

Deirdre Murphy
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Deirdre Murphy received her MFA from the University of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia, PA) in 2000 and her BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute (Kansas City, MO) in 1991. She teaches drawing and painting at the University of Pennsylvania and at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts (Philadelphia, PA). Murphy received the Leeway Grant in 2003 and the Pennsylvania Council for the Arts Fellowship in 2004. She has participated in residencies at the Vermont Studio Center (Johnson, VT) and the Pouch Cove Foundation in New Foundland (Pouch Cove, NL, Canada). Her solo exhibitions include Bridgette Mayer Gallery (Philadelphia, PA) and Vita Gallery (Portland, Oregon). Her work has been included in group exhibitions at Abington Art Center (Jenkintown, PA), Contemporary Art Center of Peoria (Peoria, IL), Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts (Wilmington, DE), Bowery Gallery (New York, NY), Portland Institute of Contemporary Art (Portland, OR), and Tacoma Art Museum (Tacoma, WA).

"In this series of drawings I have taken specific birds and investigated their migratory patterns, the terrain they travel and their nesting habits. The outcome is a travel journal or diary of these winged bodies that explore the duality of rootedness and flight. The restrained formal elements of line, shape and color space have allowed for compositional experimentation as well as an arena to delve into a more personal narrative about my own peregrinations."

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