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Annette Lawrence

Free Paper

Dunn and Brown Contemporary

October 24 – December 13, 2008

Reception October 24, 2008 6-8 p.m.

Artist talk November 8, 2008 2 p.m.

Free Paper: 395 days, 265 pounds

Free Paper, Annette Lawrence's timely solo exhibition opens October 24 at Dunn and Brown Contemporary, with a body of work that addresses issues of excess and consumerism. While journals and personal calendars have provided inspiration in previous series, daily junk mail provides the source material for this exhibition. Lawrence explores her concerns about the extreme amount of paper used in the effort to advertise products and services through direct mail. The paper collected over 395 days (thirteen months) weighs a total of 265 pounds. *Free Paper* is both a commentary on the disposability of consumer culture and an attempt to introduce order and meaning.

For *Free Paper*, Lawrence has created an installation from stacks of hand torn paper on narrow wooden shelves. Each of the thirteen shelves holds a stack of two-inch wide, bound strips, representing one month of junk mail. The piles of paper create sculptural forms reminiscent of silhouettes of ziggurats and skyscrapers. The subtly colored textured surfaces created by the layers of paper are evocative of the strata of the earth. The exhibition will also include works on paper, rubbings that document the stacks.

Lawrence has been the subject of numerous one-person exhibitions and was included in the 1997 Whitney Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art. She is an alumnus of the Core Program at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the Skowhegan School. Originally from New York, Annette Lawrence is currently an Associate Professor of Painting and Drawing in the College of Visual Arts and Design at the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas.

A reception for the artist will be held on October 24 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Lawrence will give an artist talk on November 8 at 2:00 p.m. Both events will take place at Dunn and Brown Contemporary, 5020 Tracy Street, Dallas, Texas, 75205. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and by appointment. For additional information or to request images contact www.annettelawrence.net or www.dunnandbrown.com.