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- Event:** *Illinois Wesleyan School of Art presents:*
Merwin & Wakeley Gallery Art Exhibits by
Susan Gofstein and Aurora Hughes-Villa
- Dates:** Artists' Lecture, Jan. 13
Opening Reception, Jan. 13
Exhibits will be on display from Jan. 13 – Feb. 9
- Time:** Gallery Hours: 12 – 4 p.m. (Monday – Friday)
7 – 9 p.m. (Tuesday)
1 – 4 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday)
Gallery talk with Susan Gofstein, 4 – 5 p.m.
5 p.m. opening reception for both exhibitions.
- Location:** Merwin & Wakeley Galleries,
6 Ames Plaza, Bloomington
- Admission:** Free, open to the public
- Background:** Chicago artist Susan Gofstein's exhibit entitled *Concerns* will feature four bodies of work: *Stigmata*, *Beckman Variations*, *Reading Corot* and *Resonance*. Gofstein's work, which will be exhibited in the Merwin Gallery, combines painting and drawing techniques with collage and the traditionally feminine domestic arts of sewing and embroidery.
- Gofstein, who received her MFA in painting from the University of Washington, currently teaches at Loyola University in Chicago, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and Illinois Institute of Technology. Her work has been exhibited throughout the Midwest and in Washington State.
- On display in the Wakeley Gallery will be the recent works of Chicago artist Aurora Hughes-Villa entitled, *Memory Patterns*. Hughes-Villa uses a combination of materials, and occasionally interactive elements such as sound or smell, to reflect on aging and the passage of time in our culture.

Hughes-Villa began her two earlier works, *Reflection* and *Recollect* by making sculpture molds from the hands of her own grandmother and soon found herself engaged in an extensive community project. She interviewed elderly women about their lives and constructed latex gloves from the molds that were taken from their hands. These latex gloves can be handled and worn by viewers at the exhibit as they sift through the stories that the artist recorded.

Hughes-Villa, who received her MFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, currently serves as assistant professor of art at North Central College in Naperville, Ill.

Contact: For more information, contact IWU School of Art Gallery Director and Adjunct Assistant Professor of Art Jennifer Lapham at 309/ 556-3391.