For Immediate Release:

The Hite Institute of Art + Design is excited to announce our annual BFA Thesis Exhibition opening on Thursday November 16 in the Schneider Hall Galleries. This annual event showcases the work of students graduating with a Bachelor Degree in Fine Arts. This semester, we present an all-female group including: Emily Davis, Hevin Ramsey, and Kristen De Voogd. Though our graduating group this semester is small, their work highlights the Hite’s various Fine Art disciplines while also showcasing our student’s incredible talent and individual artistic focuses. While their work is varied, common themes emerge throughout the exhibition including the characteristics of personal and social identity, narrative structure, and human existence.

For example, Kristen Devoogd’s oil paintings concern the intimate discoveries of new versions of herself at different moments in life. These paintings consider how we might place ourselves in our personal dreamscapes. In her comic book, Emily Davis uses a science fiction narrative about the discovery of biology on another world to investigate the moral boundary between human and non-human life. And lastly, Hevin Ramsey’s photographs present the intricate relationships between identity, tangible traces of existence, and the Black experience while utilizing narrative portraiture and storytelling within their binuclear family. Adorning black and white photos with handwritten text, these works aim to humanize and deepen the understanding of the Black life and identity.

An opening reception and celebration for the Fall 2023 BFA Thesis Exhibition will be held on Thursday November 16, 2023 from 5-7 pm in the Schneider Hall Galleries. We hope you will join us in celebrating the accomplishments of our soon to be graduates! This event is free and open to the public and refreshments will be served.