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***TRANSIENT LANDSCAPES AT THE NEVADA HUMANITIES PROGRAM GALLERY***  
**Nevada artists explore how transience has shaped the southern Nevada landscape.**

**Las Vegas, NV** – Nevada Humanities presents *Transient Landscapes*, an exhibition featuring thirteen Nevada artists, and curated by longtime cultural journalist Scott Dickensheets, on display April 2 through May 29, 2015. Dickensheets, who serves as the deputy editor of *Desert Companion* magazine, has been involved with the arts in southern Nevada for many years, and will present a special Curator’s Talk at the opening reception on April 2 at 7 p.m. The participating artists are: Jared Africa, Linda Alterwitz, Robert Beckmann, JW Caldwell, Justin Favela, Abigail Goldman, Brent Holmes, Sean Jones, Gary Mar, Marshall Schuettle, D.K. Sole, Erin Stellmon. The exhibition also includes artwork from the Vegas Vernacular Project, edited by Bryan McCormick and Geoffrey Ellis.

“Transience has shaped southern Nevada in nearly uncountable ways — from the incredible churn of residents and visitors to buildings and structures that are no longer here,” commented Dickensheets. “From social institutions that have come and gone to a sense of spiritual impermanence that, for many, permeates Las Vegas. The exhibit will examine, engage and, yes, even tickle the subject with a variety of media and approaches, from dire seriousness to utter whimsy.”

“Collaborations with creative individuals like Scott Dickensheets and the outstanding artists involved in this exhibition are exciting ways to engage with our landscapes and histories from new vantage points.” commented Christina Barr, Executive Director, Nevada Humanities. “I hope that all of the people who come to see this exhibition come away with something unexpected and new to think about.”

OPENING RECEPTION:

**Thursday, April 2 / 6 – 9 p.m.** at Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas. Meet the artists and join Nevada Humanities for a special Curator’s Talk with journalist, and exhibition curator, Scott Dickensheets at 7 p.m.

POP-UP POETRY EVENTS: Hosted by the Las Vegas Poets Organization

**Friday, April 3 / 7 – 8 p.m.** Celebrate National Poetry Month with Nevada Humanities and poets Shawnte Orion, Bakeem Lloyd, and Jess Flo.

**Friday, May 1 / 7 – 8:30 p.m.** Featuring poets Elizabeth Quiñones-Zaldaña, Chhen Vegas to Cambodia, and Jeska Trevino.

Pop-Up Poetry Events are held at Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas.

*Transient Landscapes* is part of Nevada Humanities’ bi-monthly exhibition series, which showcases the work of Nevada artists, writers, photographers, and other creative thinkers who explore and articulate a sense of place in the Silver State. The Nevada Humanities Program Gallery is located at 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas, in the Art Square Garden Courtyard downtown within the 18b Arts District. The Program Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 1 – 5 p.m., and open late until 9 p.m. on Preview Thursdays and the first Friday of each month for First Friday events. For more information about Nevada Humanities call 702.800.4760 or visit [nevadahumanities.org](http://nevadahumanities.org).

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