



# Re-Collections

Graduate Capstone Exhibition

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## Artist Statement

*The past is carried into the present so as to expand and deepen the content of the latter.*  
— John Dewey

*Re-Collections* is about time and memory. I have been intrigued by the idea of time—not a linear and sequential duration, but an alternative similar to the ancient meaning of the Greek word *Kairos*. Referring to a more qualitative nature, it signifies a time lapse, an indeterminate moment in which everything happens. In this series, I am pulling out individual frames from old family videos that have been distorted by age and reduplication. I paint these stills as a representation of a memory. Memories seem similar to a series of captured stills, fading and distorting with time as the mind edits and modifies, accentuating particular details over others and obliterating some altogether. In my previous series of paintings, *Ripple Effect* and *Recurrent*, I tried to capture and emphasize the essence of transient moments. In *Re-Collections* I am expressing the process of memory as being both fixed, or associated to a particular time, and also fluid and changing like the psychological process of remembering. I collect and re-contextualize these specimens of memory to help me understand the human experience and give meaning to my life.

For more on my research and process, please visit my *Re-Collections* digital journal at [re-collections.weebly.com](http://re-collections.weebly.com).

All images are oil on wood panels, painted using a glazing process in which many thin layers build to create the final effect. Currently, the paintings are not for sale.

## Digital Projections

High wall projection. *Internal Representation*, experimental video by Jody Chapel.

Low wall projection. *ReCollections* video by Ally Chapel.

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