2017 - 2018 EXHIBITIONS

September 5 - October 26
Construct: Contemporary Artists
Exploring the Built Environment
Exhibition curated by Olson Gallery Coordinator Peter Van Ael.
Reception and gallery talk, Thursday, Oct. 12, 5-6:30 p.m.

November 6 - 18
High School Invitational
Closing reception and Award Presentation:
Saturday, Nov. 18, 3-4 p.m.

December 1 - 12
BFA Show
Reception: Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-6:30 p.m.

January 19 - February 28
Jennifer Mannebach: One or the Other Must Be Blurred
Reception and artist talk: Thursday, Jan. 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

March 22 - April 12
Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition
Reception, Juror’s talk, and Award Presentation:
Thurs., March 22, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

April 26 - May 9
BFA Show
Reception: Saturday, May 5, 4-6 p.m.

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The gallery is located on the second floor of the Visual Arts Building on the east end of the NIU campus and is handicapped accessible. Free parking is provided in the south parking lot for Olson Gallery and School of Art and Design sponsored receptions and lectures.
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The built environment is generally defined as the human-made surroundings within which human activity takes place: cities and villages, neighborhoods, buildings, landscape architecture, supporting infrastructure and public spaces. Construct: Contemporary Artists Exploring the Built Environment expands this definition to include the utopian, planned and invented environment, as well as the temporary environment that exists and evolves during the building process.

Construct showcases the work of Anthony Adcock, Michelle Bosak, Frankie Flood, Gerry Guthry, Ania Jaworska, Roland Kulla, Jessica Meuninck and Noritaka Minami; eight contemporary artists who document their observations of and interactions with the built environment under this expanded definition.

NOVEMBER 6 - 18
High School Invitational
Closing reception and Award Presentation: Saturday, Nov. 18, 3-4 p.m.

The High School Invitational exhibition features work by high school students from northern Illinois. The exhibition is partially underwritten by Blick Art Materials.

DECEMBER 1 - 12
BFA Show
Reception: Thursday, Dec. 7, 5-6:30 p.m.

Capstone exhibition showcasing work by students earning NIU School of Art and Design BFA degrees.

JANUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 28
Jennifer Mannebach: One or the Other Must Be Blurred
Reception and artist talk: Thursday, Jan. 18, 5-6:30 p.m.

Jennifer Mannebach’s work explores the boundaries and architecture around, between and within people. Inspired by city maps, honeybee navigation charts and human genome maps, references also extend into tracking methods of larger group identities, conflating the boundaries of the body with geographic boundaries, underscoring the inauthenticity of maps that can never tell a complete story and the reduction of an individual to a genetic map.

A map of Chicago was the catalyst for Vouchers, which also references illuminated manuscripts a grand contrast to the important stories swept under the rug in anonymous representations of people’s lives. Mannebach’s use of found paper fragments emphasizes these tectonic shifts in the transition between areas that are cut, torn and sanded, placed comfortably, and sections that are manipulated more in the tradition of marquetry, revealing a seam rather than overlap.

MARCH 22 - APRIL 12
Annual Juried Blick Art Materials Ars Nova Exhibition
Reception, Juror’s talk, and Award Presentation: Thursday, March 22, 5-6:30 p.m.

Annual juried exhibition featuring work by current NIU School of Art and Design students, sponsored by Blick Art Materials.

APRIL 26 - MAY 9
BFA Show
Reception: Saturday, May 5, 4-6 p.m.

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2017-18 VISITING ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS
Frankie Flood
Oct. 11-13 2017, exact date, time, location tbd
Artist Talk

Evan Summer
Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018, 5-6 p.m., location TBD.
Artist Talk

Elizabeth McGoey
Spring 2018, date, location, time TBD
Lecture: The American Union of Decorative Artists

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