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## Artist Statement

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**Cover Art:**

Deborah Lawrence

*Resist Hate Map, 2015* (Original: Acrylic, collage and varnish on canvas, American flags and recycled paper map, 37 x 42 inches.)

**About the Artist:**

The artist Deborah Faye Lawrence, MFA was inspired by a map published in 2014 by The Southern Poverty Law Center. The SPLC regularly chronicles the astonishing number of extremist hate groups registered in the US, and has been successful in reducing the number of such groups by bringing awareness to the issue of intolerance in the U.S.A. Lawrence's painstaking arrangement of icons on paper and canvas was a two-month exercise in indignation. Icons represent Anti-Islamist, Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazi, White Nationalist, Racist Skinhead, Christian Identity, Neo-Confederate, Black Separatist, and General Hate. Lawrence teaches in the Arts Leadership MFA program at Seattle University. More of her artwork may be viewed on her website: <http://www.deedeeworks.com/>