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EVENING ACADEMIES : MARILYN VOLKMAN

The President's Gallery at Harold Washington College, 30 E. Lake Street, proudly presents a presentation by Marilyn Volkman as a part of the exhibition titled *Live a Little, Live Ennui* on **Wednesday, November 10 at 5:30 p.m.** This event is free and open to the public.

For this, the third Evening Academy, Marilyn Volkman will present a screening and discussion of her ongoing project *ANSWERS*.

ANSWERS offers a space for participants to discuss and explore the fate of the meaning of words within collective environments. In its upcoming installation, *ANSWERS* will be holding sessions within the administrative offices of Harold Washington College in downtown Chicago during normal working hours with HWC staff.

Volkman describes the project as one that lessens the gap between realistic life and theoretical life by prompting philosophical introspection and dialogue surrounding language in the workplace. *ANSWERS* explores words integral to the collective mission statement of the institution, directing our attention toward the larger social issues therein. For more information, please visit: <http://marilynvolkman.com/ANSWERS.html>

Marilyn Volkman currently lives and works in Chicago. She received her MFA from the University of Chicago in 2009 and her BFA from the University of Arizona in 2007. Using art as a strategy for reconfiguring our use of language, images and objects, her work takes on diverse forms including object arrangements, paintings, social interactions and quasi-documentary video projects. Volkman's work is often site specific and developed in collaboration with particular groups, collective communities and organizations. Her most recent projects have taken place in the commercial marketing firm Cutters, in downtown Chicago, at the U.S. Army's Intelligence Center on Fort Huachuca, Arizona, and at the NATO Command Headquarters in Brunssum, Netherlands.

About Evening Academies: In the unique site of the President's Gallery, two places literally inhabit the same space in the form of an exhibition hall that is simultaneously the administrative offices of the college. As a major component of his exhibition in the gallery, *Live a Little, Live Ennui*, Wenzel has organized a series of "Evening Academies"— talks, conversations, screenings and discussions occurring weekly in the reception area of the office gallery. The participants will play a significant part in determining the shape and content of these after-hours, collaborative events. To view the complete schedule of upcoming and previous lectures, please visit: <http://artoridiocy.blogspot.com/2010/09/evening-academies.html>

Live a Little, Live Ennui and *Evening Academies* at Harold Washington College President's Gallery are part of Chicago Artists Month 2010, the fifteenth annual celebration of Chicago's vibrant visual art community coordinated by the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs. For more information, visit www.chicagoartistsmonth.org.

Harold Washington College is one of the seven City Colleges of Chicago. The President's Gallery is located inside Harold Washington College, 30 East Lake Street, Room 1105. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, contact the Harold Washington College art department at 312-553-5738 or visit <http://faculty.ccc.edu/hwgallery/>.