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### **SHELDON GALLERY TALK TO FEATURE ARTIST JILL EVANS PETZALL**

**Event:** Gallery Talk with Jill Evans Petzall  
**When:** Tuesday, October 10 at 6 p.m.  
**Where:** Sheldon Art Galleries  
**Tickets:** Admission free, but reservations required. Call Paula Lincoln at 314-533-9900 x 37 or email [plincolin@TheSheldon.org](mailto:plincolin@TheSheldon.org) to reserve your seat.

ST. LOUIS, MO – The Sheldon Art Galleries presents a free gallery talk in conjunction with the exhibit, *Jill Evans Petzall: Still Lives with Stories* (through January 20, 2018), Sheldon Concert Hall. Artist Jill Evans Petzall will talk about the concept and process of the exhibition.

Artist Jill Evans Petzall interrogates the notion of the fickleness of meaning within travel and snapshot photography, and the domination of Western values throughout the world in her innovative interactive exhibition. Shot in Southeast Asia, her photographs of strangely static human bodies become metaphorical “still lives” where gallery visitors can invent and record their own stories about the images, adding their unique interpretations to the installation.

The exhibit uses digital media, photographs and community interaction to explore how ingrained biases and stereotypes travel across borders, affecting our attitudes about cultures unlike our own. The interactive installation actively engages viewers to explore what photography does to them and to the world alike. Blending a documentary-style approach with poetic imagery, the viewpoint is one of an inquisitive and critical traveler.

Jill Evans Petzall is a four-time Emmy award-winning filmmaker, media artist, writer and teacher whose main themes are social justice and the arts. Her works have been shown on broadcast and cable television, in art galleries and international film festivals, and used as advocacy tools in state legislatures and non-profit agencies throughout the United States and Canada.

For more information, call The Sheldon during normal business hours, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 314-533-9900 or visit [www.TheSheldon.org](http://www.TheSheldon.org).

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