

Stories of Displacement: Migration and refugee crisis through the eyes of emerging artists

Opening Reception:

Second Friday,
February 11, 2022 6 – 8 pm

The Stories of Displacement exhibit is created in partnership with Stockton University's Assistant Professor of Visual Arts, Mariana Smith, and Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Jess White. This is a student exhibition featuring emerging artists from the United States, Germany, and Armenia. Stories of Displacement is connected to the international project

"Metamorphosis: The Human Stories," which focuses on immigrants and the global refugee crisis. This exhibition will open in tandem with a travelling student collection featuring international artists. The collection originally ran from 2016 to 2018 and features mixed media works on paper. Like "Metamorphosis," this collection focuses on the ongoing migration crisis. "Stories of Displacement" will begin with a series of interdisciplinary events during Stockton's International Workshop that marks 70 years to the UN Refugee Convention. They will run from October 14th to the 17th. An online catalog will be showcased on the corresponding university webpage.

"Stories of Displacement" features work from emerging artists that reflects on their role and responsibilities as global citizens. Students present these experiences in relation to the plight of unique individuals, lost to generalizations like "refugee," "exile," "alien," and "migrant." This project underscores the growing crisis as a global experience that challenges individuals beyond borders and ethnicities. This collection of work is so diverse thanks to the varied individuals that crafted it. They are giving a voice to those who do not have the opportunity to do so in the countries they hail from themselves.



Jennifer Weidauer of Stockton University's "Refugees,"
relief printmaking, 2017.

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