## The Davis Gallery at Houghton House

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## THE WORTH OF WATER

## Organized by Nicholas Ruth

October 18 - December 7, 2019 Reception: October 25 | 5-7 pm The Davis Gallery at Houghton House

Water is one of life's essential components, critical for the survival and well-being of plants and animals alike. It is also the focus of much human activity, ranging from the work of sustenance and the growth of civilizations to poetic expressions and fights for power. But what is the worth of water? How do we understand the value of this unchanged chemical substance so basic to our ever-changing cultures?

This exhibition brings together the work of artists who are concerned with and about water. These artists consider the role of water in the forming of societies, as a symbol of idealized beauty, as an entity worthy of protection rather than commodification, and as a byproduct of climate change through the melting of glaciers. Participating artists include Todd Anderson, Bruce Crownover, Susanna Crum, Cannupa Hanska Luger, Nicole Pietrantoni, and Susan Weisend. Also featuring artworks from the HWS collection, this exhibition will be designed and installed by students in the Studio Art Senior Seminar and Art History Internship classes.

Image: Nicole Pietrantoni, *Precipitous* (2014) Inkjet on Awagami Inbe Thick, folded and bound into 5 accordion books that expand to create a panoramic image. With text by Devon Wootten.













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nicholashruth What a phenomenal visit with @susannacrum who was here at HWS to lecture, talk with students, and discuss her work in the Worth of Water exhibition (which was installed by our excellent senior seminar class)! Susanna, thank you for your generosity, and for making such smart and beautiful work!!! The Worth of Water