Artist Statement
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It took some time to find my footing here in the Colorado State University Department of Art and Art History. I came in blind, not knowing what the next four years would look like for me. I questioned the definition of art and what I wanted from it. There is something about uncertainty that can lead to your ultimate enlightenment. I always knew I didn’t want to be a gallery artist but I wanted to be a part of this program.

It seemed like fate when I stumbled upon the Electronic Art program. I had always wanted to be a part of the entertainment industry in some shape or form, but did not know what steps to take. Did I want to animate? Did I want to film? Did I want to direct? Electronic Art fulfilled all that for me. It has shown me versatility and how to be well rounded. It has opened my eyes to so many possibilities that lay ahead of me. I love making marketable and commercial media but I also love experimenting and sparking dialogues around my work. I think my portfolio reflects just that.

You can find more of my work at www.emilyle.com.
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**Media**: Video  
**Original Format**: MP4, 1920x1080, 02:11min

**Link**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ob9T7evfAbk

**Major**: Fine Art  
**Focus**: Electronic Art  
**Course**: ART 458-L01 Advanced Experimental Video  
**Programs Used**: After Effects, Illustrator, Premiere

**Description**: This animation derives from my love of ocean wildlife conservation. I was interested in creating a very marketable, commercial-like moving infographic to add to my portfolio. I used Illustrator to create all original images which I then put into After Effects to animate. I subtly used Premiere to add small video tweaks. This is one of my favourite pieces I have ever done.

**Title**: Electronic Art Promo  
**Media**: Video  
**Original Format**: MP4, 1920x1080, 03:05min

**Link**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dKcLweDyQFI&t=97s

**Major**: Fine Art  
**Focus**: Electronic Art  
**Course**: ART 384-005 Supervised College Teaching  
**Programs Used**: Canon D3300, Premiere

**Description**: Cyane Tornatzky had asked me to take an independent study during my junior year to help her promote the Electronic Art program, as it was still getting its footing. I thoroughly enjoyed this project. I spent a lot of time exploring the Visual Arts building and getting to know students and their strengths. I also was able to film the show that was in the mini gallery as well, showing how versatile our area is. The video can now be seen on the Electronic Art website.
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**Major:** Fine Art

**Focus:** Electronic Art

**Course:** ART 358-L01 Experimental Video

**Programs Used:** Nikon Coolpix, Premiere

**Description:** This was one of my favourite projects I have done in my career here at CSU. I love integrating my passions about social justice into my art. This was inspired by many microaggressions I had heard or interacted with throughout my life. I also asked a few of my friends, who fall under marginalized identities, to be a part of this project. The whole installation had a video projected on top of microaggressions, racial slurs, riots, etc. and underneath in a soup pot was a video of my friends holding up their reflections on the current state of America. This was a very cathartic piece as well as a great conversation starter at the gallery showing.
They have five rows of over 270 sharp teeth

Figure 1: Do You Know (Screenshot_1)
Figure 2: Do You Know (Screenshot_2)
1. Use less plastic

2. When you go to the beach, pick up after yourself

3. Avoid putting dangerous chemicals down the drain
   paints, cat litter, etc.

to protect the ocean

Figure 3: Do You Know (Screenshot_3)
The ocean covers 70% of the Earth’s surface.
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