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Artist Akira Satake to Lecture on Campus

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.- The Anthony E. Stellaccio Visiting Artist & Lecture Series will present Akira Satake for a lecture on Thursday, March 22 at 6 p.m. in room 218 of the Joyce Eichhorn Ames School of Art Building (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). The lecture is free and open to the public.

Satake is an acclaimed artist who describes his work in clay pottery as inspired by nature. "For me, the act of creation is a collaboration between myself, the clay and the fire. Collaboration means finding what the clay wants to be and bringing out its beauty in the way that the beauty of our surroundings is created through natural forces," said Satake.

Born in Osaka, Japan, Satake currently resides in North Carolina. In 2007, he received the National Award for Excellence in Contemporary Clay at the Philadelphia Museum of Art Craft Show and has exhibited in The Smithsonian Craft Show. In North Carolina, Satake is represented by the Blue Spiral Gallery and has work in the permanent collections of the Mint Museum and The Sparta Teapot Museum of Craft and Design.

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