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Rob Duarte is an educator, sculptor, and installation artist that uses various tools and methods to make his artwork. His work draws attention to the ways in which technology often creates more problems than it solves and reinforces social hierarchies. He has exhibited his work all over the world in venues like the Smithsonian Museum of American History and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts. Duarte was nominated for both the Florida Art Prize in Contemporary Art and the San Diego Art Prize. He teaches at The Florida State University and is also the co-director of the FSU Facility for Arts Research and the Director of REBOOT laboratory. He earned his M.F.A. in Visual Art from the University of California in San Diego.

Haley Bates is a sculptor, metalsmith, and educator. Her work interprets common objects that often function as cultural signifiers, reflecting associations concerning class structures and social status. She is a founding member of Telegraph Art Collective, and she is the head of the Metalsmithing and Jewelry program at Colorado State University. Her work is published in *American Craft* and *Metalsmith* magazine, and she exhibits her work both nationally and internationally. Bates received her M.F.A. from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Michigan.

Sahar Khoury is a sculptor who integrates abstraction, personal and political symbols, and an intuitive sensitivity to site. She was the recipient of The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art 2019 biannual SECA Art Award and the 2018 Triennial Exhibition, Bay Area Now 8 at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts in California. Khoury's work has been exhibited at SFMOMA, YBCA, Oakland Museum of California, The Wattis Institute, UC Berkeley Art Museum, Rebecca Camacho in San Francisco and CANADA in New York. Khoury's work has been written about in the *New Yorker*, *Art Review*, and *Hyperallergic*. She received her B.A. in Anthropology from UC Santa Cruz in 1996 and her M.F.A. From UC Berkeley in 2013.