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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The annual Illinois Wesleyan University BFA/BA Senior Art Exhibitions will take place April 9-24 in the Merwin & Wakeley Galleries at The Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). There will be a reception held on Saturday, April 14 from 1-3 p.m. in the galleries with an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Students participating in the John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference will present their work from 4-5 p.m. in the galleries later that afternoon.

All events are free and open to the public.

The exhibitions will feature the finest works from graduating art majors and minors produced during their senior year. There will be pieces representing all areas of the art program: painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, graphic design, ceramics, sculpture and glass casting. This year, 10 students will participate in the exhibition with seven completing the BFA degree and three completing the BA degree. Students receiving the BFA are: Abigail Csanda (Normal, Ill.), Mel Keiser (Naperville, Ill.), Courtney Letkewicz (Naperville, Ill.), Matt Martin (Heyworth, Ill.), Pam Matz (Des Plaines, Ill.), Julia Stroud (Overland Park, Kan.) and Jeff Lutz (Evansville, Ind.). Students receiving the BA are: Monica Wojtyna (Elmhurst, Ill.), Lindsay Zabel (Chicago, Ill.) and Megan Polk (Chatham, Ill.).

Two special awards will be presented at the reception on April 14: The Ames Library Purchase Award, now in its twelfth year, and the Center for Liberal Arts (CLA) Social Sciences Art Purchase Award. Each year, The Ames Library purchases a piece from the Senior Show to add to their permanent collection. For the duration of one year, this work is displayed on the first floor of the library, after which time it is moved to a permanent location on the second floor. Similarly, the award supported by members of the IWU Social Sciences faculty has built a substantial collection of student artwork that can be seen throughout the CLA building.

Also on April 14, as part of the University-wide John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference, students who have participated in the yearlong senior critique course will talk about their works on display from 4-5 p.m. in the galleries. Refreshments will be served.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday noon-4 p.m., Tuesday evening 7-9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. The galleries will be closed Sunday, April 8.

For additional information, contact Visiting Gallery Director Carmen Lozar at (309) 556-3391.

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