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## Solo Exhibition *RESTORATION: New Work* by Dallas based artist Erika Huddleston Opens March 26th

Marking 9th Exhibition of Cluley Projects Inaugural Season

[Dallas, Texas – March 5, 2022] **Cluley Projects**, the new satellite project space of **Erin Cluley Gallery**, is pleased to announce the ninth exhibition of its inaugural year featuring Dallas based artist, Erika Huddleston. The exhibition will be on view March 26 through April 23<sup>rd</sup> at its location in West Dallas located at 2123 Sylvan Avenue. <u>An Opening Reception</u> will be hosted for the artist Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00-8:00 pm.

In *Restoration: New Work* Erika Huddleston expresses the relationships within natural and man-made spaces. This new collection of works explores stages of growth and renovation, a transition during the artists own living space.

"Repairing, nurturing, reworking, strategizing, patching, sanding, smoothing, rendering invisible, highlighting the seam, expressing the joint, painting the crack out. These oil paintings are a series informed by a parallel restoration of a 1936 bungalow designed by Charles Stevens Dilbeck in Dallas, Texas, restored during the pandemic."

Her training in landscape architecture informs her investigation on natural and controlled outdoor spaces. A plein air painter, Huddleston's new series of paintings on canvas highlight layers of brush strokes, deeply colored pigments, and plant growth - new and old. The solo exhibition will also include site specific found objects.

## **About the Artist**

Erika Huddleston (born in Dallas, Tx) holds a Master of Landscape Architecture from the University of Texas at Austin and a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Vanderbilt University. Her past bodies of work have recorded Shoal Creek Greenbelt in Austin, Texas, the Trinity River in Dallas, Texas, Waco Creek in Waco, Texas, and the Ramble in Central Park in New York City. She was a finalist for the Hunting Prize and has been a resident at 100W Corsicana and the Vermont Studio Center. Huddleston's work is also currently on display at The Fort Worth Botanic Garden, Fort Worth, Texas.



## **About Erin Cluley Gallery and Cluley Projects**

Erin Cluley Gallery opened its doors in West Dallas in 2014, igniting a creative movement and acting as a hub for visual arts and community engagement. After nearly five years on Fabrication Street, the gallery moved its main operation to Riverbend – a development in Dallas' Design District celebrating the intersection between culture and commerce.

The new satellite gallery Cluley Projects opened in April 2021 and is housed in an 1100 sq ft space on Sylvan Avenue within walking distance from the Belmont Hotel. Cluley Projects will act as an incubator space focusing on regional artists and providing a platform for discovery and mentorship.

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