

BIOGRAPHY

D Rosen lives on the stolen and occupied lands of the Council of the Three Fires, known as Chicago, IL. They operate from the position that questions of animality are not binary but rather a tangle of ecologies and richly complicated identities framed by culture. Rosen attended the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in 2018, received an MFA from the University of Chicago in 2013, and a BFA from the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design in 2011. They exhibit and publish internationally. In 2024, their text titled "Gorgetts: Trans Hummingbirds and Iridescent Echos" was published in the "Queering Nature" issue of *Antennae: The Journal of Nature in Visual Culture*. Upcoming exhibitions include "Interspecies Impressions of Care, of Violence" at ACRE Projects and "VAMP" at Comfort Station, featuring a performance by Tiohtià:ke/Montréal-based drag musician BiG SiSSY.

STATEMENT

Rosen uses sculptural modalities to engage with critical animal studies. Their materials range from recycled cast pewter appropriated from bullet makers to handmade incense combined with the hair groomed from Holstein friends over eight weeks. For concision, their practice could be broken into two interrelated branches:

- a) Sculptures made through collaborative rituals of care over weeks or months spent building relationships with non-human animals on farms, sanctuaries, or inside structures of domestication.
- b) Sculptures that engage with cultural representations of the animal or offer examples of queer ecologies in biology, fashion, hunting, agriculture, or architecture, resulting in an object using source materials derived from those fields.

With their artistic practice and research, Rosen aims to expand epistemologies for engaging with more-than-human worlds to effectively shift hierarchies of the animal used to justify violence across categories. Using elemental materials, Rosen endeavors to provide catalysts to spark small gestures of interspecies care and multispecies coalition building on a warming planet.