Collection Statement

The human heart is the most powerful organ in the human body. Throughout history and in every major religion, the heart has been viewed as the center of all spiritual and emotional well-being as well as the source of all evil. Arrhythmia explores the vastness within the heart and represents the transformation from dark and guarded to purified and ethereal. My interest in the human heart began two years ago when my father was diagnosed with Cardiac Sarcoidosis, a rare and serious heart condition. I witness him transform every day and choose between the two chambers of his heart: love or fear. Inspired by anatomical images and interior photographs, the collection utilizes intricate beading and hand-applied cording to convey the two-fold nature of the heart, a duality each individual must decide between. Through Arrhythmia, I hope to better understand the transformation from warped and grotesque to pure and everlasting in order to help myself and others better understand the light and dark that resides within all of us.