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2010
Nadine B. Andreas Graduate Teaching Assistantship
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“Best Presenter (Arts Session)” at Undergraduate Research Conference, Minnesota State University
“Best in Show”, Muse (Juried) Exhibition, Mankato, MN

2008
Effie Conkling Scholarship Award, Minnesota State University

SOLO EXHIBITIONS

2012
Vestige (Master of Arts Thesis Exhibition)
Conkling Gallery, Mankato, MN

2010
Pictured Bodies: New Paintings by Gina Hunt
The 410 Project, Mankato, MN

GROUP AND JURIED EXHIBITIONS

2012
For We Are Where We Are Not, The 410 Project, Mankato, MN

2011
Vulture Culture, CSU Gallery, Mankato, MN
Fear Itself, Altered Esthetics, Minneapolis, MN
PLRAC Juried Exhibition, Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato, MN
Umeni Padu, Conkling Gallery, Minnesota State University Mankato,
Flesh and Form, Altered Esthetics, Minneapolis, MN
PLRAC/McKnight Artist Grantee Exhibition, Arts Center of St. Peter, MN

2010
A Very Much More, The Soap Factory, Minneapolis, MN
Foot in the Door, Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Minneapolis, MN
The Art of Folly, The Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato, MN
Flippin’ Birds, The 410 Project, Mankato, MN

2009
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Secret Identity, Carnegie Arts Center, Mankato, MN
Jones, Indiana: Misrepresentation and the Media, CSU Gallery, Minnesota State University
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The work in Vestige alludes to aging and the physical deterioration of the human body through time. My interests in early radiography and X-ray technology, paired with a recent exploration of spirit photography, have become the conceptual basis for this body of work. The relationship between medical imaging and spirit photography deals with technological efforts to document the elusive and less tangible.

In this work, the artistic process has become a metaphor for existence and ephemera. Utilizing monotype printmaking with spray paint, I create marks that are traces. This quality becomes a metaphor for the transient, similar to watching a person take their last breath before death. By layering nearly translucent layers of paint, an unnatural source of light emerges, similar to medical imaging.