Merwin and Wakeley Galleries to Feature Metalwork and Photography

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The metalwork of Kim Cridler and the photography of Illinois Wesleyan Professor Kevin Strandberg will be displayed in Illinois Wesleyan University’s Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, respectively, from Oct. 5 through Nov. 4. The galleries are located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington).

Regular hours for the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries are Monday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both galleries will be closed on Oct. 15 for Fall Break. The Merwin and Wakeley Galleries will feature extended hours during Homecoming weekend. They will be open on Saturday Oct. 9 and Sunday Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The opening reception for both exhibitions will be held on Oct. 5 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Cridler will give a lecture in the Merwin Gallery from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on that evening. A special reception for Illinois Wesleyan alumni will be on Saturday Oct. 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the galleries.

An assistant professor of art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Cridler earned a master of fine arts in metals from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Cridler’s work, which utilizes the history, making, and meaning of craft and domestic ornamentation, has won awards including: Visual Arts Fellowships from the Wisconsin Arts Board and the Arizona Commission on the Arts and was featured in public collections such as the Arizona State University Art Museum, the Arkansas Art Center Decorative Museum of Art, and the California State University Long Beach Art Museum.

Strandberg, who will be the director of the Spring 2011 Barcelona program, teaches sculpture, glass and photo at IWU. He received his bachelor of fine arts from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and his master of fine arts from the University of Minnesota. His glass sculptures were recently featured in a solo show at the Center for Contemporary Art in Peoria.

For additional information, contact the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries office at (309) 556-3822.

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