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Broken Umbrellas

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Fallen out of use, a broken umbrella is an object that has been left without value or function. The object breaks down into fragments, parts that no longer fit together to form a complete whole; renamed and reoriented, the relationship between these elements is a tenuous composition. The word “umbrella” no longer contains the object – it becomes part of a subsequent language that is understood but cannot be spoken.

The works in the exhibition fall into this category of the familiar but unspeakable, part of a psychological abstraction that is rooted in everyday phenomenological experience. When these familiar structures of objects and spaces begin to slip, our connection with them becomes fragmented. Logic loses its hold on reality – meaning, space, and familiarity are all sent into flux.

We see and we might understand, but we cannot say as to why.

The gallery’s summer hours are Tuesday–Friday, 11–6. This exhibition was organized by Christopher Aque. For more information or images, please contact gallery@laurelgitlen.com or 212.274.0761.