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## Morgan Lehman Gallery opens exhibition of recent drawings and print work by Austin Thomas

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Morgan Lehman Gallery is presenting recent drawings and print work by Austin Thomas. Created while the artist was in residence at Guttenberg Arts, these new prints employ a unique collagraphic process whereby collaged forms are loaded with ink, which is then transferred in discreet layers onto found paper. The resulting images fluently marry spontaneity and precision, making reference to a range of Modernist styles including Russian Constructivism, Minimalism, and Color Field painting. Thomas, ever interested in the independent life of paper, complicates and adds richness to the reading of her prints by insisting on the tactility, imperfection, and historicity of the surfaces she starts with. Thomas' daily drawings exemplify the experimental natural of her practice and provide a natural springboard for her monoprints, but also hold up as rich, multifaceted works in themselves.