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Homeless at California State University Long Beach

California is the leader in the homeless epidemic with over 21.48% of the homeless population nationally. Homelessness “is defined as a person who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence”. Los Angeles homelessness has increased 12% over one year. The rising cost of affordable housing in LA has adversely affected the millennials where just over 17% percent of millennials in Los Angeles owning their own home.

Student homelessness across public universities remains largely undocumented. After discussing the issue of student homelessness with several departments at California State University in Long Beach the issue of student homelessness remains undocumented. The issue of homelessness isn't exclusive to students attending Cal State Long Beach but any person or persons sleeping on the campus. Often unhoused persons must vacate a space and premises before business hours for fear of being harassed by others such as the police.

Pillow Project aims to make visible the homeless epidemic of California by holding space for such individuals absent of the body. I am lead to explore how desensitized we are as a Cal State University community and bring light to this epidemic December 1st to December 10th, 2019. Pillow Project is a site specific installation that will be installed at the end of the breezeway by College of Art galleries walkway between FA-3 and FA-2, and outside in the Piazza by Merlino gallery walkway. There are two sculpture installation first sculpture is a one hundred and fifty pound concrete pillow placed awkwardly in the middle of the walkway corridor connecting the two buildings facing the lawn. The second sculpture is made from fabric coated with fiberglass and installed by the walkway outside the Merlino gallery. (See photos and map). To further identify the installation a chalk outline or the following will be written on the ground around the sculptures:

“CSU study found 41.6% of students report food insecurity
and 10.9% of students report experiencing homelessness
one or more times in the last 12 months.”

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Biography

Nicola is a conceptual sculpture artist currently pursuing a MFA degree at California State University in Long Beach, California, USA. Nicola's work examine and explores humanity's exploitive role in the capitalistic architecture that is predominant in this western plutocracy.

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* Sculpture installation locations.

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