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Artist Statement - Prints

*Through intimacy we seek comfort.
What we find is ecstasy-
or despair -
sometimes transformation.*

Our human interactions are complex, intricate and fraught with a confluence of concerns and personal histories. Finding and maintaining a place of harmony between lovers, friends, peoples or nations requires constant attention and care. Every encounter poses a new promise and a new challenge.

How and who we love becomes the fabric and tenor of our societies. Our interpersonal weaknesses and blind spots can evolve into societal nightmares. Yet, our search for harmonious union continues.

Why is our quest for connectedness, personally or globally, at times so easily derailed? When does desire become demand, wish become longing? Why does loss lead to bitterness - or, a new beginning? What makes us hate? These questions are the motivation for this work.

The smooth, grainless texture of the linoleum block allows for the cutting of a fluid, detailed line. The intimate relationship is portrayed through the gestural and symbolic expression of the human form.