

## JENN SMITH

Born East Peoria, IL, 1979. Lives in Chicago.

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### SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** Jenn Smith at Hearth, Chicago IL (forthcoming) Fall 2025
- 2022** [\*The Sacred Conspiracy Manual of Graphic Standards\*](#), The Annex, Weatherproof, Chicago, IL
- 2019** [\*Soup Kite Laser Church\*](#), Flatland, Chicago, IL  
[\*Glossolalia\*](#), Bar 4000, Chicago, IL
- 2018** [\*Jenn Smith: Divine Ventriloquism\*](#), Apparatus Projects, Chicago, IL
- 2017** [\*Celeste Rapone // Jenn Smith\*](#), Julius Caesar, Chicago, IL
- 2016** [\*Name in Vain\*](#), Kim's Corner Food, Chicago, IL  
*God Gives Us Food*, cornerstore, Chicago, IL

### SELECTED GROUP EXHIBITIONS

- 2024** *69 for 69*, Side Street Studios, Elgin, IL
- 2022** *Painting: New Approaches*, Chan Gallery, Pomona College, Claremont, CA  
*BIOSIS*, HNH Gallery, Brooklyn, NY  
*Mini Flatland Retrospective*, Co-Prosperity, Chicago, IL
- 2020** *Study Habits*, University of St. Francis, Joliet, IL  
*The Long Goodbye*, Selected Works Gallery, Chicago, IL
- 2019** *Netflix and Chill II*, Drumstick Projects, Chicago, IL  
*Only Human*, H.G. Inn, Chicago, IL  
*Fire Alert*, R. Mona Gallery, Chicago, IL  
[\*Alternative Space\*](#), Heaven Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*On the Ears of Kate Sierzputowski*, [\*Chandelier Projects\*](#), Chicago, IL  
[\*Big Ringer\*](#), Andrew Edlin Gallery, New York, NY
- 2018** [\*Local Comfort\*](#), LVL3 Gallery, Chicago, IL  
[\*You Don't Always Have To Be Who They Want You To Be. You Know.\*](#), Baby Blue Gallery, Chicago, IL  
[\*The Beasts\*](#), Circle Contemporary, Chicago, IL  
*The Chicago Show*, 56 Downing Street, Brooklyn, NY  
*Delicate Cycle*, World's Largest Laundromat, Berwyn, IL  
*Mail Art Show*, Lawrence & Clark, Chicago, IL  
[\*Winter Romance\*](#), Andrew Rafacz Gallery, Chicago, IL  
[\*Stretch Out The Cramp: A drawing survey from 2017\*](#), GreenDoor, Chicago, IL
- 2017** [\*Got It For Cheap\*](#), The Hole, New York, NY; 0-0 Gallery, Los Angeles, CA  
[\*Image Construction \(From My Friends, with a Little Help\)\*](#), IRL Gallery, Cincinnati, OH  
[\*Fantastic Facade\*](#), LVL3 Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Netflix and Chill*, Dark and Stormy Gallery, Chicago, IL  
[\*Visible and Permanent\*](#), Carrie Secrist Gallery, Chicago, IL  
*Overview*, SAMUEL Gallery, Chicago, IL

- Jenn Smith for [Western Pole](#), 902 N Western Avenue, Chicago, IL  
*Where Did I Go? Where Have I Been?*, Space Lab, Indiana University Southeast, New Albany, IN  
**2016** [iDon't](#), Slow, Chicago, IL  
*Girlband*, The Lorna Room, Chicago, IL  
 EXPO 2016, SAIC booth, Chicago, IL  
 MFA Show 2016, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
[Surface Layers](#), SAMUEL Gallery, Chicago, IL

## PUBLICATIONS & PROJECTS

- 2025** Artists Publication for Hearth, (forthcoming) Fall 2025  
**2024** [Peer Review, Volume 2](#). Featured artist, contributor.  
**2022** *An Atlas* (Contributor), Flatland, Chicago, IL, 2022  
 Thomas Huston, [Mel Bochner bootleg, Working drawings and other visible things on paper not necessarily meant to be viewed as art](#) (Contributor) Apparatus Projects, 2022  
**2020** [\(THE\) OLD FUTURE'S ALMANAC](#) (Contributor), Flatland, Chicago, IL, 2020  
**2019** [Soup Kite Laser Church News](#), self-published exhibition catalog, Flatland, Chicago IL, 2019

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**2023** Mark Ballogg, [Making Space: Chicago Artists' Studios](#). 2023.  
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**2016** Cardoza, Kerry. "[Art That Simply Won't: A Review of 'iDon't' at Slow Gallery](#)" Newcity, December 13, 2016.

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Callis, Violet. "[Threshold Thought](#)." *F Newsmagazine*. School of the Art Institute of Chicago, April 26, 2016

## **TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL**

**2022 - present** Reference Librarian, Ryerson & Burnham Libraries, Art Institute of Chicago

**2017 - 2020** Lecturer, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Department of Painting and Drawing, Department of Contemporary Practices

## **EDUCATION**

**2016** MFA, Painting and Drawing, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

**2005** Master of Library and Information Science, Dominican University, River Forest, IL

**2001** BS, Studio Art, Illinois State University, Normal, IL