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## STALLER CENTER'S PAUL W. ZUCCAIRE GALLERY TO OPEN GROUP EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ARTISTS

### Connecting the Drops: The Power of Water

July 21 - October 29, 2022

#### Hours:

July 21-30: Open every evening of the [Stony Brook Film Festival](#),

August 22-October 29: Monday-Friday 12-4pm and evenings of [Staller Center](#) performances and films.

Email [ZuccaireGallery@stonybrook.edu](mailto:ZuccaireGallery@stonybrook.edu) to schedule a visit outside of regular hours.



**Reception** : Saturday, July 30, 6-8pm

**Featured Artists:** [Lillian Ball](#), [Betsy Damon](#), [Erin Genia](#), [Alicia Grullón](#), [Courtney M. Leonard](#), [Mary Mattingly](#), [Jaanika Peerna](#)

Opening at the Staller Center's Zuccaire Gallery on July 21, ***Connecting the Drops: The Power of Water*** brings together seven women artists whose work focuses on environmental justice and the vital importance of water. In sculpture, drawing, beadwork, video stories and a computer game, the artists explore topics such as the Shinnecocks' historical ties to water and whaling, community access to clean water, rising ocean levels and melting glaciers, carbon absorption by the oceans, and personal narratives around water. The Gallery will foster cross-campus collaboration, highlight issues faced by underrepresented communities, and visualize art and science in new artistic mediums.



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The exhibition features a sculptural work with live plants, a room-sized interactive video game, drawings created with charcoal and melting ice, beadwork based in indigenous practice, and videos of water stories, among other work. All seven artists are internationally recognized artists who are committed to making a positive impact on the environment and their communities.

The exhibition will include an illustrated brochure with an introductory essay by Erica Cirino, a Long Island-based science writer, artist and activist, as well as a conversation with the seven artists about their work and collaborations.

For updated hours and events, please check the Gallery's website: <http://ZuccaireGallery.stonybrook.edu>



Images:

*Top:* Betsy Damon, *The Primary Motion of Water is the Vortex*, ink drawing

*Above left:* Erin Genia, *Earthling* (detail)

*Above right:* Courtney M. Leonard, *Breach* (detail), ceramic, oyster shells, pallets, wood, paint

*Below left:* Mary Mattingly, *Public Water* (detail), steel structure, plants, watering system

*Below right:* Jaanika Peerna, *Ice Memory* (artist inserting ice into melting chamber), water soluble pigment pencil

*Bottom left:* Alicia Grullón, *7 Stories About Water* (video still), multichannel video installation

*Bottom right:* Lillian Ball, *GO Game Series*, interactive video installation



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For further information, please call the Zuccaire Gallery at (631) 632-7240 or email [ZuccaireGallery@stonybrook.edu](mailto:ZuccaireGallery@stonybrook.edu). The Gallery website is: <http://ZuccaireGallery.stonybrook.edu>. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @ZuccaireGallery.

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