

**Maternity Wear, 2013**

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*Maternity Wear* encourages the viewer to imagine the weight held over women in regards to their fecundity and traditional gender roles. This plays out through reproductive justice issues with access to healthcare and used as an instrument in historical atrocities against marginalized groups. Conversely, those that are privileged with a choice of childfree lives often suffer shame within a constant tension and expectation of becoming a fully realized individual. Motherhood in our modern society, as much as it is an exaltation of the Other, has also served as a way to remove agency over female bodies and lives.