

ARLIS/NA + VRA 3rd Joint Conference 2016, Seattle – Conference Session

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From the moment Gutenberg's Bible was set to print, books have played a role in shaping society. The enduring legacy of the book as a powerful vehicle for social transformation is just as significant today as it was over five hundred years ago. This session will focus on how artists' books can help generate dialog in the classroom about social and environmental stewardship as well as offer opportunities for personal expression. This will be an interactive session, where after presentations by artists whose work focuses on issues of social and environmental stewardship and community engagement through exhibits and educational programming, attendees will engage in discussions that focus on ways to incorporate artists' books in the classroom and in community settings to generate dialog about social and environmental issues, as well as how the book can be used as a vehicle for personal expression. The local artists selected for this panel have one theme in common – they all challenge the viewer to confront the wide breadth of issues affecting contemporary society including the environment, social justice, climate change and equality. Artists' books provoke the viewer to engage in addressing these issues as well as create opportunities for dialog whether in the gallery, in the classroom, or in the community.

Moderators

Jane Carlin, Library Director, University of Puget Sound

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Speakers

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