

JENN SMITH

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

SOLO AND TWO-PERSON EXHIBITIONS

- 2025** Jenn Smith at Hearth, Chicago, IL
- 2022** [*The Sacred Conspiracy Manual of Graphic Standards*](#), 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** [*State Fair*](#), Pop Gun, New York, NY
69 for 69, Side Street Studios, Elgin, IL
The Weatherproof Anniversarial, Weatherproof, Chicago, 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, ETC.

- 2025** *Contact Relics*, artist's book. Chicago, IL
- 2024** [*Peer Review, Volume 2*](#). Featured artist, contributor.
[*2024 Artists to Watch*](#), Comfort Station, Chicago, IL
- 2022** *An Atlas* (Contributor), Flatland, Chicago, IL
 Thomas Huston, [*Mel Bochner bootleg, Working drawings and other visible things on paper not necessarily meant to be viewed as art*](#) (Contributor) Apparatus Projects, Chicago, IL
- 2020** [*\(THE\) OLD FUTURE'S ALMANAC*](#) (Contributor), Flatland, Chicago, IL
- 2019** [*Soup Kite Laser Church News*](#), artist's book, Flatland, Chicago IL

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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