

# CONNECTIONS

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**Artist Statement:**

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*I strive to give visual form to the formless. The formless that we, as humans, never really sit down to think about, yet exists on a daily basis right in front of us. The connections we build as people to our world and others we come across, and what builds them. I began by exploring the psychological anxieties that often keep people from connecting to others, or aided them. Depression, being one, where often a person because emotionally irrational or cut off and the mind becomes heavy as if burdened by the world. Paranoia and anxiety that is on playback, and becomes a repetitive cycle people need to wrestle with every day for a majority of their lives. Physically and emotionally touching people, and the burdens that can come with that, but also how much of an essential tool it is to exploring and understanding the world everyone grows up in, and the marks it all leaves upon a person.*

*As I've grown, my exploration and work has become more personal. I've sought to understand what influences myself, my mind, and my overall growth as a human being in our society. Without these connections I would not be who I am today, and the lens I see the world through would be drastically different. Some of these bonds leave scars, provide small comfort, or even both. I seek to understand their strengths, their weakness, and the people that give them a foundation and port for the bridges to connect to.*

<u>Title</u>	<u>Original Format</u>
Figure 1: Dusty Fingers	2016, Gold Ink and Gold Ink Pigment, Black Acrylic, Mylar and Canvas 23"x6"x4"
Figure 2: Dusty Fingers [Detail 1]	2016, Gold Ink and Gold Ink Pigment, Black Acrylic, Mylar and Canvas 23"x6"x4"
Figure 3: Dusty Fingers [Detail 2]	2016, Gold Ink and Gold Ink Pigment, Black Acrylic, Mylar and Canvas 23"x6"x4"
Figure 4: Self Study 48"x17"	2016, Ballpoint Pen and Mylar
Figure 5: Self Study [Detail 1]	2016, Ball Point Pen and Mylar 11"x17" each
Figure 6: Self Study [Detail 2]	2016, Ball Point Pen and Mylar 11"x17" each
Figure 7: Self Study [Detail 3]	2016, Ball Point Pen and Mylar 11"x17" each
Figure 8: Self Study [Detail 4]	2016, Ball Point Pen and Mylar 11"x17" each
Figure 9: Untitled	2016, Charcoal on Wall 8'x 9'4"
Figure 10: Untitled [Detail]	2016, Charcoal on Wall 8'x 9'4"
Figure 11: I Create	2017, Tracing Paper 12"x 84"
Figure 12: I Create [Detail 1]	2017, Tracing Paper 12"x 84"
Figure 13: I Create [Detail 2]	2017, Tracing Paper 12"x 84"
Figure 14: Dear Dad	2017, Coffee Ground, Motor Oil, Vanilla Extract, Ink, Coffee Filters, Various Papers on Mylar 36"x24"
Figure 15: Dear Dad [Detail 1]	2017, Coffee Ground, Motor Oil, Vanilla Extract, Ink, Coffee Filters, Various Papers on Mylar 36"x24"
Figure 16: Dear Dad [Detail 2]	2017, Coffee Ground, Motor Oil, Vanilla Extract, Ink, Coffee Filters, Various Papers on Mylar 36"x24"
Figure 17: Dear Dad [Detail 3] Extract,  36"x24"	2017, Coffee Ground, Motor Oil, Vanilla Ink, Coffee Filters, Various Papers on Mylar
Figure 18: Dear Dad [Detail 4] Extract,  36"x24"	2017, Coffee Ground, Motor Oil, Vanilla Ink, Coffee Filters, Various Papers on Mylar
Figure 19: I Know. Thank you.	2017, Planner, Payed Bills, Beeswax, Wine 18"x11"
Figure 20: I Know. Thank you.	2017, Planner, Payed Bills, Beeswax, Wine 18"x11"
Figure 21: I Know. Thank you. [Detail 1]	2017, Planner, Payed Bills, Beeswax, Wine 18"x11"
Figure 22: I Know. Thank you. [Detail 2]	2017, Planner, Payed Bills, Beeswax, Wine 18"x11"
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**Figure 1: Dusty Fingers**



**Figure 2: Dusty Fingers [Detail 1]**

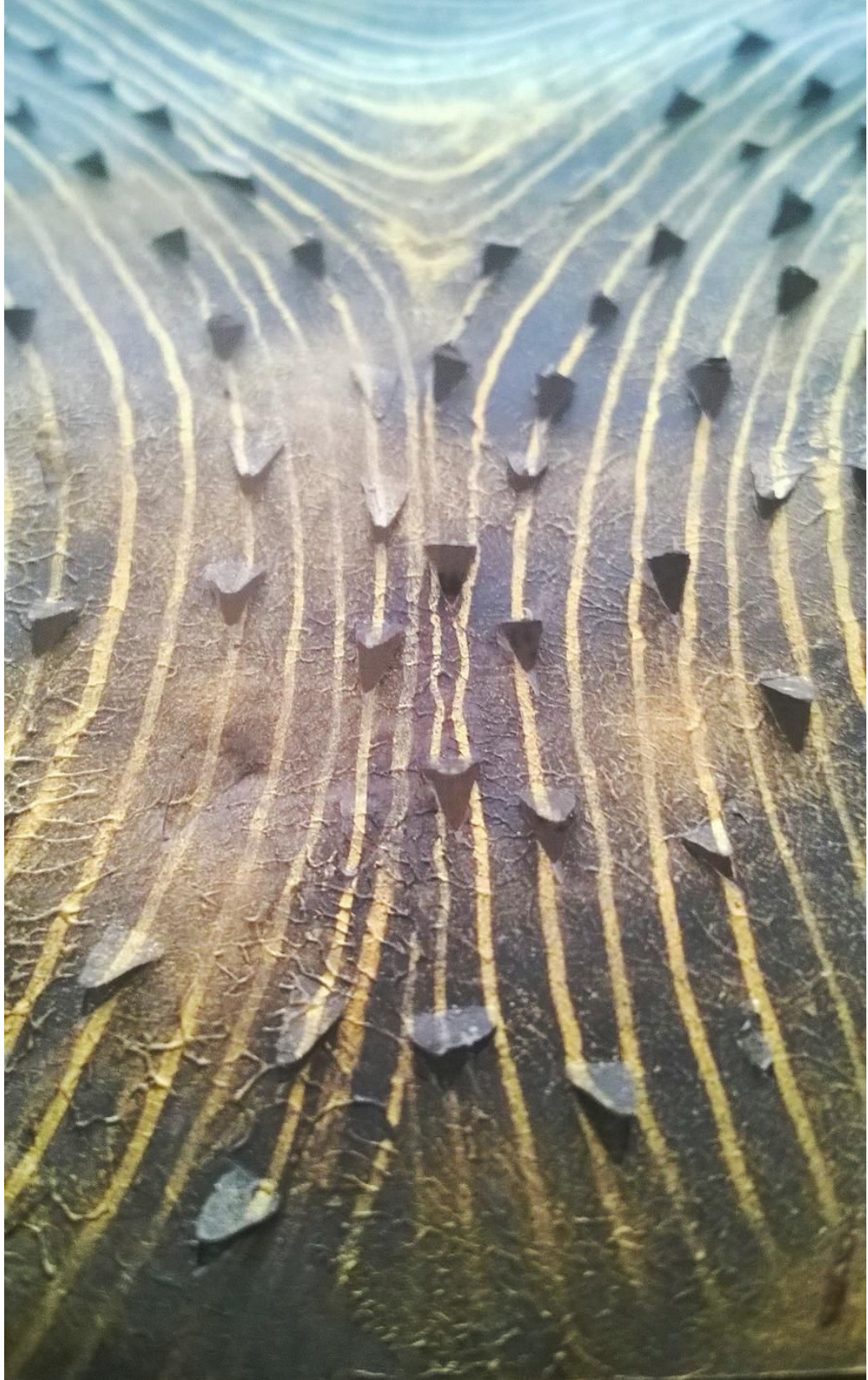


Figure 3: Dusty Fingers [Detail 2]

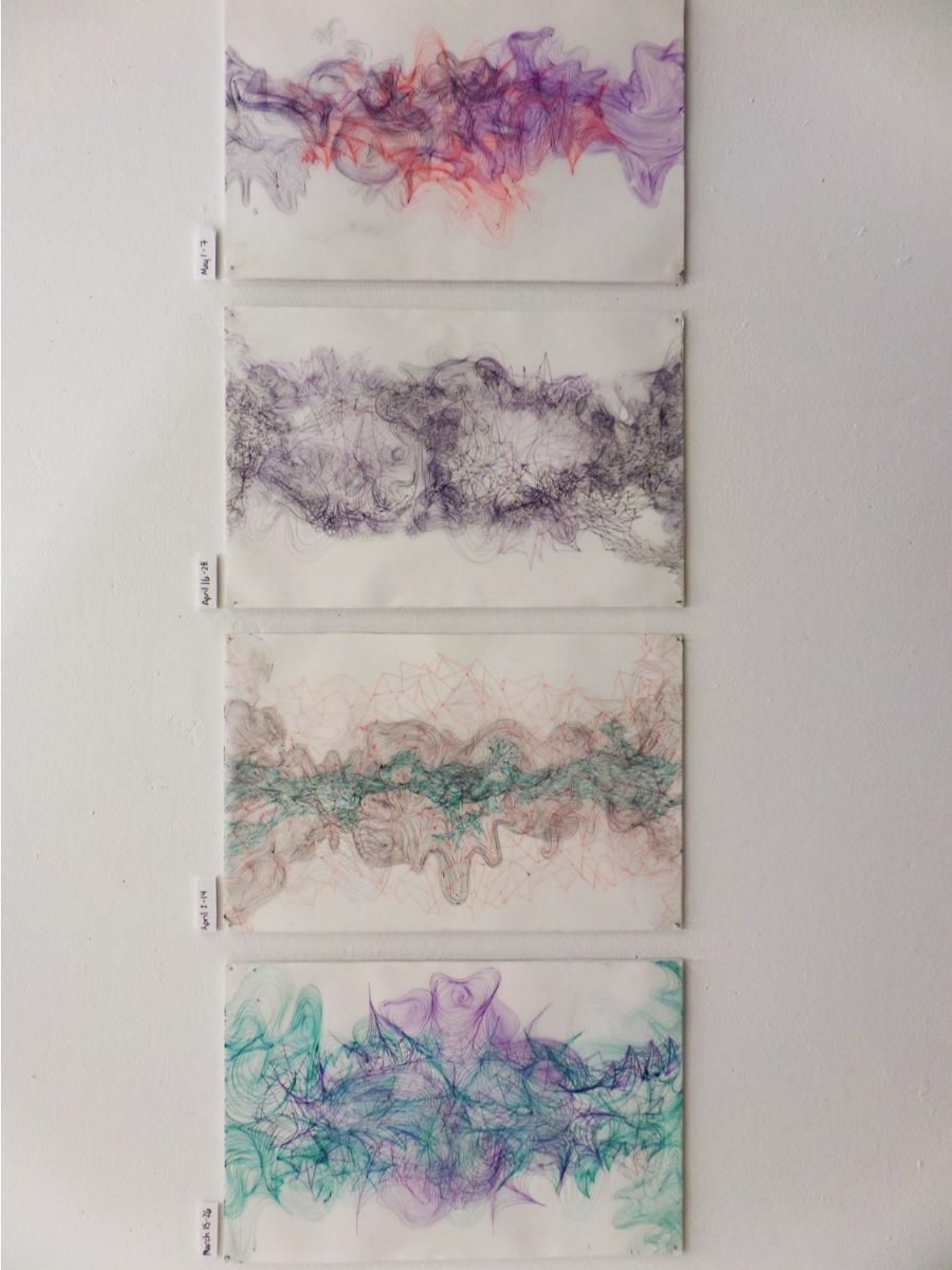


Figure 4: Self Study

March 15-26



Figure 5: Self Study [Detail ]



April 2-14



Figure 6: Self Study [Detail 2]

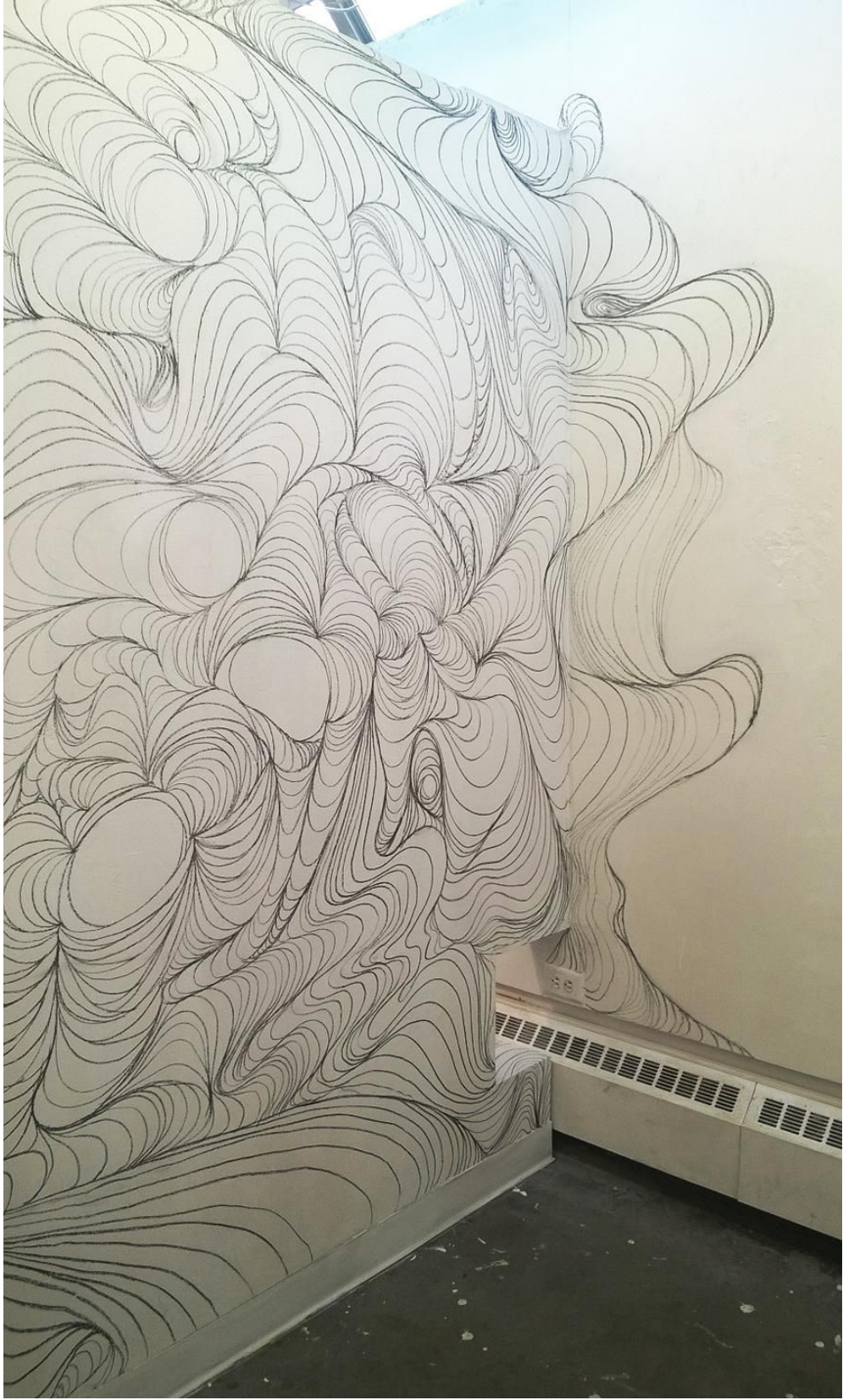
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Figure 7: Self Study [Detail 3]



Figure 8: Self Study [Detail 4]



**Figure 9: Untitled**



**Figure 10: Untitled [Detail]**



**Figure 11: I Create**

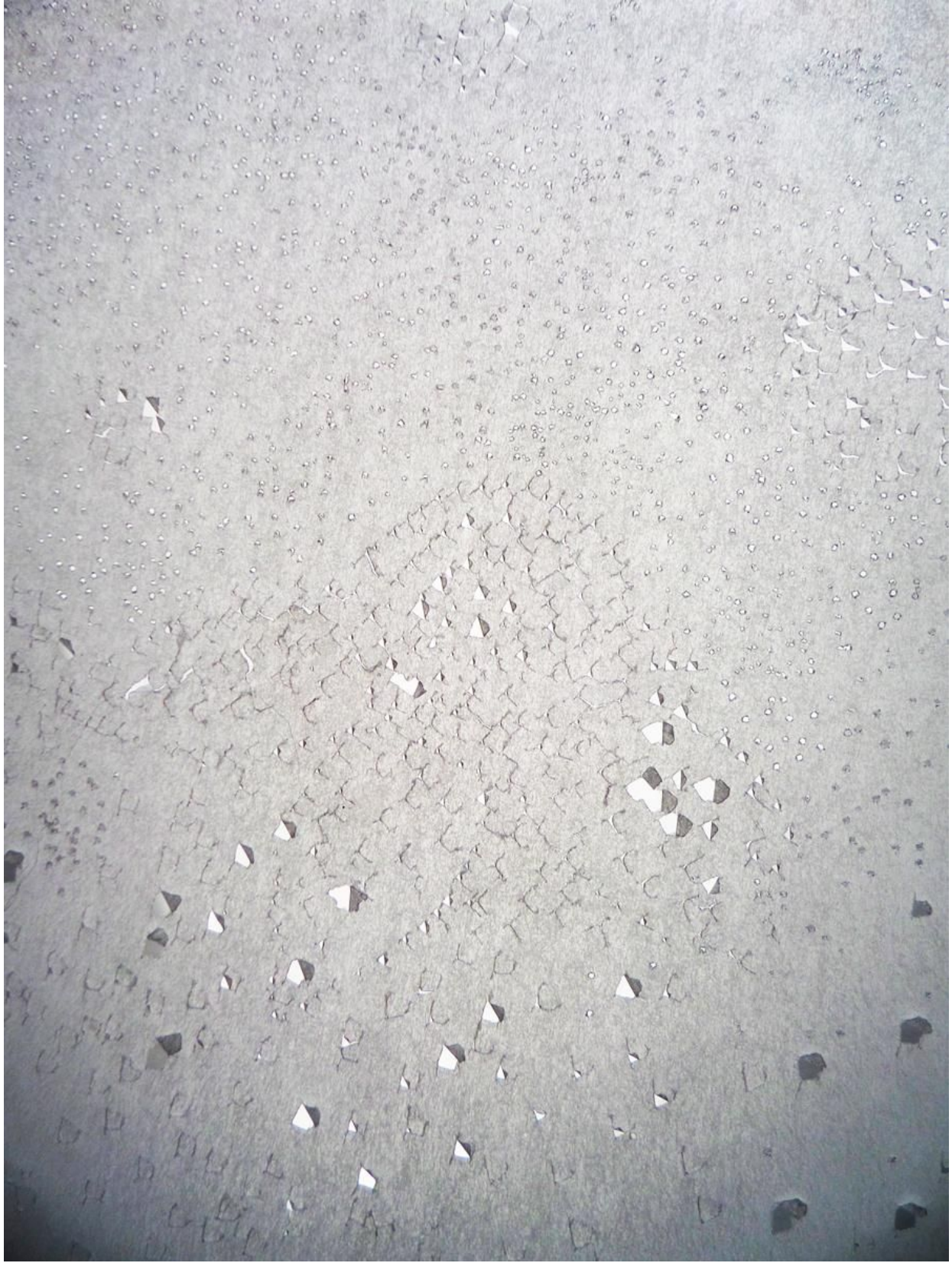


Figure 12: I Create [Detail 1]



Figure 13: I Create [Detail 2]





Figure 14: Dear Dad



Figure 15: Dear Dad [Detail 1]



Figure 16: Dear Dad [Detail 2]



Figure 17: Dear Dad [Detail 3]



Figure 18: Dear Dad [Detail 4]

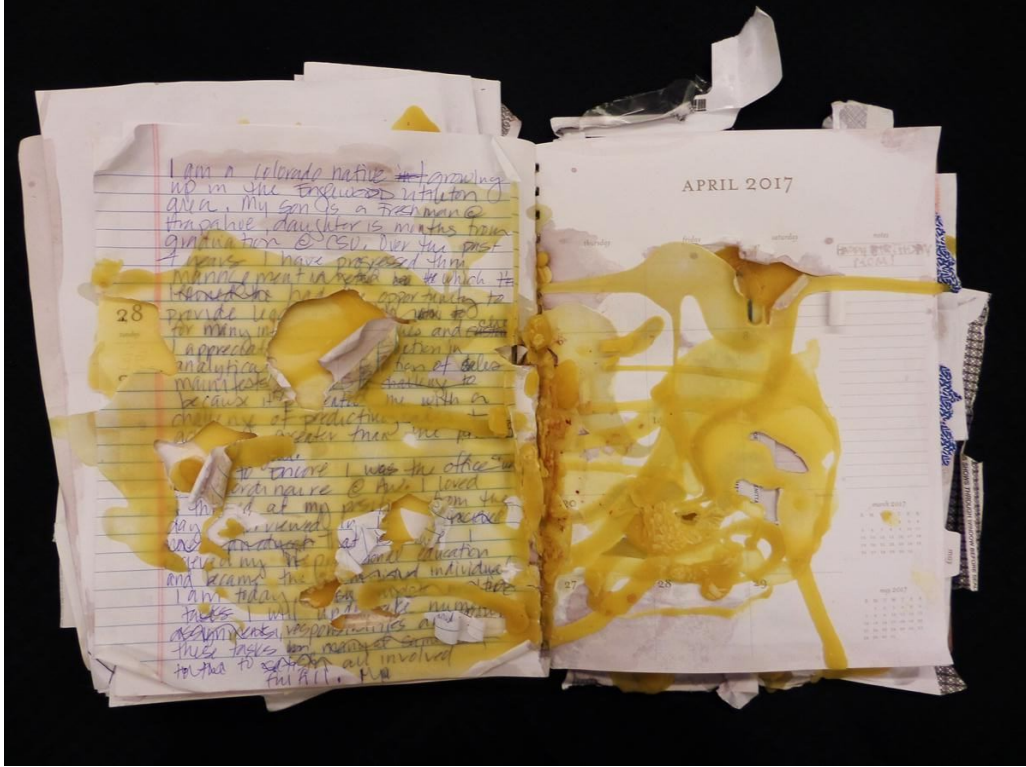


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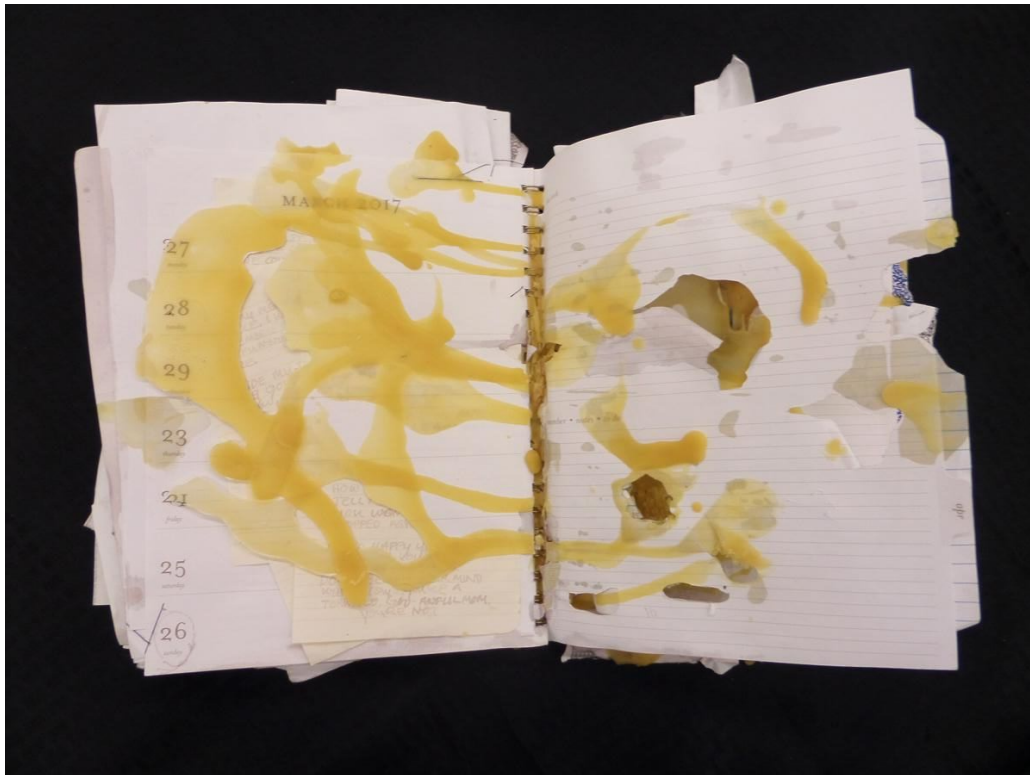
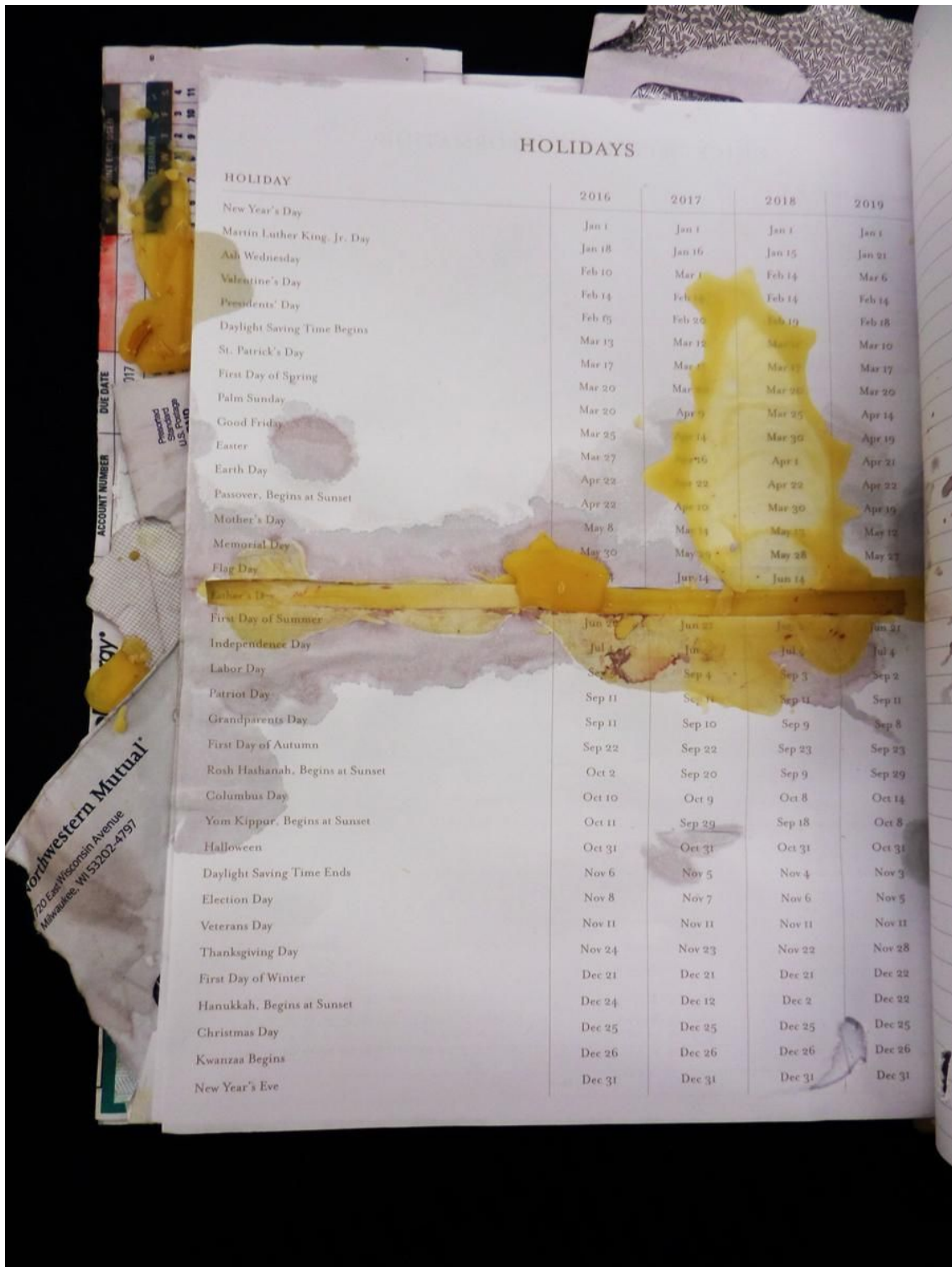


Figure 20: I Know. Thank You.



## HOLIDAYS

HOLIDAY	2016	2017	2018	2019
New Year's Day	Jan 1	Jan 1	Jan 1	Jan 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 18	Jan 16	Jan 15	Jan 21
Ash Wednesday	Feb 10	Mar 1	Feb 14	Mar 6
Valentine's Day	Feb 14	Feb 14	Feb 14	Feb 14
Presidents' Day	Feb 15	Feb 20	Feb 19	Feb 18
Daylight Saving Time Begins	Mar 13	Mar 12	Mar 11	Mar 10
St. Patrick's Day	Mar 17	Mar 17	Mar 17	Mar 17
First Day of Spring	Mar 20	Mar 20	Mar 20	Mar 20
Palm Sunday	Mar 20	Apr 9	Mar 25	Apr 14
Good Friday	Mar 25	Apr 14	Mar 30	Apr 19
Easter	Mar 27	Apr 16	Apr 1	Apr 21
Earth Day	Apr 22	Apr 22	Apr 22	Apr 22
Passover, Begins at Sunset	Apr 22	Apr 10	Mar 30	Apr 19
Mother's Day	May 8	May 14	May 14	May 12
Memorial Day	May 30	May 29	May 28	May 27
Flag Day		Jun 14	Jun 14	
Summer's Day				
First Day of Summer	Jun 21	Jun 21	Jun 21	Jun 21
Independence Day	Jul 4	Jul 4	Jul 4	Jul 4
Labor Day	Sep 5	Sep 4	Sep 3	Sep 2
Patriot Day	Sep 11	Sep 11	Sep 11	Sep 11
Grandparents Day	Sep 11	Sep 10	Sep 9	Sep 8
First Day of Autumn	Sep 22	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 23
Rosh Hashanah, Begins at Sunset	Oct 2	Sep 20	Sep 9	Sep 29
Columbus Day	Oct 10	Oct 9	Oct 8	Oct 14
Yom Kippur, Begins at Sunset	Oct 11	Sep 29	Sep 18	Oct 8
Halloween	Oct 31	Oct 31	Oct 31	Oct 31
Daylight Saving Time Ends	Nov 6	Nov 5	Nov 4	Nov 3
Election Day	Nov 8	Nov 7	Nov 6	Nov 5
Veterans Day	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11	Nov 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov 24	Nov 23	Nov 22	Nov 28
First Day of Winter	Dec 21	Dec 21	Dec 21	Dec 22
Hanukkah, Begins at Sunset	Dec 24	Dec 12	Dec 2	Dec 22
Christmas Day	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25	Dec 25
Kwanzaa Begins	Dec 26	Dec 26	Dec 26	Dec 26
New Year's Eve	Dec 31	Dec 31	Dec 31	Dec 31

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Figure 21: I Know. Thank You. [Detail 1]



Figure 22: I Know. Thank You. [Detail 2]





Figure 23: I Know. Thank You. [Detail 3]