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The Nature of Representation: Evidence and Metaphor

Esther Macy Nooner

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At the Carbondale Arts R2 Gallery
in The Launchpad (76 S 4th Street)

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Artist Statement

Historically the romantic ideologies of the sublime have followed the beauty of Landscape in paintings and photography through the centuries. This body of work continues the thread of challenging the expectation of what a photograph of Nature “should” be. In our current political and ecological climate, I believe these historic ideologies are an inappropriate approach to how we regard the landscape and can be threatening to the attention it demands. My strategy of manipulating the ink on the paper is a metaphorical approach to our human consumption of Nature. By treating the image in an objective manner, continuing to break the expectation of the traditional frame, the viewer is given the opportunity to reflect on the marks made on the paper as well as the scars we’ve left behind.

Biography

Nooner received her M.F.A. in Photography from the University of Arkansas, School of Art in 2018. She has participated in Artist in Residencies in the National Park System and at the Burren College of Art in Ballyvaughan, Ireland. Her work has been exhibited nationally and is currently the Studio Coordinator for Photography and New Media at Anderson Ranch Arts Center. She spent much of her childhood exploring coastal and rural terrains that provided a fundamental belief in the necessity and importance of Nature to human beings. Historic photographers and travel influence her research and studio practice.

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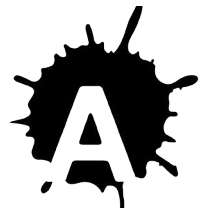
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