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Given the carnivalesque clamor of this autumn's MDW fair, Evan Jenkin's *It Matters Where You Are*, 2012, elects itself to be an offhandedly self-reflexive element in the mix. The 24×30" archival pigment print is a drossy tumult of what appears to be clumps of cotton candy in a Rococo palette. While recalling material precedents like, say, Pollock's Lavender Mist or Sonnier's pale-hued flocked paintings, Jenkin's allover trope is that of wrapping paper, a confectionary surface signification of desire and consumption. Its criticality is camped up: celebratory of its context while delicately satirizing its own position.

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