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Tufts University Art Gallery

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**Saya Woolfalk: *The Institute for the Analysis of Empathy*
and
Ethnography of No Place (with Rachel Lears)**

January 21-April 4, 2010

Public Opening Reception: Thursday, January 28, 5:30-8pm

Employing sculpture, installation, performance, and painting in *The Institute for the Analysis of Empathy*, Saya Woolfalk weaves the tale of an artist-researcher and a species (the Empathics) she discovers. This boisterous *gesamtkunstwerk* (total work of art) brings the utopian world of the Empathics to life through a feminist lens. The video *Ethnography of No Place*, made with filmmaker and anthropologist Rachel Lears, conjures a fictional world that Woolfalk first conceived as artist-in-residence at the Studio Museum in Harlem in 2008. It will run concurrently on the New Media Wall (30 minutes). Woolfalk culminates her project with a performance on Friday, April 2 at 12 p.m.

Events

January 21, 11am: Exhibitions open to the public

January 28, 5:30-8pm: Public Opening Reception for all winter exhibitions

5:30pm: Artist's Talk with Saya Woolfalk

6:30pm: Remarks by VII Photographers

April 4, 12pm: Performance by Saya Woolfalk

All events are free and open to the public.

The Tufts University Art Gallery is located in **the Aidekman Arts Center, 40 Talbot Avenue**, on Tufts University's Medford campus. The Gallery is fully accessible and admission is free. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 11:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Thursdays until 8 p.m. Free visitor parking is available in the parking lot off Lower Campus Road. (Look for the small white signs.) Call **617-627-3518** for more information or visit artgallery.tufts.edu.