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Visiting Artists - Designers & Scholars Lecture Series

October 01
Kent Ambler - Printer
Kent Ambler is a full-time artist based in Greensville, South Carolina. He is well-known for his large scale abstract, color based assemblages. Drawing is vital to Kent’s Studio practice and he draws inspiration from nature and its surroundings. He has been featured in the Ball State ‘Journal’ as an important contributor to the Greensville art scene. Kent has worked in many private and public collections.

October 15
Lee Plechica - Painter
Lee Plechica is a 2005 Ball State University BFA painting alumnus and is currently a painting assistant at Mark Ollendorf studios in Los Angeles. Lee describes his work as “a mix of fact and fiction, confession and deception, observation and invention.” Lee has exhibited his work in numerous national and regional venues. He has had his work featured twice in New American Paintings and he has been active as an art critic and writer in Kansas City and Chicago.

November 14
Sydney Jane Brooke Campbell Maybrier Purcel - Interdisciplinary Artist
Sarah Tad - Video Artist

December 01
Bennie Flores Ansell - Photo-Based Installation Artist
Born in Manila, Philippines and raised in the United States, Bennie is a photo-based installation artist currently living in Houston, Texas. He received a BFA in Photography from the University of Houston in 2009 and an MFA from Ball State University in 2011. His work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and internationally. Bennie is the recipient of the John Hay Whitney Foundation 2017 Fellowship in Photography, the 2014 Andy Warhol Foundation grant, and the 2012 Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant.

January 09
Nash Quinn - Metal Artist
Nash Quinn creates sculptural work that consists of two-dimensional and three-dimensional elements. His work is characterized by its use of metal and its exploration of form, space, and light. Nash Quinn’s work has been exhibited in numerous galleries and museums throughout the United States and internationally. Nash Quinn has received numerous awards and grants for his work, including the 2015 Indiana Arts Commission Fellowship in Visual Arts, the 2013 Pollock-Krasner Foundation grant, and the 2012 Andy Warhol Foundation grant.

February 11
April 02
Tad Carpenter - Graphic Design
Tad Carpenter is a designer, illustrator, author, and educator based in Kansas City, Missouri. Tad has illustrated over twenty children’s books, as well as designing over 200 gig posters for musicians, band logos, and corporate brands. Tad has also been teaching Graphic Design at the University of Kansas and was named a Graphic Designer to watch in 2017.

March 12
March 29
Jeff Gomez - Transmedia Producer
Jeff Gomez, CEO of Starlight Entertainment, is a leading expert in the fields of brand narrative, storytelling, creative franchises, design, and transmedia storytelling. He specializes in the expansion of entertainment assets into licensed consumer products, popular culture brands, and socio-political themes into highly successful multi-platform communications and international cultural movements.

September 19
Maria Tomasula - Painter
Maria Tomasula is the Michael P. Grace Professor of Art at the University of Notre Dame. Her work is influenced by the votive painting of Mexico as well as contemporary writers of Latin America, her photo-realistic paintings touch on subjects like migration, life and death, and the beauty of nature. Using realistic wildlife technique, she creates images that employ nuanced symbolism and allegory.

September 03
Enca Tada - Glass
Enca Tada graduated with an MFA from Rochester Institute of Technology in 2008, and a PhD from Tokyo University of the Arts in 2012, where she currently teaches. Her poetic artwork celebrates her personal experiences and the feelings associated with them through the use of sapphire and play key roles in communicating her memories. Her focus is on the techniques of kiln de verre and glass casting.

October 24
Kensuke Yamada - Sculptor
Kensuke Yamada was born in Kamakura, Kanagawa, Japan. He received his MFA from the University of Montana in 2004 and has a BA from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington. Kensuke has participated in artist residencies at the Archie Bray Foundation, The Clay Studio, Philadelphia, Tyler School of Art, and Cheekwood. Since 2013, he is currently teaching at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

October 29
Dina Harmer - Sculptor
Dina Harmer is a sculptor born in 1975 in London, England. She received a BA in Fine Arts from the University of the Arts in 1997, and an MFA from the Royal College of Art in 2001. Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and internationally. Her work has been featured in numerous publications, including Artforum, Art News, and The New York Times.

February 20
Davin Ebanks - Glass
Davin Ebanks is a Caymanian sculptor who primarily utilizes glass to explore his personal and cultural history, and examines the relationship between identity and environment. In 2016, he received the Silver Heritage Grant from the Cayman National Cultural Foundation for creativity in the arts. In 2018 his work was featured in the prestigious Sculpture and Craft exhibition at Beaulieu Green State University in Ohio. Included in his extensive exhibition record, Davin has shown at SOFA Chicago and CONTEXT Art Miami during Art Basel week. He is currently Assistant Professor (Head) of the Glass Program at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, USA.

December 08
December 22
Carrie Ann Apap - Glass
Carrie Ann Apap is a glass artist and educator based in Indianapolis, Indiana. She received a BA in Fine Arts from Indiana University in 2000 and an MFA in Glass from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2004. Her work has been exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions throughout the United States and internationally. Her work has been featured in numerous publications, including Glass Art Magazine, Studio Glass, and The Art Newspaper.

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