Restless:

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Restless: is a multi-format media and performance collaboration between ecologist Chelsey Blanke and storyteller Helen J. Bullard developed to tell pieces of Lake Michigan's cultural, ecological, and industrial histories, with the aim of celebrating and inspiring personal connections to this amazing place.

The collaboration collects stories in various ways: through trips to state parks along the Lake's shore, museum visits, libraries, and archives, stumbling upon kite festivals, reading books, and through endless conversations. It is interested in peoples' experiences with and relationships to Lake Michigan and freshwater resources generally. Live performance, video, still-imagery, animation, sound, and stories are used to reflect upon questions such as, "What might it be like to be a lake?" and "What would a lake know?"

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Chelsey and Helen have since continued their work independently. You can read more about the collaboration at: https://www.restlesslakemichigan.com.



