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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan University will host guest lecturer James Yood,, adjunct full professor in the Department of Art History, Theory and Criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, who will speak about “Contextualizing Contemporary Glass— Challenges and Opportunities” on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m.

The talk, which is free and open to the public, will take place in room 218 of the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

According to Yood, despite increased attention to glass sculpture, this medium has an uneasy place in the history of art when compared with sculpture in brass or marble. The lecture will examine the historical roots of sculpture in glass, including the craft tradition, the role of the artisan and the legacy of functionality, as well as survey the current milieu for sculpture in glass.

In addition to teaching contemporary art history and criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Yood is an active art critic and essayist. He writes regularly for a number of art magazines and has also authored more than nine books. He is also a consultant to Encyclopedia Britannica in modern and contemporary art and a regular correspondent to WBEZ National Public Radio in Chicago. Additionally, Yood has served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Arts.

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