



**Despartido Cada Vez** 60 x 60 inches Acrylic, oil stick, graphite

## **Duane Gardner**

## Bio

Originally from Dallas, Texas, I have lived in Fayetteville for the last 24 years. I have a Bachelor's of Fine Arts from the School of Visual Arts at the University of North Texas.

## **Artist Statement**

I have always been an abstract artist. My current work is autobiographical and includes text, short phrases that represent emotions from my life. I translate these phrases into Spanish. The reason for this is that my mother was Mexican American and fluent in Spanish. I have yet to learn the language fluently, so while translating the text into Spanish helps to abstract the text a step further, it also allows me to explore and learn the language as well.