

Art Thu Oct 09 2008 Art for Our Growing Bioculture

On October 15 at UIC's Gallery 400, art puts biology under the microscope. As part of a group exhibition called Biological Agents: Artistic Engagements in Our Growing Bioculture, three artists--Brandon Ballangée, Caitlin Berrigan, and Natalie Jeremijenko--take a closer look at what it means to be human, to be animal in an increasingly complex world.

Curated by Christa Donner and Andrew Yang, these works explore biological agency in a time of genetic modification and climate change. But the curators assure that the creative approaches to these issues aren't all serious. Rather than (according to a press release) "simply reinforcing the fear and fetishization of biology found in many popular conceptions of science," the works are playful and constructive.

Biological Agents opens October 14 and runs through November 22. An opening reception will be held on October 15 from 5-8 p.m.

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