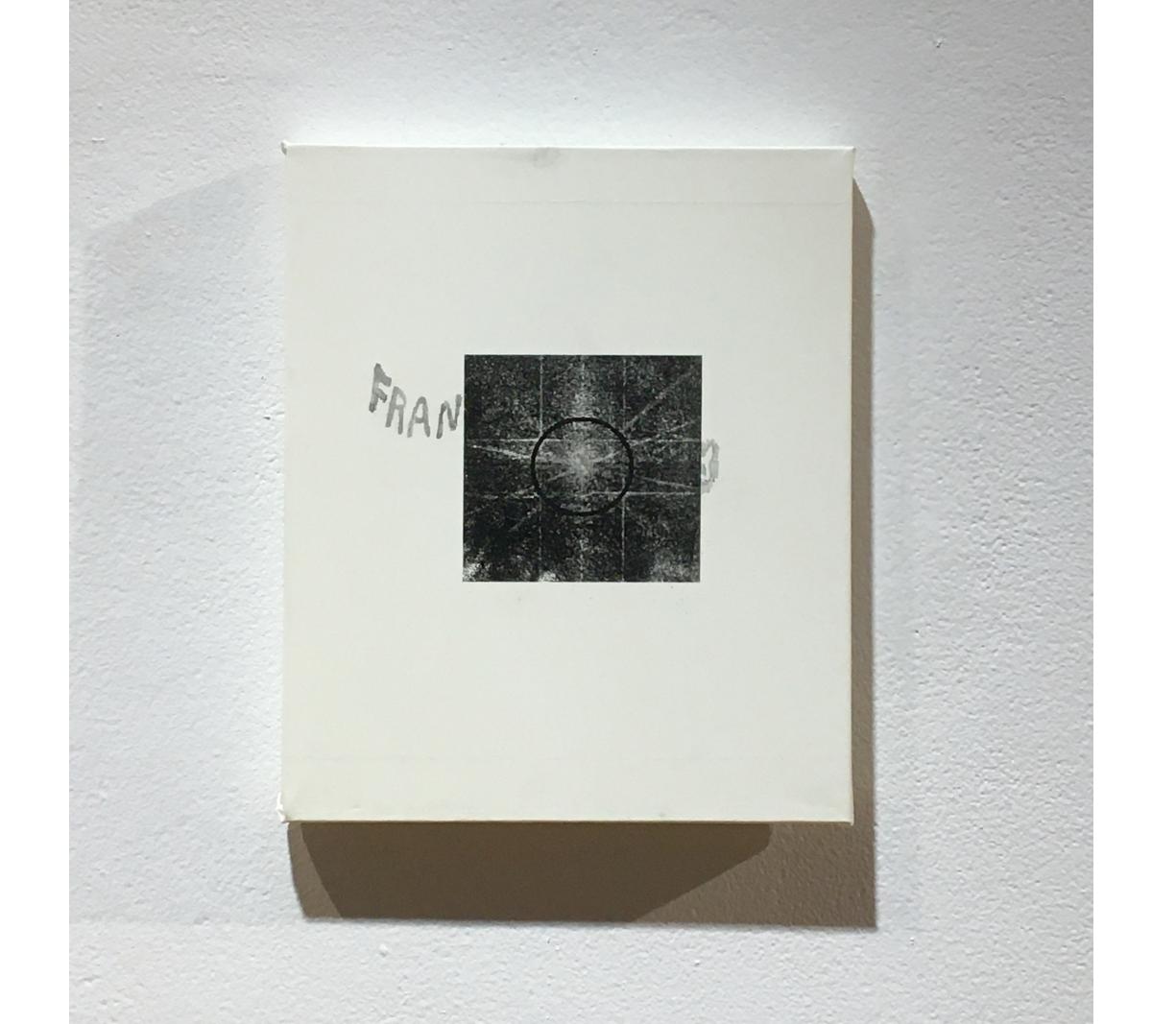
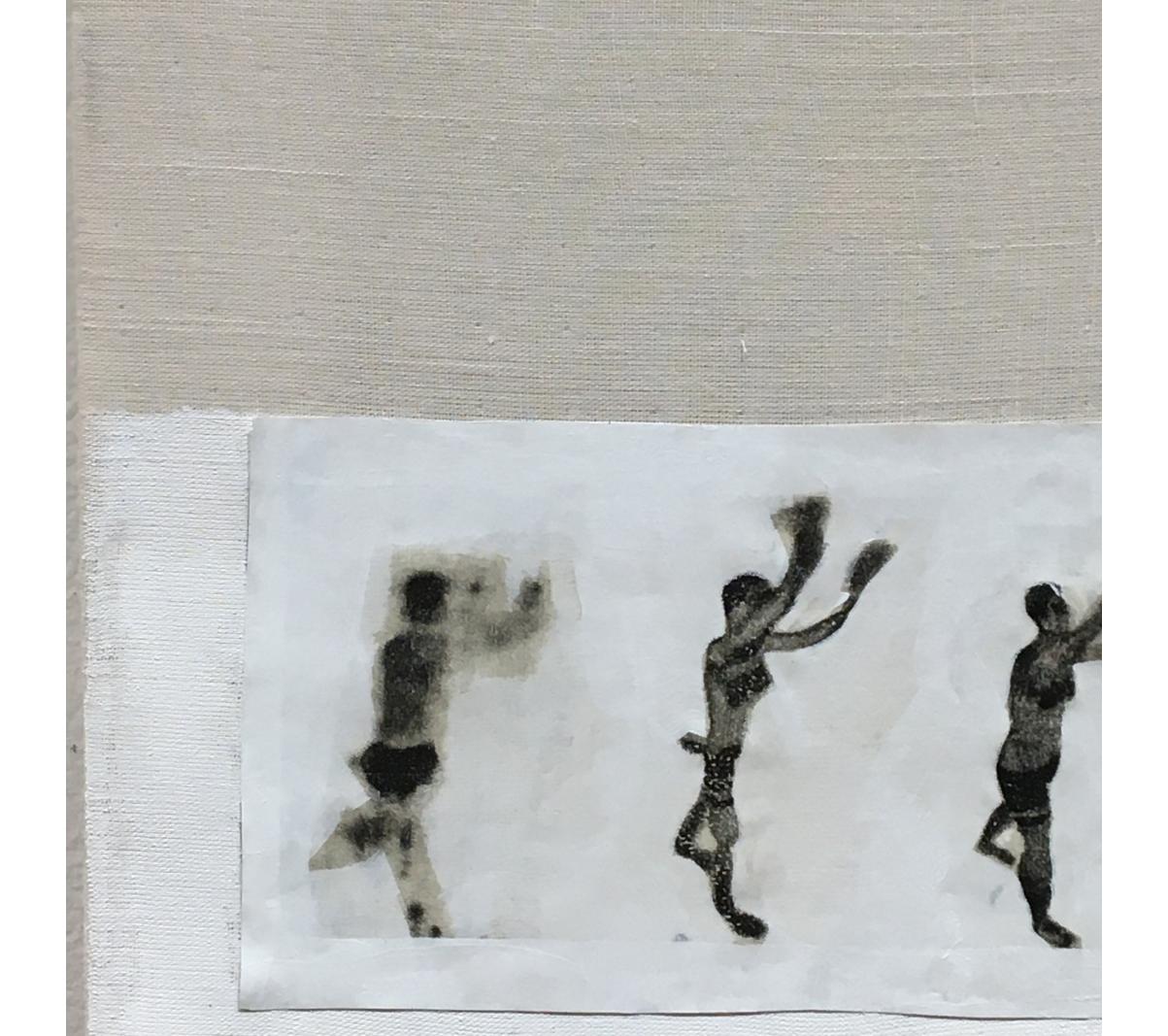
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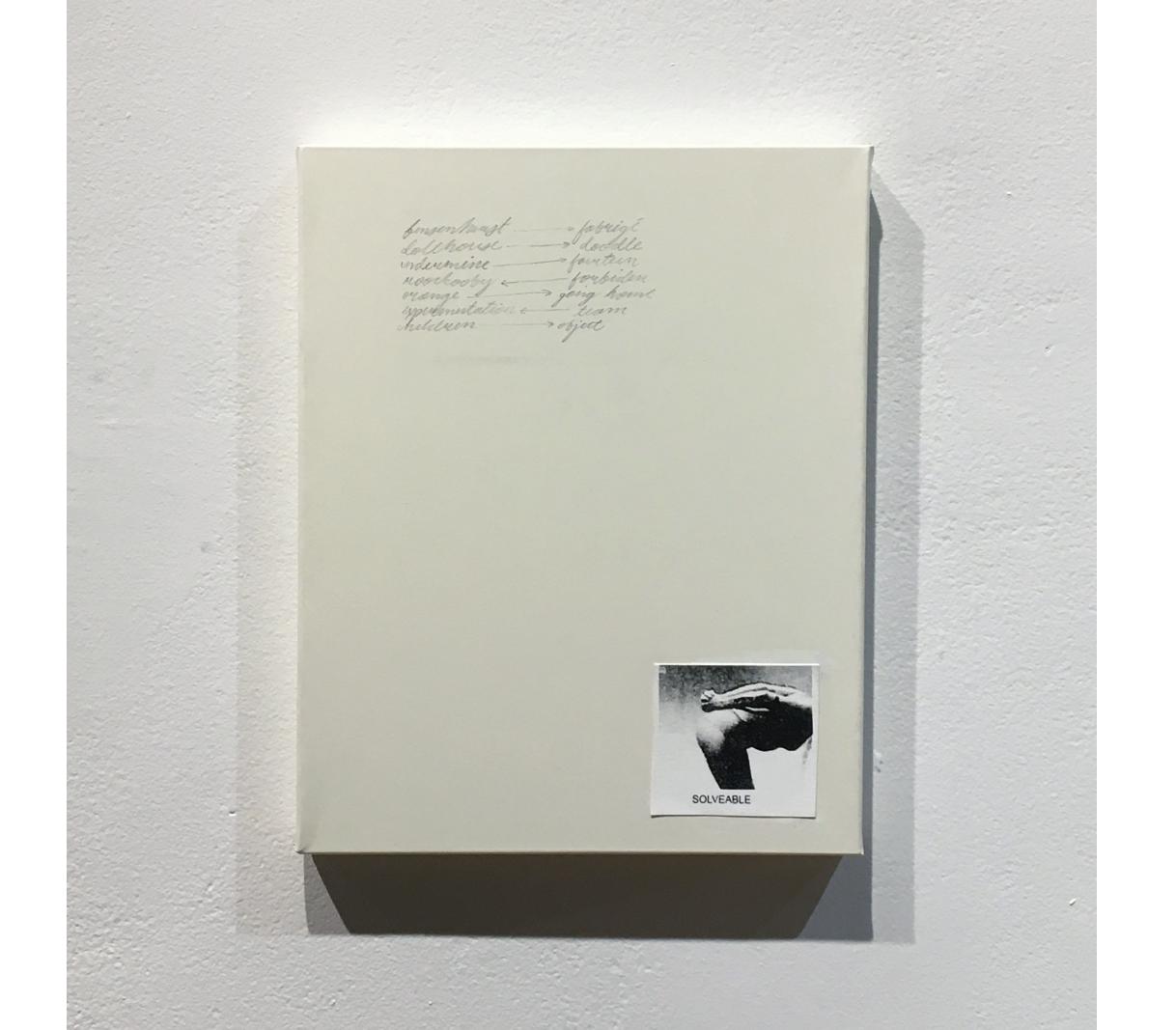






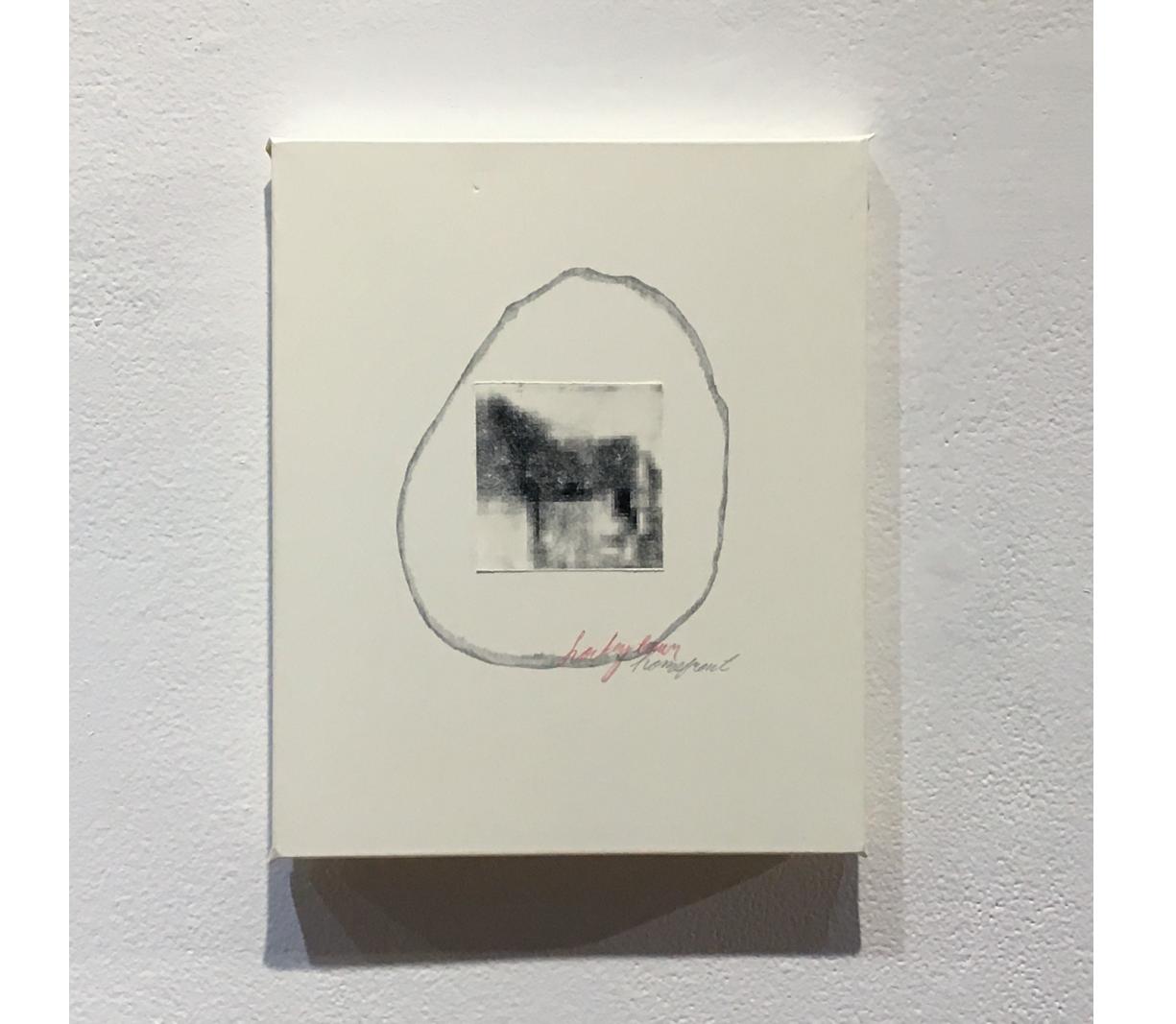










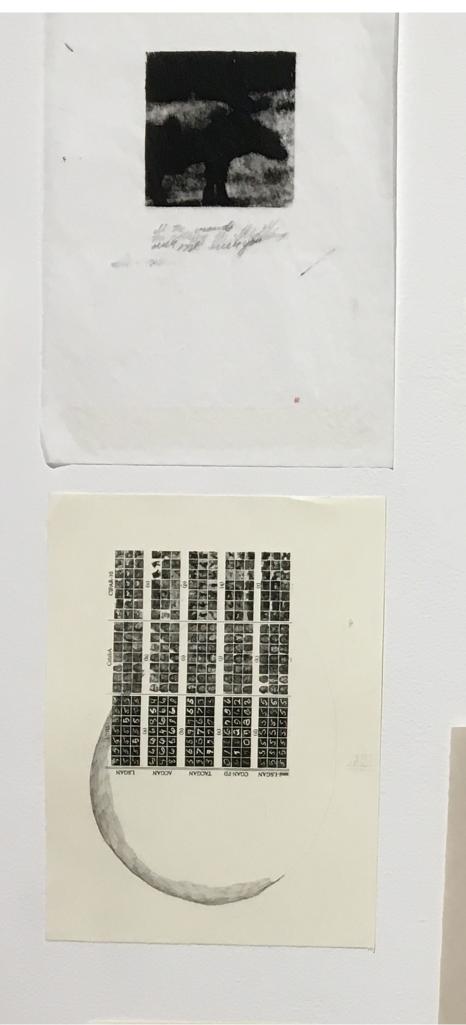




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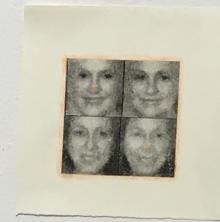








































In understanding the foundation of my art practice, what excites me the most about art making is the endless experimental possibilities particular to drawing and printmaking. One of the most influential exercise proposals I was prompted with during my four years in college is the hypothetical question - what constitutes a drawing? what is not allowed to be a drawing? Clearly, the answer is: everything can be, and barely anything is not. Expanding my view of mark making as a tool toward experimentation allowed for greater conceptual freedom. Through the development of my studio practice and my greater body of work, questioning the confines of what "is" and "isn't" the preconceived conception of a tool or practice I participate in relieved my work of an unrequited perfectionism and drew me in to questioning, requestioning, and contradicting. Where can these questions take you? Particular to my body of work in the BFA Printmaking and Sculpture thesis show, I rode my love for examination through my process in printmaking and drawing as well as entertaining the layers in my conceptual framework.

In seeking to approach art making as orbiting the concept of creating manifestations of an output by passing concepts through a series of filtering systems, be it a translation of regular, common conception or a niche subject, my work uses the format of printmaking, drawing, and collage as a participatory measure of a decomposition of thought. To consider filtration as a reflective practice, my works seek to distill and comprehend the transactionary measure of the considered subject. In formatting my work in this way, I seek to recontextualize language and image from a tool of communication, to rather a tactile, shapeable device for understanding the generation of voluntary, or involuntary, human relation. Decomposition has manifested in a surveilled nature on the use of veiled journal-esque language and an interruption in diagrammatic imagery.

All printed images are sourced and/or inspired by diagrams in articles outlining artificial intelligence programs. The articles used are intended to be active programs implemented as a substitution of common detectable comprehension. The attachment and detachment of the images mechanical precision is an intended collaborative effort. All images used are hand printed using polyester plate lithographs. The ensued transformations occur through processing the intended purpose, through my decisions, through my laser printer, through the strength of laser toner on the polyester plate, through my hand, and through my treatment of the image, as well as any additions to the final product, are all integral collaborations. By viewing my work in this way, I am seeking to implement a filtration process that is the antithesis of the published engines. I do not feel as if the precision of the sourced images should be disputed, but rather used as an active tool in the exploration of this process-based decomposition.

To approach my work as a collaborative effort alleviates discrepancies between the matrix and the final image. The challenge my work poses is to spotlight the subdued, manufactured, mechanised, and authoritative decay of thought through various processing systems. In implementing a personalized formatting to simulate this, I have produced a series of proof of decomposing translations.