

Metropolitan State University Gordon Parks Gallery will present Somebody, an exhibition featuring the photography of Pao Her (Saint Paul).

Pictured: Photo by Pao Her from the Somebody exhibit titled Used Watermelon As a Hmong refugee from Loas, Her has recently asked herself what it is to be an American. This collection of photographs represents her recent M.F.A. thesis exhibition at Yale University (School of the Arts), where she intimately investigated ideas of self-concept and ethnicity.

Regarding the show, guest curator Wing Young Huie has said, "Pao Her is at the forefront of young contemporary photographers, transfixing through art the Hmong American experience."

The exhibit opens with a reception on Thursday, Sept. 13, from 4:30–7 p.m. This will be followed by a mediated gallery talk from 7–8 p.m. The exhibit continues through Oct. 5, 2012. Gallery hours are Mondays–Thursdays, 11 a.m.–7 p.m.; and Fridays–Saturdays, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. The gallery is located in the Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul.

For more information about the exhibit, contact Anne Sugnet, interim gallery director, at 651-793-1631 or e-mail anne.sugnet@metrostate.edu.