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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, located in the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington), will feature the work of Catherine Forster and a series of collaborations by Professor and Director of the School of Art Miles Bair and members of his advanced painting courses from March 1 to March 31.

The exhibits are free and open to the public. An opening reception and lecture by Forster will be held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1.

Regular gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The galleries will be closed from March 12 through March 20 for spring break.



*A collaboration of artwork.*

Forster's exhibit *Relish the Drift* explores water as a medium, metaphor and substance. Some of the projects featured have been exhibited as solo works, but others were created specifically for this exhibition. Forster is an artist, filmmaker and curator based out of the Chicago area. She is also the founder of LiveBox, a non-profit nomadic gallery focused on media art and performance.

The collaborations exhibition is comprised of three series of paintings, each with a different theme, in which the original artist would only partially complete the painting before passing it on to another artist to finish. The students involved are art majors Dustin Springer '13 and Renee Schade '12, art and biology double major Marlena Szewczyk '13 and mathematics and art double major Kathryn Nishimura '11.

For additional information on Forster and her work, visit [www.catforster.com](http://www.catforster.com). For additional information on the galleries, visit [www.iwu.edu/art/galleries/currentlyshowing.shtml](http://www.iwu.edu/art/galleries/currentlyshowing.shtml).

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