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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Works by artists Frances Myers and Carolyn Cárdenas will be displayed March 8-April 4 in Illinois Wesleyan's Merwin & Wakeley Galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

On March 8, there will be an artists' lecture from 4-5 p.m. in Room 218 of the Ames Art Building. Both artists present 30-minute slide lectures, followed by an opening reception from 5-6 p.m. in the galleries.

Myers' exhibition, *My Roving Eye*, will be on display in the Merwin Gallery. A noted printmaker, video artist, and professor of art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Myers' subject matter ranges from the rural area of Wisconsin where she lives to the international stage of war and politics. She blends art with political history using newspaper photographs, television clippings, and other found visual materials. Her work has been exhibited across the country, including the Art Institute of Chicago, the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the Boston Museum of Fine Art, and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

The Wakeley Gallery will host the work of Cárdenas, professor of painting and drawing, and associate director of the School of Art at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio. Cárdenas has explained that she is committed to the use of egg/oil tempera in her work because it provides a lucid vehicle for expressing personal imagery. Egg tempera is a painting process that uses egg yolk to bind pigments.

Cárdenas' work has been displayed throughout the United States and, most recently, at Period Gallery in Omaha, Neb.; the International Gallery of Art, Anchorage, Alaska; and the 43rd Annual Invitational 2003, Longview Museum of Fine Arts in Longview, Texas.

The exhibits are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 12-4 p.m.; Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. The galleries will be closed for spring break, Saturday, March 12-Sunday, March 20, as well as on Easter Sunday, March 27.

For more information, contact Jennifer Lapham, director of Merwin & Wakeley Galleries, at (309) 556-3391.

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