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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Two new exhibits will be on display from Thursday, Sept. 3 to Oct. 1 at Illinois Wesleyan University's Merwin and Wakeley Galleries (6 Ames Plaza West, Bloomington). In the Merwin Gallery, an exhibition called *Specimen Collections* by Michael Mapes will be on display, and the Wakeley Gallery will feature the collection *Food Court* by Camm Rowland.

There will be an opening reception for both exhibitions on Sept. 3 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Mapes will deliver a gallery talk at 4 p.m. the same day in the galleries.

All exhibits and events are free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m., Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m., and Saturday through Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The galleries will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day.

Mapes maintains a full-time studio in Champaign, Ill. His compositions are often comprised of various found objects and elements from the natural world arranged with great attention to detail. His materials range from flower petals, seeds, and miscellaneous botanic materials to specimens and pinning foam. Mapes earned a master's of fine arts degree from the University of Illinois and was the proprietor of the wholesale product development company MINC from 1989 to 2002.

Rowland is an artist, designer, and director currently serving as Creative Lead at Digital Kitchen, an Emmy-award winning production and digital agency. An Illinois Wesleyan alumnus, Rowland earned a master's of fine arts degree in design from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., and currently maintains his own studio in Chicago. His work often uses combinations of illustrative, collage, and photographic techniques, as well as custom typography.

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