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**Heartland Community College News Release**

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## **Heartland Community College art gallery presents mother•land**

*NORMAL, IL, March xx, 2020* – Some of the most iconic natural lands in the United States are seen with a fresh perspective in a new exhibit at Heartland Community College.

Heartland's Joe McCauley Gallery presents **mother•land**, large scale photographs by Monica Estabrook, running **March 30 through June 11, 2020**.

Estabrook describes her color prints in mother•land as anti-sublime landscapes. Photographed while on family camping trips with “the kids in tow, time constrained by the needs of others”, she frames “brief, disrupted encounters with the landscape.”

Featuring the Grand Canyon, Death Valley Basin, Petrified Forest, Sequoia National Forest, Big Sur, and other popular, scenic locations, Estabrook's photographs are purposely opposite of sublime landscape conventions. She conveys a place and moment to express “that feeling of squeezing in suppressed passions that end up being overpowered by the necessity to rear children and provide for the family.”

An artist reception takes place **Wednesday, April 1st from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at the Gallery. The reception includes poetry readings by Heartland and Bloomington High School students beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The poetry readings by Bloomington High School and Heartland students are facilitated by creative writing faculty, Scott Adam, HCC, and Scott Foley, BHS. Both the readings and Estabrook's reception celebrate National Poetry Month, April 2020, and the educational and artistic partnership between HCC and BHS.

**This program is partially supported by a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.**

### **About the Artist**

Monica Estabrook teaches art, photography and advanced studio courses at Bloomington High School. Much of her professional work is teaching youth how to present their work in galleries and manage a creative career. As a conceptual artist, Monica explores themes in gender equality and teenage identity. She was awarded an individual artist support grant from the Illinois Arts Council for printing the works in mother•land. She holds a master of fine arts degree in photography from Southern Illinois University, a bachelor of arts in art history and master of arts in teaching from the University of South Carolina.

### **About the Joe McCauley Gallery**

Exhibits, events, and parking at Heartland's Joe McCauley Gallery are free. The Gallery is located in room 2507 of the Instructional Commons Building on Heartland's Normal campus, 1500 W. Raab Road. Regular hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Gallery will be closed on Fridays June through July.



For more information about this exhibit, contact Danell Dvorak, gallery coordinator, at [danell.dvorak@heartland.edu](mailto:danell.dvorak@heartland.edu), or call Heartland's Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Department at (309) 268-8620.

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