Goodall Visiting Fellow: Mirra Goldfrad

My work operates from the understanding that every aspect of society has been designed, all systems and structures being the result of decisions made. Within the viewer’s encounter lies a line of questioning that starts with why? Each piece implementing the necessary sensorial experience relevant to its conceptual core. In this the aim is to submerge the viewer, to surround them, such that large, abstract, or opaque questions become palpable. Taking the form of quotidian American construction or domesticity grounds the experience, while the objects themselves invoke our relationships to and with them. Such that, despite contemporary throw-away culture, they still manage to comfort, deceive, and evade our understandings.

I am originally from the Philadelphia area, received my BFA with a concentration in Printmaking from the University of Hartford in 2012, and my MFA in Studio Art from Syracuse University in 2018. While I primarily consider myself an installation artist, I also produce a zine, and allow for material shifts in accordance with conceptual necessity. I have participated in residencies in London, Venice, New Jersey, and Vermont, and exhibited in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York, England, and Italy. Most recently I spent nearly two years working at an architecture studio, which is focused on providing a voice to the marginalized and underrepresented within the design field.

Goldfrad will spend the fall semester on campus teaching ARTS250 – Design Strategies and ARTS260 – Sculpture and in Glendale exploring the 6 long-term reflection sites on the property as part of her fellowship. Pictured here are examples of her artwork.
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Check out the [Goodall Center Instagram](#) page.

**Second Saturdays Volunteer Day in Glendale**: Join us on the second Saturday of the month to help beautify the garden and surrounding areas at the Goodall Center. [Register here to let us know you’re coming](#).

**RISE Germany Summer Internships**: [Research Internships in Science and Engineering](#) offers undergraduates the opportunity to complete a summer research internship at top German universities and research institutions and is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office. Learn more about the program by joining their info session.

**Spartanburg Area Conservancy to host Shucking Good Time event**: Volunteers needed to help set up and clean up for this big fundraiser. [Sign up to receive emails for volunteer opportunities](#).

**South Carolina Wildlife Federation Scholarships**: $500 scholarships are awarded to full-time students currently pursuing degrees in any environmental field at South Carolina schools of higher education. Winners announced in January and awarded in February each year.

**Dr. Bill Heatley Speaker Talk**: Join ENVS for Dr. Heatley’s talk *Industrial Environmental Engineer: Just a Glorified Janitor with Lots of Acronyms!*

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**PROFILE OF THE WEEK:**

**Western Carolina University – MS in Experiential and Outdoor Education**

Western Carolina’s College of Education Allied Professions offers a new two-year, residential hybrid degree program in Experiential and Outdoor Education that started in 2020. Students are trained in the philosophy of experiential education combined with working in outdoor and educational programs.

The first year combines online coursework and face-to-face coursework including a one-week intensive course on campus followed by four weekends each in the fall and spring. The second year allows students to choose their course format (online or in person) to complete required elective coursework and a thesis or project. This makes the program ideal for non-formal educators to pursue a graduate degree and remain employed full-time in outdoor and educational programs.

Learn more about their program by joining the upcoming November 2nd Graduate School Open House event on Zoom.

[Western Carolina – MS in Experiential and Outdoor Education](#)