

**Designer**

**Artist**

**Citizen**

**Site**

# Exploring Belonging

***Designer Artist Citizen Site: Exploring Belonging* is an exhibition featuring the work of twenty School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) students on themes of citizenship and the built environment.**

**The students, both undergraduate and graduate, represent departments from across SAIC including Architecture, Interior Architecture, and Designed Objects; Art Education; Fiber and Material Studies; Painting and Drawing; Sculpture; and Visual and Critical Studies. The student works, each of which is presented through a large textile banner and a physical artifact, explore themes of immigration, ecology and the agency of plants, nationalism and national identity, queer spaces and violence toward queer people, and forms of belonging produced by architecture and urbanism.**

**Capturing a range of interdisciplinary media and methodologies, the works in *Designer Artist Citizen Site: Exploring Belonging* produce challenging responses to the question, “What does it mean to be a citizen today?” This exhibition explores the topic through the lens of emerging student art practices—critical and from the front lines, both fierce and fragile.**

## **Student Exhibitors**

Adnan Faysal Altunbozar, Tizzie Maria Baldenebro, Cat Rose Bluemke, Mary Do, Andrea Hunt, Ashley Jons, Junxi Lu, Lanye Luo, Kathia Marie Muniz-Rios, Axel Alexander Olson, Alberto Ortega Trejo, Meera Rampalli, Xavier Robles Armas, Daniel Salamanca Núñez, J. Alexander Stevens, Kekeli Sumah, Vince Tong, Karen Wang, Raven Xu, and Tinglei Zhang.

## **Organizers**

Iker Gil and Ann Lui

## **Exhibition Coordinator**

Heidi Metcalf

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