

The Sheehan Gallery and Justin Lincoln Present:

**MIND MAPS: The Art of Vicki Bennett**

*February 1 – April 8, 2022*

Under the name “People Like Us,” artist Vicki Bennett has been making work available via CD, DVD and vinyl releases, radio broadcasts, concert appearances, gallery exhibits and online streaming and distribution since 1992. Bennett has developed an immediately recognizable aesthetic repurposing pre-existing footage to craft audio and video collages with an equally dark and witty take on popular culture. She sees sampling and collage as folk art sourced from the palette of contemporary media and technology, with all of the sharing and cross-referencing incumbent to a populist form. Embedded in her work is the premise that all is interconnected and that claiming ownership of an “original” or isolated concept is both preposterous and redundant. Most of the People Like Us back catalogue has been available for free online since 2002. Online self-distribution allows an artist to keep their work available, resolving a tension between label production costs and the desire of an artist for work to be available. UbuWeb generously hosts the discography and filmography of People Like Us. {<https://peoplelikeus.org/2017/biography/>}

This Sheehan Gallery exhibition featuring the work of Vicki Bennett (aka People Like Us) follows a 30-year journey into immersive media, covering music, radio, text-based art and moving image. This display showcases hundreds of hours of audiovisual collage, both solo and with collaborators. Alongside the exhibition is a visit from the artist with a series of screenings, artist presentations and radio collaborations in March 2022 on site.

The Sheehan Gallery is free and open to the public. Located in Olin Hall on Whitman College campus.

Gallery Hours: Tues - Fri 12-5 PM, Sat - Sun 12-4 PM, or by appointment.

Whitman College Events featuring Vicki Bennett and her Collaborators:

**Thursday, March 3rd**

Vicki Bennett Film Screening of

*Nothing Can Turn into a Void*

with Q & A

Kimball Auditorium | 5:30 PM

**Friday, March 4th**

A Screening of *The Mirror* by People Like Us

Performance by Negativland & Sue-C Young

Ballroom | 7 PM

**Saturday, March 5th**

People Like Us & Negativland on the Radio

KWCW 90.5 | 8 - 10:30 PM

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