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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The annual Illinois Wesleyan University BFA/BA Senior Art Exhibitions will take place April 7-22 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 12 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 and 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 exhibitions will feature works in all areas of the art program including painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, graphic design, ceramics, sculpture and glass casting. This year, eight seniors: Bruan Byers, Amy Frasca, Maria Gonzlez, Lauren Killewald, Christopher Killham, Joey Knox, Anne Kopf, and Derek Schmidt will participate in the exhibition showcasing the best work of their senior year.

Three awards will be presented at the reception on April 12, The Ames Library Purchase Award, now in its thirteenth year, the Center for Liberal Arts (CLA) Social Sciences Art Purchase Award, and the Women's Studies 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. 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, and the Women's Studies department will give a student the honor of having a piece of his or her art work on permanent display in the Women's Studies Department of the CLA building.

Also on April 12, as part of the University-wide John Wesley Powell Student Research Conference, students who have participated in the year-long senior critique course will talk about their works on display from 4-5 p.m. in the galleries. Refreshments will be served.

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

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