

## Spencer Art Reference Library

### Library Guide

*Immigrant Heritage Month*

Resource List | 2017



June is *Immigrant Heritage Month* and to celebrate the contributions of immigrants we've selected some titles in the library's collection that explore the immigrant experience. In a nation of immigrants the very concept of "the immigrant" is a complex idea with diffuse boundaries. An immigrant artist can also be an American artist, a global artist, an Abstract Expressionist or sculptor and these various aspects of artistic identity often overlap to find expression in an entirely uniquely artistic style. The below selections give a broad overview of the topic, but mostly encourage further exploration in the areas that interest you.

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Alfred Jensen , American , 1903-1981 , b.  
Guatemala City, Guatemala  
*Research in a Growth Hormone*, 1978

Oil on canvas

9 feet 6 inches x 8 feet (289.56 x 243.84 cm)

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**2007.8**

Sven Birger Sandzén , American , 1871-1954 , b.  
Sweden

*The Great Peak (Longs Peak)*, 1938

Oil on canvas

Unframed: 40 1/8 x 48 1/8 inches (101.92 x  
122.24 cm) Framed: 47 7/8 x 56 x 2 3/4 inches  
(121.6 x 142.24 x 6.99 cm)

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**38-10**

Max Ernst , French , 1891-1976 , b. Germany  
*Capricorn*, 1948

Bronze

7 feet 11 1/2 inches x 6 feet 10 inches x 4 feet 7  
1/4 inches (242.57 x 208.28 x 140.34 cm)

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