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## study

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| <i>Parsons School of Design</i><br>–        | 09/2020-<br>10/2021 | Artist<br><i>In the hallway</i><br>ROOTS Virtual Salon  |
| Oscar Kolin<br>MFA Fellowship               | 06/2020-<br>07/2020 | Artist<br><i>The Next Generation of Artists: MFA 2020</i><br>Artsy  |
| MFA<br>Fine Arts<br>(Spring 2020)           | 06/2020             | Artist<br><i>Holding Space</i><br>HairandNails – Minneapolis, MN  |
| BFA<br>Comm. Design<br>(Spring 2018)        | 03/2020-<br>05/2020 | Artist<br><i>Parallel Realities &amp; Unpopular Truths</i><br>Superposition Gallery x SoLA Contemporary – Los Angeles, CA |
| <i>Studio Museum in Harlem</i><br>–         | 02/2020             | Artist<br><i>05181046324143141713 (a game)</i><br>25East Gallery – New York, NY   |
| Museum Education Practicum<br>(Summer 2017) | 11/2019             | Artist<br><i>The Glitch</i><br>Superposition Gallery – Los Angeles, CA  |
|   | 09/2019             | Artist<br><i>Between Here and There</i><br>25East Gallery – New York, NY  |
|   | 07/2019             | Artist<br><i>Tabula Rasa: Watermill Center Summer Benefit &amp; Auction</i><br>Watermill Center – New York, NY            |
|   | 12/2018-<br>03/2019 | Curatorial Fellow<br><i>CURRICULUM: spaces of learning and unlearning</i><br>EFA Project Space – New York, NY             |
|   | 12/2018             | Artist<br><i>Dissociations: Land, Water, Flesh</i><br>Skybridge Gallery – New York, NY                                    |
|   | 11/2018             | Curator<br><i>These Streets Weren't Paved for Tenderness</i><br>25East Gallery – New York, NY                             |
|   | 10/2018             | Artist<br><i>The New Vanguard</i><br>Aperture Foundation – New York, NY   |

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*That Nameless Color*, 2020  
Acrylic on recycled bodega bags

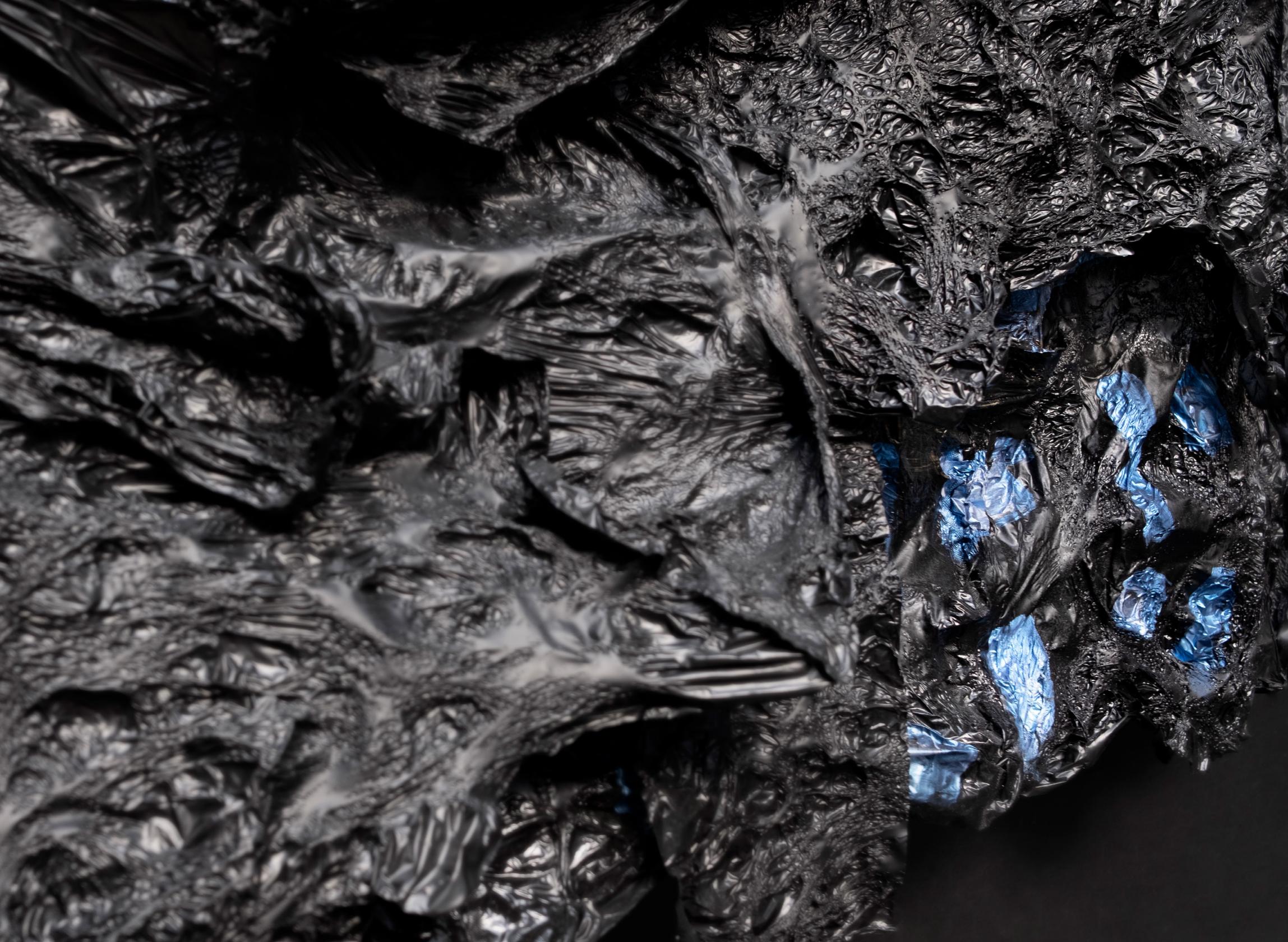
*Java Jones (b. Selma, AL.) is an anti-disciplinary artist engaging with experimental imaging and environmentally sensitive and sustainable approaches to sculpture.*

Jones describes their process as an act of feeling and imagining innerwise,

oscillating between figuration and abstraction. ‘Inner’ here refers to irreducible spaces necessary for refusing, for living, for imagining beyond—tilling an autobiographical ground for discursive reflections and formations. The artist’s practice explores quiet photography and haptic memory, critical love and home buildin’, assemblage

and nigga riggin’, and abstraction and the burden of identity. Currently, Jones is working on their forthcoming monograph, *on the edge of a dream: one last dance with/in flesh*.

The project attends to the sensations of the \*unseen\*—considering how making oneself constantly visible jeopardizes safety when living in a surveillance state. It’s a veritable attempt at seeing blackness untimely as a way to expand being. At once, *edge of a dream* invites you to a time where seeing isn’t everything.





*Untitled (With Force)*, 2019  
Recycled bodega bags, saran wrap,  
48 x 53 x 28 in / 121.92 x 134.62 x 71.12 cm

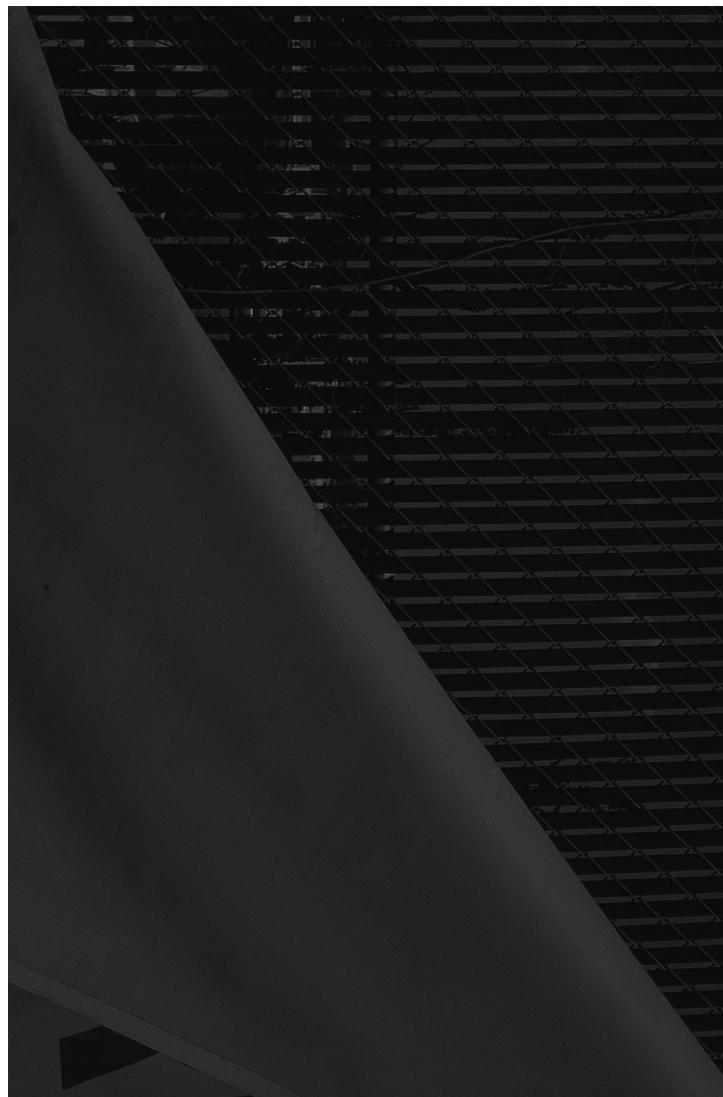




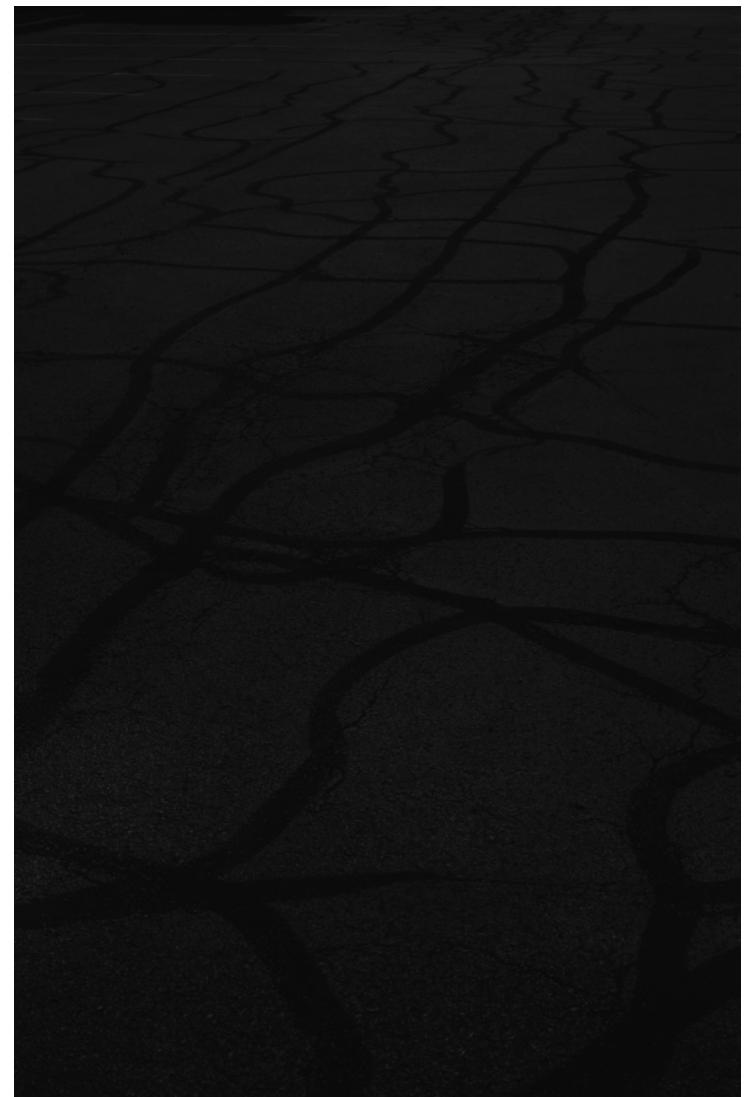
*From A to B*, 2019  
Recycled bodega bags  
32 x 60 x 8 in / 81.28 x 152.4 x 20.32 cm







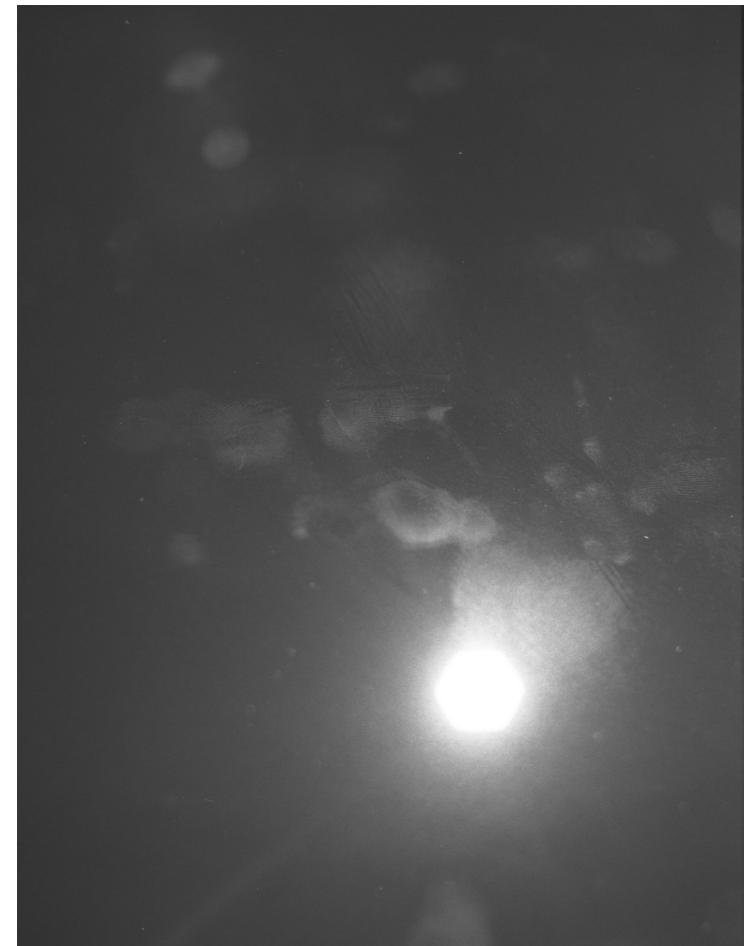
*Untitled (Half and Half)*, 2020  
C-print  
23 x 33 in / 58.42 x 83.82 cm



*Untitled (Parkin' lot)*, 2020  
C-print  
25 x 33 in / 63.5 x 83.82 cm



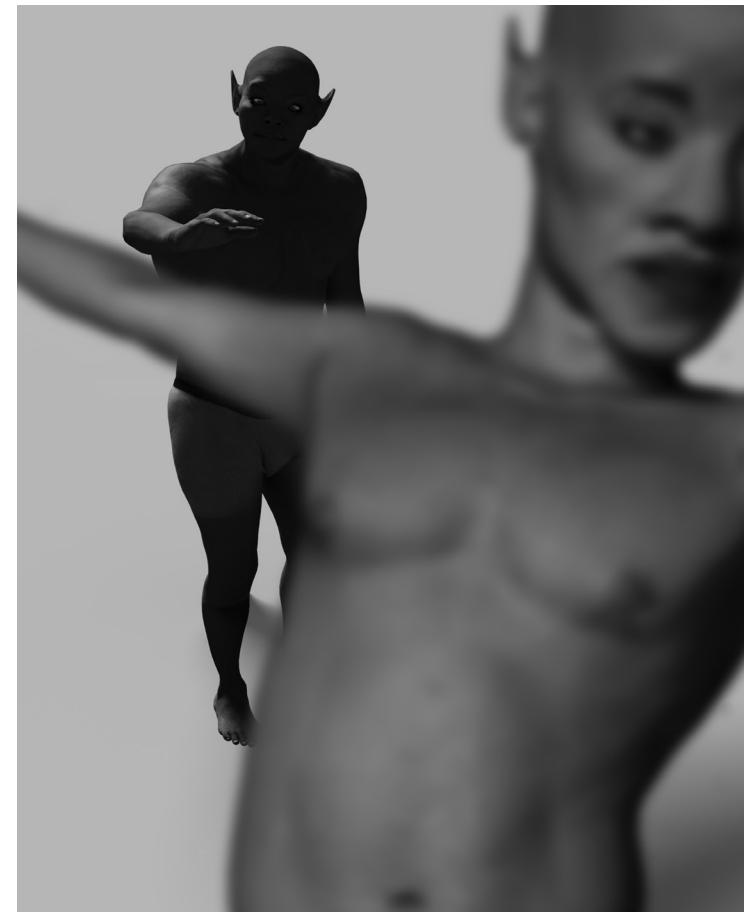
*Untitled (La di da)*, 2020  
C-print  
23 x 33 in / 58.42 x 83.82 cm



*Untitled (Sigh)*, 2020  
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*Untitled (Killing time)*, 2020  
C-print  
23 x 33 in / 58.42 x 83.82 cm

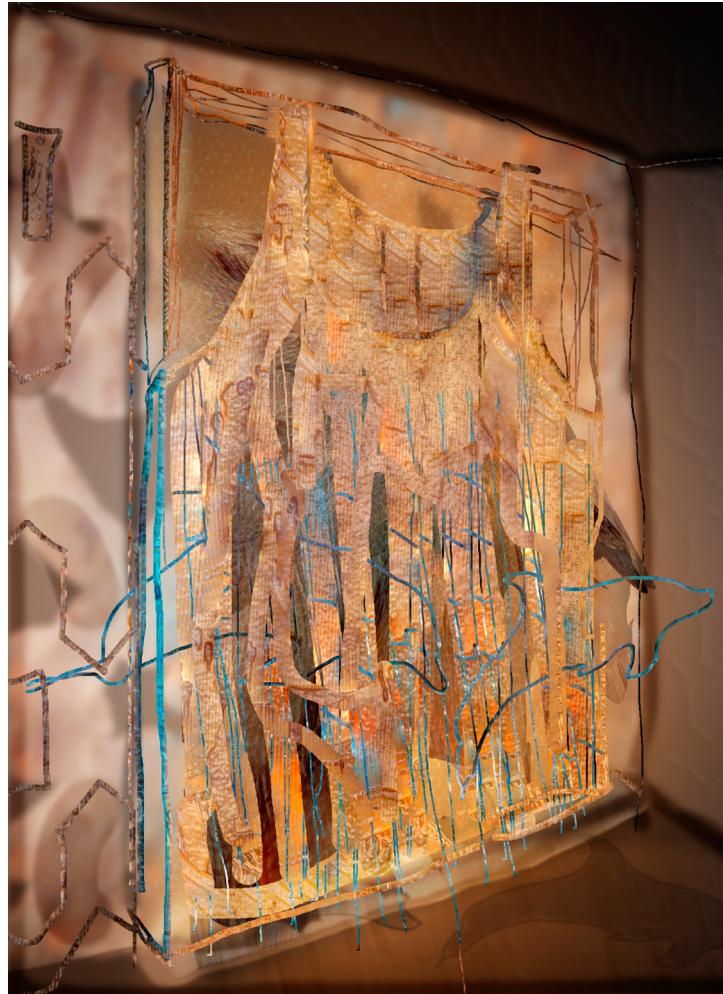


*coulда eloped on the lunar; tripped over wrinkle  
ridges and laughed mutely (like a summer in  
marion, al)*, 2020  
Undefined format

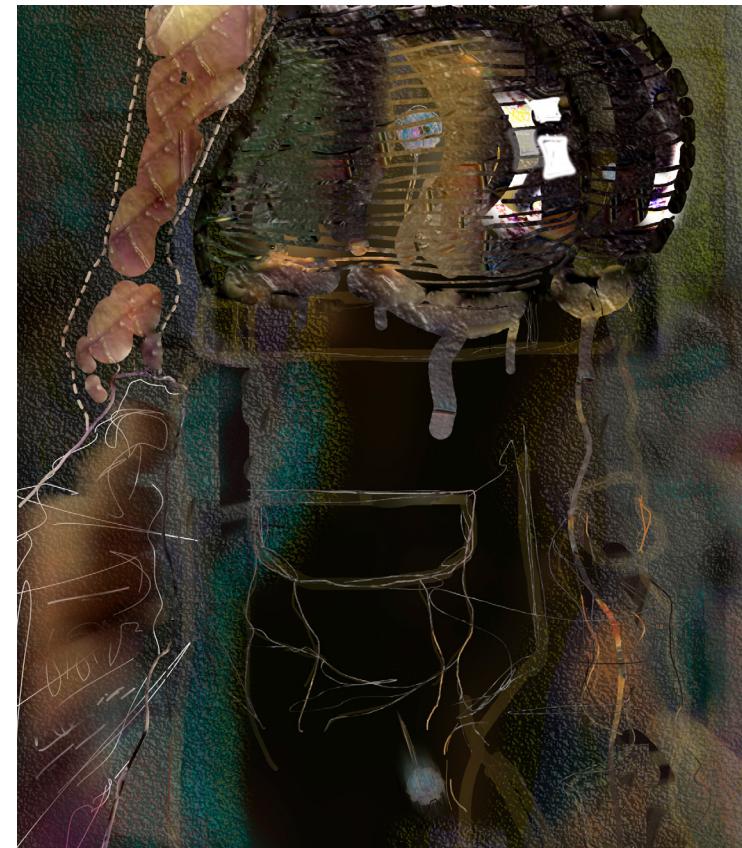




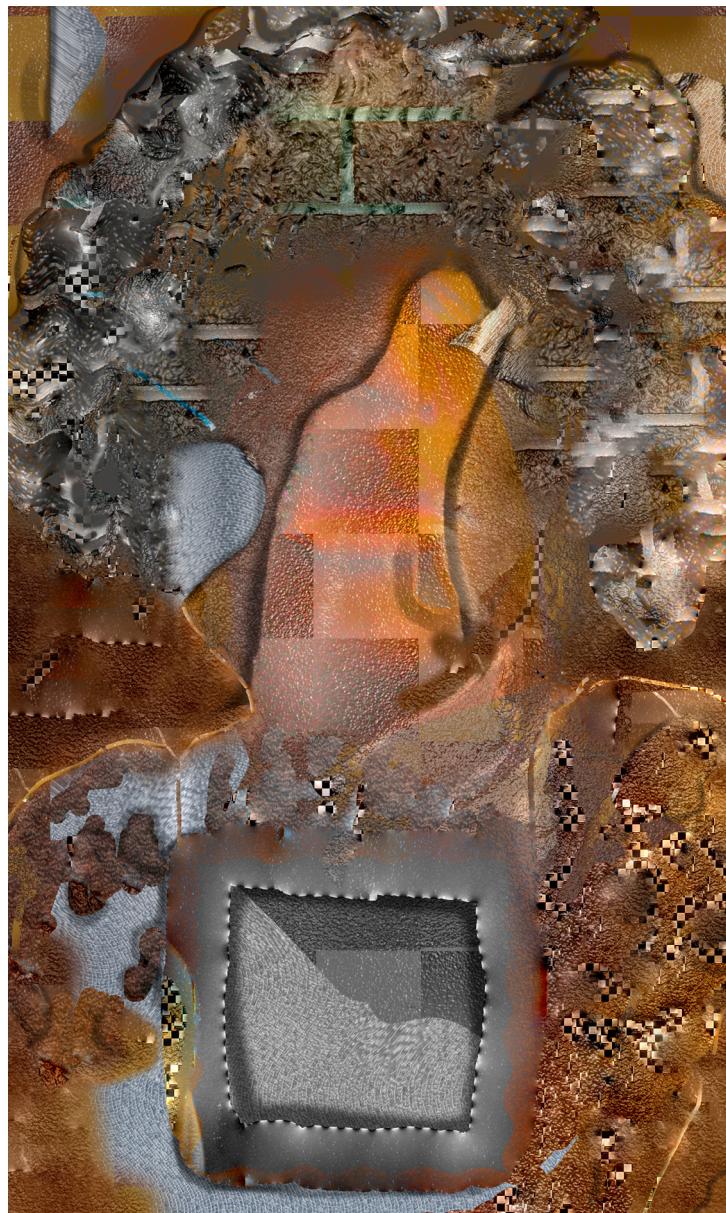
*me\_and\_my\_dawg\_and\_bones*, 2020  
Digital painting  
Dimensions variable



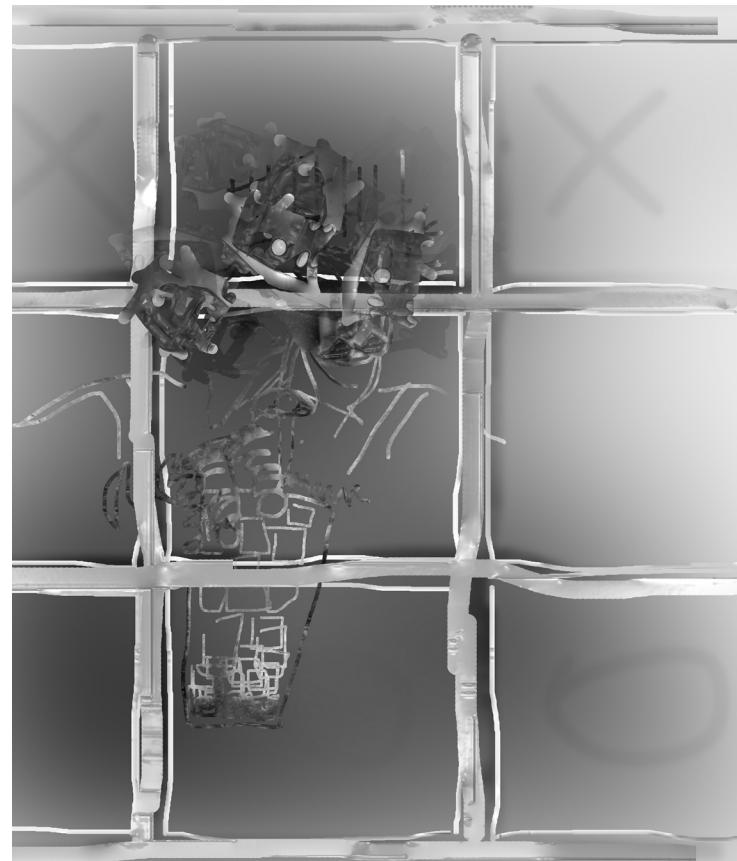
*bb\_boi\_hall\_of\_fame\_(scripting\_series)*, 2019  
Digital painting  
Dimensions variable



*shuga\_(scripting\_series)*, 2020  
Digital painting  
Dimensions variable



*untitled (\_scripting\_series), 2019*  
Digital painting  
Dimensions variable



*xoxo, 2019*  
Digital painting  
Dimensions variable





*Basics for the Low*, 2019  
White bread, acrylic plastic  
24 x 36 x 1 in / 60.96 x 91.44 x 2.54 cm

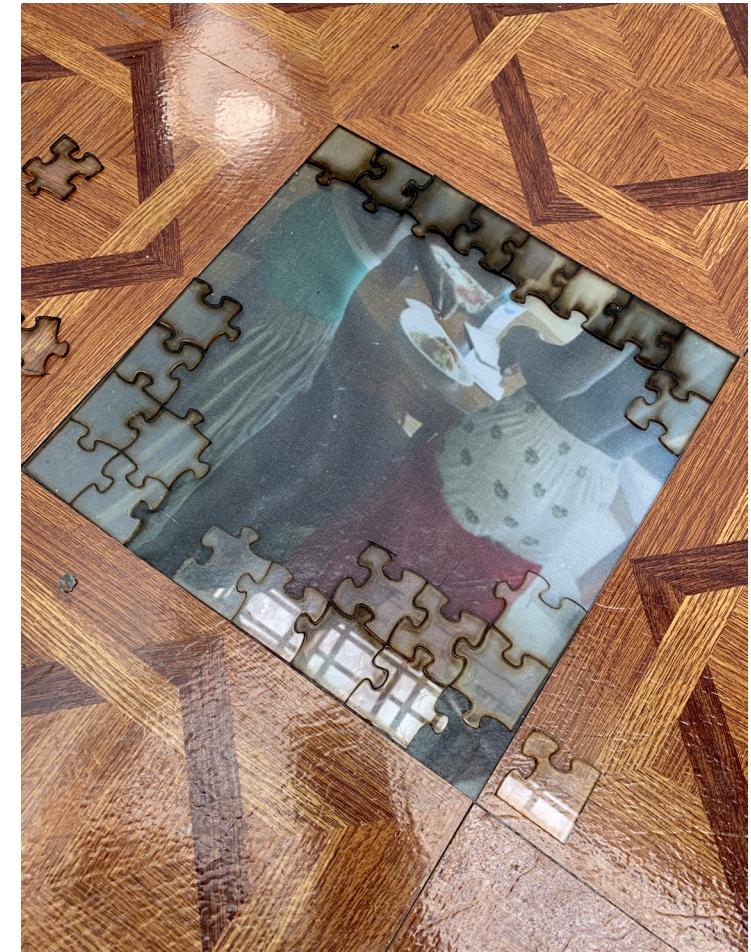


*Dots Real Cute*, 2019  
UV print on kanekalon braiding hair,  
bobby pins, styling gel  
14 x 21 in / 35.56 x 53.34 cm

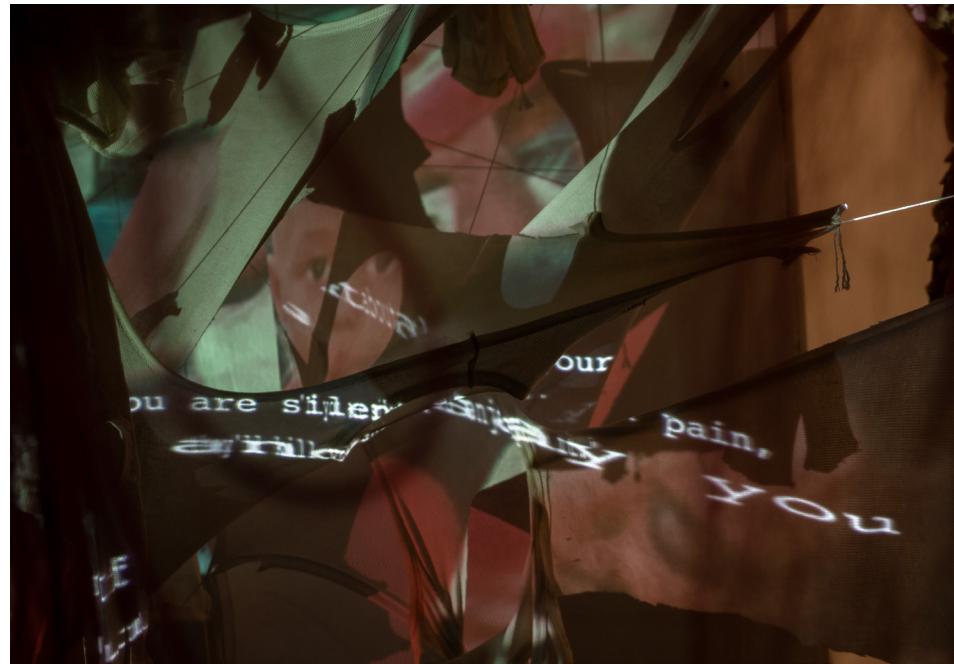




*Highway 5 South Color Field*, 2019  
UV print on fabric, vinyl, durag tail and dandruff  
Installation



*Makin' Do*, 2019  
Acrylic plastic, vinyl tile, print on silk organza  
Installation



*Going the Way Your Blood Beats*, 2018  
Tank tops, two channels  
Installation

