

MIA MULVEY

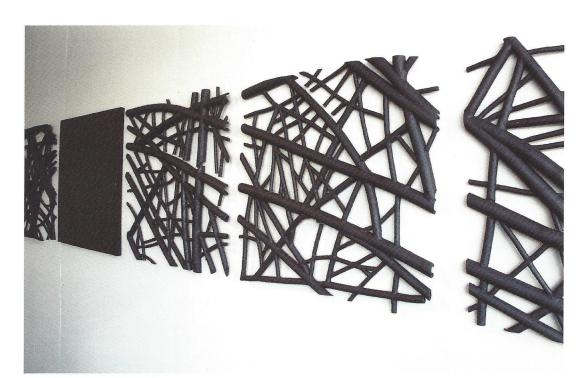
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Mia Mulvey earned her B.F.A. from Arizona State University and her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan. Her ceramic sculptures are inspired by natural history, science, and early museum practices. Mulvey actively exhibits her work nationally and internationally, and has shown at the Denver Art Museum. Her grants and awards include a Colorado Council on the Arts Artist Fellowship Grant and a Kohler Arts in Industry Residency. She is an Associate Professor of Art at the University of Denver.

My work exists within a system of scientific display, process, and ideology common to museum contexts and based on order, fact, and discovery. I am inspired by science, and by our ability to discover wonder. Wonder is not a static moment; it is the process of moving from the unfamiliar towards understanding, a marvel that can incite a desire for the realization of truth. By investigating scientific processes and contexts, I can present real and imaginary objects

that hint at the multilayered discoveries of understanding, innovation, and beauty found in nature.

The title **Sylvae** is the Latin word for forest. For this work, I was inspired by thematic cartography and map design. To create one map, one place, I might encounter a thousand geographies. Through the rearrangement of those private lines one can discover a new landscape.



Sylvae, 2012. Ceramic, mixed media, 13 feet x 2.5 feet x 4 in.

