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## Samara Umbral

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## September 18 - October 28, 2015 Opening Reception - Friday, September 18, 5 - 9 PM

I started out thinking I would write an artist's statement about what the title "F" means. Then I thought I would leave it ambiguous and jump into writing about identity and contemporary culture but that seemed too obvious. I thought I could write about my process but ultimately I decided it is uninteresting in the "statement" context.



I find myself only thinking about my personal life and trying to live each day working towards my gender transition. I am a transgender woman and I have been painting and drawing girlhood for a few years. I can't say that there is a specific reason why I do this and I cannot say that I have a specific message I am trying to get across to an audience with an artwork hanging on a wall. This all seems appropriate, that is to say, I am always in a state of uncertainty and flux. I hope this pseudo-statement is more compelling than declaring what "F" is or isn't.

Gallery Hours: 9-5 Tuesday through Friday, 12-5 Saturday

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