



**Call for Papers:
The Politics of Choice
Undergraduate Student VIRTUAL Symposium 2022**

The Hunter Museum of American Art invites proposals for its Ninth Annual Undergraduate Student Symposium—The Politics of Choice. Inspired by the Hunter’s spring 2022 exhibit “Beyond the Frame,” which explores the museum’s acquisition choices over the last 70 years, The Politics of Choice welcomes papers that investigate the relationship between political discourse and creative choice. How has political discourse limited, restricted, and structured artistic choice, both in the past and today? How have artists’ selection of different materials, contents, and display contexts engaged or challenged political agendas? When is artistic choice a political act in its own right?

We encourage undergraduate students of all academic disciplines to propose papers that broadly expand upon this theme. Papers should focus on a single artist or artwork (visual, literary, performance, film, collective, etc.) and foreground the political impact or influence of the artist’s creative choices. Presentations should be between 10-12 minutes and accompanied by a slide presentation.

To facilitate participation and access from students across the country, the Ninth Annual Symposium will be held virtually on **Saturday April 9, 1-2:30 pm (EST)**. To apply, please submit **an abstract of no more than 300 words by Monday February 21**. Include name, address, telephone number, email address, university affiliation, major, and year in school. Selected participants will be notified by February 25 and asked to send a preliminary draft of their paper by March 18 for review and feedback. The program respondent will be Dr. Stephen Mandravelis, assistant professor of Art History at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Dr. Mandravelis received his PhD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his work focuses on the art and material culture of the United States.

For submissions or questions, please contact Adera Causey, Hunter Museum Curator of Education, at 423-752-2053 or acausey@huntermuseum.org