

# Suellen Parker exhibits her multimedia collection at BC

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An art exhibition opened in Spiers Gallery located in Sims Art Center on Oct. 4, 2019. The artist, Suellen Parker, is represented by Whitespace Gallery in Atlanta, Georgia and she is a professor at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Atlanta.

Parker's work has been displayed in Aperture Gallery, Museum of Contemporary Art of Georgia, Musée de l'Elysée in Switzerland and Jackson Fine Art Atlanta. Her work has also been published in the The New York Times Magazine, Discover Magazine, the American Photography juried annual and reGeneration: 50 Photographers of Tomorrow, Aperture.

Parker had many of her pieces from several of her different collections displayed throughout the gallery. Some of them displayed were "God Has Given You Minds," "Letting Go" and "Incurable."

"God Has Given You Minds" consists of portraits of women in the US Congress. The portraits feature democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren and Kamala Harris, Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi and US Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The women are clothed in suffragist Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 1872 speech "Our Young Girls." They are decorated with photos of documentation by Harris & Ewing of

the suffrage movement protests of Washington DC in 1917.

Parker started sculpting as a hobby while she attended school for photography. For her portraits and collections she wanted to find a way to incorporate both. "I started playing with Photoshop and digital compositing and stuff like that," said Parker, "I figured out how to get my sculpture in my photograph."

Parker's process for making the pieces

consist of sculpting and photoshop. "I make the characters out of clay, photograph them and photograph any other elements that I want in the piece," Parker said. "I sketch a lot to figure out what I would want to do with the piece, I collage everything together digitally and paint to make them all seem together," said Parker.

Suellen Parker's works can be viewed at the Spiers Gallery until Nov. 1, 2019. Her work can be viewed on her website, [suellenparker.com](http://suellenparker.com).



Print from 'Letting Go' now on display at Spiers Gallery.



Portrait of U.S. senator Elizabeth Warren now on display at Spiers Gallery.

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