

Amanda Lechner
Future Present Tense
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Opening Reception: Saturday, February 2nd, 5:30–8 p.m.
Standard Space, 147 Main Street, Sharon, CT 06069

Standard Space is pleased to present **Future Present Tense**, an exhibition of paintings by **Amanda Lechner**. Lechner's egg tempera paintings and ink drawings envision and enact moments of experimentation and discovery. Profoundly strange and wonderful ideas offered by quantum physics, alchemy, and science fiction inform her image making.

Her practice of using egg-tempera, a paint that is mixed each day from ground pigment and egg yolk, is a rigorous process that relates to the birth of scientific inquiry. Her largely improvisational drawing practice provides a counterbalance to the historical and material-driven qualities of her paintings.

In the last couple years gravitational waves have been detected, Homo naledi was added to the human species' family tree, evidence suggesting water once flowed over Mars was discovered, and new elements were added to the periodic table! While scores of new discoveries are made pertaining to global climate change, our nations' leaders are systematically dismantling environmental protections. These current events often seem like the futurism or dystopia of past generations. Lechner's paintings reflect this simultaneous impulse to react and reflect, mixing the factual and observed with the invented and personal.

Amanda Lechner (b. 1981, Santa Fe, N.M.) is a visiting assistant professor at Indiana University, Bloomington. She received her BFA from the Kansas City Art Institute and her MFA from the Rhode Island School of Design. She has been an artist in residence at Penland School of Crafts, the Wassaic Project, and Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture, and is also an independent curator. As a current NASA-JPL Solar System Ambassador Volunteer, Lechner creates programming that bridges art and science to raise awareness about our solar system.

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