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# Lily Mayfield's *Intimate Distance*

Exploring Relationships, Emotion, and Home

Opening Reception: Fri., May 1, 6-9 p.m.

CHICAGO - Woman Made Gallery is proud to present Columbia College Chicago instructor Lily Mayfield in her solo exhibition, *Intimate Distance*, where the artist uses herself as subject to explore what it is to be together and separate, united and alone.

## About the Exhibition:

"What is it that draws us home? Is it the people who reside there and the relationships that take place within that space? Is it the comfort of knowing you can express the truly quotidian emotions we often suppress such as frustration, exhaustion, and anxiety? Or is it simply familiarity? The photographs in *Intimate Distance* depict myself and my husband and the space of home. These photographs describe a sense of intimacy and yet a feeling of restraint. There is a desire to connect to each other, while simultaneously desiring to be separate. *Intimate Distance* reflects a fascination with the emotional or



Coffee in Bed  
archival inkjet print  
20 x 30 inches

psychological distance between two people despite physical proximity. What is it like to share one's life and space with someone else? This heightened degree of intimacy can cause us to create barriers in order to maintain our individuality – our separateness."

## About the Artist:

Lily Mayfield was born and raised in Gainesville, Florida. Lily moved to Chicago in 2004 with her husband and three pets in order to attend graduate school at Columbia College. She completed an MFA degree in photography from Columbia College in 2007, after receiving a BFA degree in photography with a minor in art history from the University of Florida in 2003. She is currently an adjunct professor at Columbia College and College of Dupage, and a co-instructor for After School Matters at a local high school.

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Her work has been exhibited nationally in group exhibitions. Lily has received numerous awards including the Society for Photographic Education (SPE) Student Award, the Stuart and Iris Baum Project Completion Grant, and several Getz Graduate Awards. For more information visit [www.lilymayfield.com](http://www.lilymayfield.com).

**EXHIBITIONS AT THE GALLERY THROUGH JUNE 11, 2009:**

Group Show: **The Emotional Body** juried by Elzbieta (Elka) Kazmierczak

Group Show: **The Art of Healing** artworks from the Collection of Jean Cozier

Solo Show: **Intimate Distance** by Lily Mayfield

Artisan Gallery: **Whimsicality** juried by Margaret Denny

**Woman Made Gallery**

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**Website:** [www.womanmade.org](http://www.womanmade.org)

**Gallery Hours: Wed-Fri noon-7 p.m. / Sat-Sun noon-4 p.m. / Admission: Free**

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