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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. --Illinois Wesleyan University's Merwin and Wakeley Galleries, located in the Joyce G. Eichhorn Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington), will present an exhibition by Brian Roberts and Karen Hanmer on Thursday, September 1 through Thursday, September 29.

Karen Hanmer will also give an artist's lecture from 4-5 p.m. in Room 218 of the School of Art building on September 1, followed by an opening reception at 5 p.m. All events are free and open to the public.

Gallery hours are:

Monday-Friday: 12-4 p.m.

Tuesday evening: 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday: 1-4 p.m.

Closed on Monday, September 5, Labor Day

The Merwin Gallery will display sculpture by Brian Roberts, titled *Against the Grain*. Roberts works with wood and metal, which he links to his family's farming roots, having grown up in Iowa. He models his work after the granary, which he views as a source of abundance and fertility. Critics have hailed his work as "bold" and "pragmatic." He holds a master's in fine arts degree in sculpture as well as one in metals from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Roberts also earned a master's degree in art education from Iowa State University.

The Wakeley Gallery will present art by Karen Hanmer. Hanmer's installation work and book arts are titled *Succession*. On display will be one of her pieces titled *Section 19, Township 104, Range 28*, named after the legal title of her grandfather's farm. Hanmer's work is designed to have a personal connection for the viewer, and incorporates a layered content in order to gain a more intimate experience. This piece is intended to be viewed as a walk through her grandfather's farm.

Hanmer earned a degree in economics from Northwestern University, and studied at the Columbia College Chicago Center for Book and Paper Arts. She has also studied with several Chicago photographers and bookbinders.

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



"Hopper," galvanized steel, by Brian Roberts

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