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Dunlop Art Gallery brings new perspective to its collection with Indigenous curatorial mentorship

Recognizing the need for more Indigenous curators living and working on Treaty 4, Dunlop Art Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of *my language has no word for 'artist'*, a new exhibition curated by Brianna LaPlante under a unique mentorship opportunity.

A partnership between Dunlop Art Gallery and Sâkêwêwak First Nations Artists' Collective Inc, the Indigenous curatorial mentorship program creates space for emerging Indigenous curators. Supported by mentors Alyssa Fearon, Director/Curator at Dunlop Art Gallery; and Holly Aubichon, Artistic Director of Sâkêwêwak First Nations Artists' Collective Inc., this year's mentee Brianna LaPlante selected artworks from the RPL Permanent Collection to create *my language has no word for 'artist'*.

Brianna LaPlante is an Anishinaabe/nehiyaw/Michif creator from Fishing Lake First Nation. Her personal work explores the duality of existing between the worlds of ceremony and urban life, and the evolution of culture.

"Dunlop Art Gallery is honoured to collaborate with Sâkêwêwak First Nations Artist Collective and emerging artist Briana LaPlante," says Wendy Peart, Curator of Education and Community Outreach, "This exhibition brings to light important perspectives on artwork in the RPL Permanent Collection and inspires a new way of thinking about the work of leading Indigenous artists."

The exhibition runs until January 10, 2024 at Dunlop Art Gallery (Central Library).

Facilitator tours are offered every regular weekday noon hour until the exhibition closes.

For more information on *my language has no word for 'artist'* or Dunlop Art Gallery's programs and exhibitions, visit reginalibrary.ca/dunlopartgallery.

Attached image: David Garneau, Displacement, Indigenous Scholarship, acrylic on canvas, 2019.



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