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Parker Thornton's Solo Exhibition, *Animus Redux*, on View Now at Georgia State University's Welch School Gallery

Sculpture and photo/video works depict visceral transformations amongst flora and fauna

(ATLANTA, GA- June 28 through July 16, 2021)



On view through July 16, 2021, *Animus Redux* uses photography, video, stories, and unusual sculptural materials such as lifecast suet, moss-embedded latex, and raw wool in plastic tubes to create a visual world in which the boundaries between animal, human, and nature feel uncannily uncertain.

Animus Redux investigates the erotics of power, inspired by Southern Gothic literary traditions and a queer reading of the Greek myths portrayed in Ovid's *Metamorphoses*. These tales tend to take place in or near a heavily mythologized natural setting, such as a forest, which has long been associated with witchcraft, alchemy, mystery, the sublime, and the taboo. Using a contemporary gaze, *Animus Redux* visualizes this storied psychic realm and its particular relationship to violence, desire, power shifts, possibility, and transformation.

The eight pieces featured in the exhibition range in scale from small, intimate objects to oversized works that hang from the ceiling and coil on the floor below. The installation often breaks from the traditional uses of gallery space. Objects emerge from unexpected places, seeming to grow on the gallery surfaces like fungi or mold. Videos and lightbox works provide a warm, almost phosphorescent glow, while other works are spotlit to create spectral shadows.

This exhibition is a part of the Ernest G. Welch School of Art & Design 2020 M.F.A. Thesis series. Due to the pandemic, shows in the gallery were postponed one year. The work is a continuation of the work Thornton made in the program, which pushed the boundaries of contemporary photography and developed as a result of sculptural and material experimentation.

Parker Thornton is an artist and writer in Atlanta, GA. Her interdisciplinary practice revolves around visualizing the body through a psychoanalytic and literary lens. She graduated with an MFA in Photography in 2020.

Animus Redux is on view at Georgia State University's Welch Gallery, June 28-July 16, 2021, M-F 10am-6pm. To schedule a viewing outside of this availability, please contact the artist at parkerqthornton@gmail.com. The gallery is located at 10 Peachtree Center Ave SE Atlanta, GA 30303.

For more work by Parker Thornton, visit <http://www.parkerthornton.us/>