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(Re)discovering S(h)elves Exhibition
Opens Aug. 24th at the Christian Petersen Art Museum

Ames, IA – The exhibition (Re)discovering S(h)elves will open Monday, August 24, 2015 at the Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall on Iowa State University campus. This free exhibition will run through December 18, 2015. An opening reception will take place Wednesday, Sept. 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall.

About the (Re)discovering S(h)elves Exhibition
How does society define identity? How do you? How do pieces of the identity puzzle such as gender, color, social class or spirituality influence our experiences? Through a diverse selection of artists and media, this exhibition explores some of the many ways in which identity can be empowered or marginalized, multidimensional or stereotyped. The works of art presented offer different lenses through which to view society. The paintings, sculptures, crafts, and other objects in this exhibition embody and connect to a wide variety of social issues and perspectives to inspire visitor discussion and develop critical thinking skills through visual literacy.

This exhibition reflects a multi-disciplinary curatorial approach to reexamining the permanent collection in conjunction with the 40th Anniversary celebration of University Museums. These collaborative interpretations, juxtaposed with the works of art, aim at encouraging viewers to examine themselves and varying perceptions of identity.

The curatorial team includes Amy Bix, History; April Eisman, Art History; Nancy Gebhart, University Museums; Christiana Langenberg, English; Sara Marcketti, Apparel, Events, and Hospitality Management; Amy Popillion, Human Development and Family Studies; Michèle Schaal, Women’s Studies and English; Jodi Sterle, Animal Science; and Gloria Jones-Johnson, Sociology-LAS.

This exhibition is supported by the ISU Women’s and Diversity Grant Program, Michèle Schaal and Jean-Philippe Tessonier, Sara Marcketti, the Department of Apparel Events and Hospitality Management, the Department of History, the Department of English, the Department of Women’s Studies, and the University Museums Membership.

A full color gallery guide for the exhibition is available.
Opening Reception & Educational Programs
Wed., Sept. 2 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall

(Re)discovering S(h)elves Exhibition Reception
Join us in celebrating the opening of this exhibition that reflects a multi-disciplinary curatorial approach to reexamining the University Museums permanent collection in conjunction with the 40th year celebrations. Collaborative interpretations juxtaposed with the works of art, aim at encouraging viewers to examine themselves and varying perceptions of identity. Remarks at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Thurs., Oct. 22 at 7:00 pm, Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall

Women in the Arts – A Roundtable Discussion
In 1985, feminist activists created a protest group called the Guerilla Girls. Since then, their purpose has been to underline and expose major issues women artists, as a whole, have encountered historically. 30 years after the establishment of the Guerilla Girls and 40 years after the inception of the ISU University Museums, what is the current state of women and women multicultural artists? The roundtable will be moderated by Michele Schaal, exhibition co-curator and assistant professor in English and Women’s Studies.

Wed., Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm, Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall

Negative Space
Join April Eisman, Associate Professor of Art and Visual Culture, for a gallery walk of the exhibition (Re)discovering S(h)elves. In this talk, “negative space” will be explored on two levels: the negative space within particular objects or images, and the larger context of the museum as a traditionally negative space for women and women artists.

Thurs., Dec. 10 at 4:00 pm, Christian Petersen Art Museum, 1017 Morrill Hall

Photographing Identity - Lecture by Artist Stephanie Brunia
Stephanie Brunia is an Iowan, University of Iowa and University of New Mexico alumna, a daughter, a sister, a woman, a teacher, a photographer, an artist. She will speak about her photography and what influences her art in conjunction with the current exhibition and the four photographs that have been acquired for the permanent Art on Campus Collection.

Admission and Hours
The Christian Petersen Art Museum is located at 1017 Morrill Hall at Iowa State University. Admission is free, however there is a suggested donation of $3 per visitor. The Christian Petersen Art Museums’s regular hours are as follows: Monday through Friday from 11:00am to 4:00pm. The Christian Petersen Art Museum is closed on weekends and all University holidays. There is paid ramp parking at the Memorial Union Ramp (aprox. 2-4 minute walk from Morrill Hall). There is paid parking at the Armory (aprox. 2-4 minute walk from Morrill Hall).

Media Information
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