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## Juliana Cerqueira Leite

### *The climb is also the fall*

September 7 – October 1, 2011

Reception: Thursday, September 8

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm



**BROOKLYN, NY September 2011** – A.I.R. Gallery is pleased to announce *The climb is also the fall*, the first U.S. solo show by 2010-2011 A.I.R. Fellowship Artist, Juliana Cerqueira Leite. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, September 8th, from 6pm to 9pm. Additionally, on [date TBA], A.I.R. Gallery will host "More than one at once," a screening curated by Cerqueira Leite and guests, featuring short videos and films by international artists.

Juliana Cerqueira Leite's exhibition, *The climb is also the fall*, is concerned with embodiment. The large organic forms of her sculptures explore the history of figurative art and how volition can be expressed in form. The process of making the work is physically demanding: the hollows and masses within the pieces are a direct imprint of the artist's physical engagement with her materials, and mark the artist's physical proportions.

Leite's drawings, photographic works, videos and performance pieces also explore movement and physicality. Throughout her practice Leite makes use of repetitive actions, such as digging, falling and crawling. Basic movements, combined with ideas of possession, separation, material resistance and memory ultimately produce a body of work that presents new physical forms.

**Juliana Cerqueira Leite** is a Brazilian artist currently based in Brooklyn, New York. Leite completed her MFA in Sculpture at the Slade School of Fine Art (2006) and MA in Drawing at Camberwell College of Arts (2007), both in London. Leite has exhibited her work internationally; recent group shows include *Newspeak: British Art Now* at the Saatchi Gallery in London, *Subject/Matter* at the Cass Sculpture Foundation in West Sussex England, and *Nothing Ever Touches* at Chiles Matar, New York. Leite is a 2012 resident artist at Sculpture Space, Utica, NY; 2009 winter resident at The Banff Center for the Arts, Alberta, Canada; Leite is also the recipient of the 2006 Kenneth Armitage Sculpture Prize. Juliana Cerqueira Leite is represented by the Hannah Barry Gallery in the UK.

A.I.R. Gallery is located at 111 Front Street, #228 in the DUMBO neighborhood of Brooklyn. Gallery hours: Wed. – Sun., 11am to 6pm. For directions please visit [www.airgallery.org](http://www.airgallery.org). For more information please contact Gallery Director, Julie Lohnes at 212-255-6651 or [jlohn@airgallery.org](mailto:jlohn@airgallery.org).

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