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**UCSD Visual Arts Department**  
Announces Open Studios

**La Jolla, California – The Graduate Visual Arts Department at the University of California – San Diego** invites the Southern California art community to view the work of its current MFA students at **Open Studios** on April 6, 2-8 p.m.

Political handshakes, post-human dolls, Mexican moustaches, false promises, Old-Time radio shows, military recruitment tools, epic octopi, drone machines, fishing boats and Chris Farley are among the explorations of these graduate students. The diversity of their resulting works is rich, as noted by curator and writer Malik Gaines "... whimsy and speculation operate within the parameters of real world observation. Craft merges with technology and social investigation brushes against fantastic imagination as the psychic spaces we inhabit emerge into semi-solid form."

Many of UCSD's MFA candidates have worked and exhibited widely throughout the globe. Within the Southern California art community, the students have recently collaborated with The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego, Fritz Haeg's Sundown Salon, LA's compact/space and Sixteen:One galleries and Luis Velasquez in Tijuana. Their work will be featured in the upcoming "**Origin is the Goal**" at LACE, curated by Darin Klein.

Join us for an afternoon of art, film, performance and music at the Visual Arts Facility, located off of Gilman Dr. on the UCSD campus.

For directions and more information, please contact:  
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