



Metropolitan State University of Denver



Center for Visual Art presents *Gravity of Perception*

DENVER, COLORADO – How can images influence our perception of things we have not experienced? Viewers are invited to explore the power of photography as a way to tell a story, to impart understanding or to stand in for another's experience in [*Gravity of Perception*](#) at the Center for Visual Art beginning January 11, 2019.

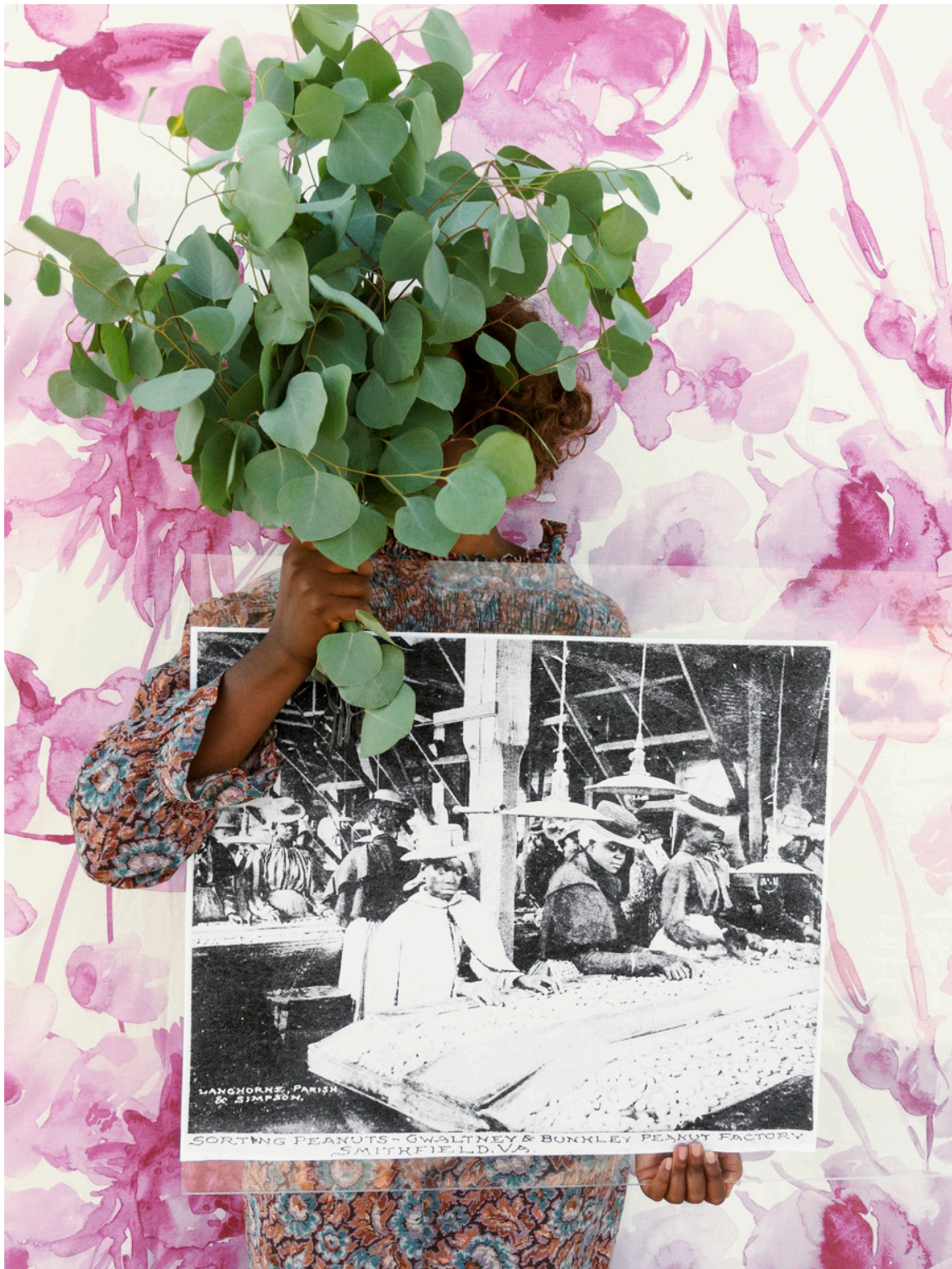
This exhibition features the work of 7 photo-based artists – [Krista Wortendyke](#), [Lorenzo Triburgo](#), [Xaviera Simmons](#), [Zora Murff](#), [Kris Graves](#), [Marcella Ernest](#) and [Tya Anthony](#) – all who reflect on the past by reclaiming and re-contextualizing visual archives, both appropriated and newly created archives. These visual investigations confront themes of oppression and institutionalized discrimination, offering moments for reflection and space to envision a future where equality thrives.

“This exhibition is inspired, in part, by the writing of Frederick Douglass who

recognized that photography held the power to change a viewer's thinking," says Cecily Cullen, Director and Curator of CVA. "Gravity of Perception provides a profound opportunity for viewers to not only experience the impact of these images but to contemplate how they may shift our perspective and invite empathy."

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Gravity of Perception opens January 11 and continues through March 23, 2019. There will be an [opening reception](#) on January 11 from 6 - 8 pm. ***Gravity of Perception*** is organized by the Center for Visual Art and the Center for Fine Art Photography and is curated by Cecily Cullen, Hamidah Glasgow and Natascha Seideneck. Special thanks to the MSU Denver of Office of Diversity and Inclusion.



Images: Xaviera Simmons, *Sundown Number 5*; Kris Graves, *The Murder of Michael Brown, Ferguson, Missouri*; Krista Wortendyke, *Chicago Sun Times*

Header Images: Lorenzo Triburgo, *For Vikki*; Lorenzo Triburgo, *Untitled Aerial 1*

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