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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— From Monday, March 3 to Thursday, April 3, Illinois Wesleyan's Merwin and Wakeley Galleries located in the Joyce G. Eichhorn Ames School of Art will present guest art exhibits *Then* by Cortney Boyd and *Sculptures & Preparatory Works* by Michael Ferris Jr.

A pre-exhibition lecture about Ferris' work will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 218 in the School of Art, on Friday, Feb. 28, and an opening reception for both exhibits will take place in the galleries, Tuesday, March 4 from 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 12 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, 7 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m. *The galleries will be closed for Spring Break, March 8-16.* All gallery events are free and open to the public.

Ferris, a sculptor who works primarily with reclaimed wood and pigmented wood glue, creates human portraits of people he knows. His work is featured in exhibits nationwide, including the *Bronx Speaks: No Boundaries* exhibition at The Bronx Museum in New York. The sculptor, who makes his home in the Bronx, received a bachelor of fine arts degree from the Kansas City Art Institute in Kansas City, Mo. and a master of fine arts degree from Indiana University.

Using glass as the primary material in her artworks, Boyd depicts colorful everyday items of past generations, such as fabric shears, cake stands, picture frames and kitchenware. Recognized as an Emerging Artist by The Glass Art Society in 2010, Boyd's work was selected for publication by *New Glass Review 32* as well as Bullseye Glass Company's *Emerge 2012*.

Boyd graduated from Hastings College in Nebraska in 2001 with a bachelor of arts degree. In 2008, she earned a master of fine arts degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC). The artist currently serves as a visiting professor in the School of Art and Design at SIUC.

For additional information about the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, contact Carmen Lozar, director of the galleries, at (309) 556-3391 or [clozar@iwu.edu](mailto:clozar@iwu.edu).

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Cortney Boyd Artwork



Michael Ferris Jr. Artwork