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Harmony Hammond: Material Witness, Five Decades of Art

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The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum

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Among the 23 exhibitions Amy Smith-Stewart has curated at the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 17 have been one-person shows of women she describes as being "at significant junctures in their careers." In that context, the Aldrich will present the first major survey of Harmony Hammond's five-decade-spanning career, which Smith-Stewart says, "will give scholars, artists, curators as well as a wide audience of museumgoers a chance to look up-close and in depth at one of the most influential artists working today." Hammond bridges minimalist and post-minimalist expressions and is considered a trailblazer, not just as an artist but also as a feminist and lesbian scholar, writer, activist and curator—often bridging these worlds. The exhibition will explore all aspects of Hammond's cross-disciplinary contributions and is being organized in close collaboration with the artist. As Smith-Stewart puts it, "Hammond has been imploding art historical boundaries and socially conditioned binaries for 50 years. This survey is long overdue."

Eric Gottesman, *Jordan Is Not A Country/Desert Fence*, 2006, 30 x 40", pigment print. Part of the coming in October to the Institute of Contemporary Art, Maine College of Art. Courtesy of Institute of Contemporary Art, Maine College of Art.

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