

1. Exhibition Statement

Welcome to the audio-described tour of *Core Concerns, Care Embodiments*, an exhibition presented at The McMullen Gallery.

There are 9 artists and 11 artworks in this exhibition. For each artwork, the audio description track begins with a visual description. Then, I talk about the meaning of the work and provide information about the artist.

This audio tour begins with the exhibition statement, which is printed on a large white banner to the right of the gallery entrance.

The exhibition is titled *Core Concerns, Care Embodiments*, and it is open from October 5th to October 25th, 2026.

It includes artworks by Dylan Brenneis, Calli Giroux, Michelle Kwasnycia, Brooke Leifso and Mona Sahi, Monique Mah, Samantha McLeish, Aynaz Raoufian, Sheryl Spencer, and Al Young. It is curated by Ginger Carlson.

Core Concerns, Care Embodiments is the first public presentation of artistic work created in connection with *Co-designing a Smartwear Revolution*, an interdisciplinary research project led by the University of Alberta, developing “smart” garments that can respond to the body and provide support when needed. The exhibition features new work by current students and graduates from the University of Alberta Department of Art and Design.

From the intimate to the systemic and the relational to the responsive, the artworks in *Core Concerns, Care Embodiments* tend to the complexities, multiplicities, and potential choreographies of bodies, assistive technologies, and care networks. Together, they take up the poetics of one of the project’s core scientific and technical research concerns: what can (trunk) support do?

The exhibition has an opening event on October 9th, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a quiet, masked opening event from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We will also present an Art & Science panel discussion on October 16th from 3:00pm to 5:00 p.m. and a Smartwear prototype shirt demonstration on October 23rd from 3:00pm to 5:00 p.m.

On the next track, I read a small, blue panel with information about *Co-designing a Smartwear Revolution*. This panel is located around the corner to your left, just past the reception desk.