

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

- 2026** *Vortex*, Buddy, Chicago, IL
Syllabus of Effects, Ignition Project Space, Chicago, IL
Deep Cuts, The Plan, Chicago, IL
- 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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- LVL3 Media. "[Artist of the Week: Jenn Smith](#)", July 27, 2016.
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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