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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The Merwin & Wakeley Galleries will host the Faculty Biennial exhibit as well as works by Paul McMullan, a ceramics artist, Oct. 4 through Nov. 3. The galleries are located in the Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington), and the exhibits are free and open to the public.

An opening reception will be held for both shows in the galleries on Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 4-6 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday-Friday, 12-4 p.m., Tuesday evening, 7-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Homecoming weekend, Oct. 7-9, the gallery will hold extended hours from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday, as well as a reception for School of Art alumni on Oct. 8 from 3-4:30 p.m.

The Merwin Gallery will host recent works by all seven of the School of Art faculty: Miles Bair, Timothy Garvey, Jennifer A. Lapham, Sherilyn McElroy, Therese O'Halloran, Kevin Strandberg, and Constance Estep Wells. In the past, the biennial faculty show has been held in the spring, but recently has been moved to the fall to encompass Homecoming week. The next Faculty Biennial is planned in October 2007.

The Wakeley Gallery will host Paul McMullan and his ceramic works entitled "Grinding Teeth." McMullan considers himself a "storyteller" who uses images and objects rather than words. His works incorporate the use of photo silkscreen printing on clay, molds, and various hand-building techniques. His work reveals confusion and contradiction, a struggle between reality and fantasy. McMullan has exhibited his work across the Midwest and East Coast, and is currently a professor at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich.

For additional information, contact Jennifer Lapham, director of the Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, at (309)556-3391.



Rabbit, earthenware, is featured in Paul McMullan's Grinding Teeth exhibition.

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