonough Museum of Art

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MFA Thesis Exhibition

April 26 – May 11, 2019

Opening Reception: Friday, April 26, 5-7 pm

The John J McDonough Museum of Art, on the campus of Youngstown State University will open the MFA Thesis Exhibition on Friday evening, April 26, from 5 to 7pm. The inaugural show features works by David Belgrad and Kathleen Gallagher who are the first students graduating from the Department of Art's new MFA Interdisciplinary Visual Arts program. Also opening in the galleries will be the Fall Graduating BFA Exhibition. Both shows will remain on view in the McDonough galleries through May 11.

Time and process are integral in David Belgrad's *The Story of Re-creation*. He uses charcoal and eraser interchangeably to create large complex drawings that are photographed frame by frame and edited with sound. The end result is an animated, narrative video that portrays the evolution of the natural world to the current digital, mechatronic environment. Also included in the exhibition is a large, longitudinal charcoal drawing reading from left to right that follows the manipulation of a ball of clay. As the clay transforms into hands, the drawings oscillate from foreground to background, depicting the human role in the inevitable synthesis of nature and technology.

Kathleen Gallagher's work investigates the paradox of anxiety. She explores the manifestation of global and personal anxiety as seen through the process of emergence found in biological and psychological systems. The large-scale installations are based on the growth and expansion of simple components that organize into a complex extraordinary whole.

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Hours at the McDonough Museum of Art are
Tuesday through Saturday, 11am until 4pm.

The Museum is open to the public and admission is free.
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