

EDUCATORS ARTLAB 2025



Sunday, July 6 - Friday, July 11

Kansas City Art Institute
Educators ArtLab 2025
4415 Warwick Blvd
Kansas City, MO 64111

PAINTING

Drawing/Painting: Elemental Drawing

INSTRUCTOR: Julie Farstad, Professor in Painting

How do our art practices and materials engage in a kind of cosmic awe? In this course, students will take a multidisciplinary approach to an exploration of the elements of nature such as water, earth, fire, and metal. Drawing inspiration from botany, geology, literature, and personal experience, students will explore drawing as an open-ended, experimental, and responsive practice. Students will explore a range of materials including plant and mineral inks, water soluble graphite, paper, and many materials of their choosing. The purpose of this class is to engage in drawing/painting not as an image-making process, but as a vital practice that seeks to create relationships between different types of inspiration and information. We will approach each surface not as a neutral backdrop, but as an active site for action, poetry, imagination.

Studio Materials to Bring

- [Bamboo brushes](#)
- Water-based media (any, including [gouache](#), [watercolors](#), [ink](#))
- [Brushes for water-based media](#)
- [Black pens/markers](#)
- [Pencils](#)
- [Palettes](#)
- [Scissors](#)
- Favorite images of plants and/or plant & botanical books
- Favorite books, poems, writings, etc.

Supplies with links may be ordered online from the [KCAI Underground](#). Students may contact the Underground at artstore@kcai.edu or (816)802-3349 to have supplies available for pick up prior to the start of class, or when the store opens at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, July 7th.