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Danielle Durchslag: *Relative Unknowns* from December 12, 2013 to January 26, 2014
Opening Reception on Thursday, December 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Denny Gallery is pleased to announce a solo exhibition by **Danielle Durchslag**, titled *Relative Unknowns*, running from December 12th, 2013 to January 26, 2014.

This exhibition will be the first comprehensive retrospective of the body of work called *Relative Unknowns*, which Danielle Durchslag began in 2010 and is exhibiting upon its completion in 2013. The works are all based on her trove of private family photographs in which the subjects' identities are no longer known by the living members of her family. Durchslag recreates the photographs as paper collage reliefs, assembling them from hundreds of pieces of cut paper, tape, glue, and the board

settings of vintage photographs. In so doing, she honors the now anonymous individuals who make up her family's past, resurrecting them in new materials. The body of work tells a personal yet universal story of immigration, class consciousness, family bonds, memory, and inter-generational transmission. It also illuminates, through one family's images, the visual history of American photographic portraiture, highlighting photographic trends between the early 1900's and the 1950's. For Durchslag's family in particular, this is a story of the Jewish diaspora, but the source photographs could belong to almost any family, with images of children, young people at times of graduation or achievement, family portraits, and the sometimes strange ensembles that populate the bins of the forgotten.

Danielle Durchslag was born 1981 and lives in New York City. She received a BA from Wellesley College and an MA from New York University. Her work has been exhibited in many gallery exhibitions in New York and at the Brooklyn Public Library, the Jewish Theological Seminary, The Wassaic Project, and the Invisible Dog. Her work is in numerous important private collections.

Please join us for a reception for the artist, Danielle Durchslag, on Thursday, December 12th, from 6 to 8 p.m. The gallery is located at 261 Broome Street in New York City. The hours are Wednesday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday to Sunday, 12 to 6 p.m., and Monday and Tuesday by appointment. The gallery will be CLOSED from December 23, 2013 through January 1, 2014. For further information, call Elizabeth Denny at 212.266.6537 or email elizabeth@dennygallery.com.



Danielle Durchslag, *Relative Unknown 26*, 2013
Paper, tape, glue and vintage board, 8 x 10 inches