

## Artist Bio

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M. A. Papanek-Miller was born in the vicinity of Chicago, Illinois. She received her M.F.A. degree in Art from the University of Houston, Texas in 1984 with a dual emphasis in drawing and metals. She is a mixed media artist working primarily in drawing with woven and layered images that provoke environmental concerns specifically with animals and regarding water access, use and ownership. These works often incorporate toy related objects as “actors” in her visual stories on weathered paper, cloth, wood, metal, and plastic. She has exhibited widely across the country, was one of the recipients of the 2004 State of Minnesota Artist Initiative Grants co-supported by the National Endowment for the Arts and she completed an extensive work funded by the Seattle Arts Commission for the new federal justice center building in Seattle, Washington which opened to the public in November 2002. Currently she is a Professor and Chair of the Department of Art at The University of Montana in Missoula Montana; formerly she served in the same capacity at Bemidji State University in Bemidji Minnesota and at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle Washington.