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September 20, 2006

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. - Anthony Stellaccio will lecture on Lithuanian ceramics as the inaugural lecture of the Anthony E. Stellaccio Visiting Artists Fund on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 4-5 p.m. in Room 218 of the Joyce Eichhorn School of Art Building, 6 Ames Plaza West, in Bloomington.

Stellaccio will present, "Ceramics in 20th Century Lithuania," a lecture from the artist's perspective of the development of ceramic art through Lithuania's changing political, social, cultural and economic conditions. From folk pottery to contemporary ceramic sculpture, to the revival of folk traditions in the 21st century, and from political occupation to independence, Stellaccio presents the conditions and people that have created the unique Lithuanian art.

Trained in the United States, Stellaccio has visited and worked in Lithuania, most recently as a Fulbright grantee in 2004. He is undertaking a major research project of 20th century Lithuanian ceramic art and has published a series of articles in magazines *Ceramics Art and Perception* and *Ceramics Technical*, as well as a number of Lithuanian magazines. He lectures and consults at the Lithuanian Art Museum, and is a representative of the Vilnius Potter's Guild and Craftsmen's Guild. Stellaccio recently received an award for his research from the American Ceramic Circle, of which he is also a member.

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

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