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BCC ART GALLERY OPENS *ACCRETION SYSTEMS* INSTALLATION BY
JACKIE BROWN ON JANUARY 26

Accretion Systems An Installation by Jackie Brown January 26- February 23, 2017

Opening Reception Thursday, January 26, 6-8 p.m. **Snow Date:** Friday, January 27, 6-8 p.m.

Hours Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday 1-4 p.m.

Admission Free and open to the public

Website Bristolcc.edu/gallery

The Bristol Community College Art Gallery opens 2017 with an installation by Jackie Brown. With the exhibition *Accretion Systems*, Brown has transformed the gallery into a kind of bio lab where she imagines and choreographs a tangible and immersive environment. It is at once welcoming and a little unsettling. Are we part of her experiment or merely an explorer in this strange world? Are we witnessing the results of unnatural mutations or is this part of a strange yet compelling landscape?

Jackie Brown Statement I'm interested in the biological and chemical processes that are fluctuating all around us at every given moment and I explore this territory through biomorphic sculptures and drawings. My primary focus is sculpture installation and I work to create immersive environments that invite viewers into imagined biological systems. It's often ambiguous whether the forms are benign or toxic and an important undercurrent in the work is an interest in the human manipulation of living systems, particularly advances in bioengineering that are fraught with both exciting and frightening implications. While each work is imaginative, the ideas that are central to the work reference real phenomenon and I hope to encourage viewers to consider the shifting nature of the world around them.

Education MFA, Virginia Commonwealth University, School of the Arts, Richmond, VA BA, Hamilton College, Clinton, NY

Selected Exhibitions 2014 *The Vital Flux*, Gallery 107, North Adams, MA 2014 *Color/Form*, The Arts Center Gallery, Saratoga Springs, NY 2013 *Ignition Sequence*, Backdoor Gallery, Fredericksburg, VA 2013 *Active Pathways*, Sykes Gallery, Millersville, PA 2012 *Seemingly Recognizable*, Flecker Gallery, SUNY Suffolk, Long Island, NY

Artist Residencies 2010 Museum of Arts and Design, Open Studio Program, New York, NY

Academic Positions 2014-Present Assistant Professor of Art, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME 2011-2014 Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Ursinus College, Collegeville, P

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