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EASTERN ILLINOIS STUDENT EXHIBITION, "DEFINING SPACES", TO TAKE PLACE AT INDI GO

On April 27th from 5:00 until 8:00pm the opening reception will take place for "Defining Spaces", a group exhibition featuring work from students of Eastern Illinois University. This exhibition will be hung from Friday, April 27th until Wednesday, May 2nd.

Eastern Illinois University faculty members Ann Coddington and Michael Willett curated this group exhibition of Masters of Arts candidates based on a connection of visual themes relating to homes, dwellings, and interior/exterior spaces. Work is featured by the following artists: Allison Cicero, Adam Dupuis, Jaclyn Mednicov, Brandon Schawel, and Gillian Tobin.

Defining Spaces varies from completely abstract, to fantasy, to a more literal, real environment. The works investigate ideas about memory and the past, to what the future may hold. Some of these spaces are constructed while others are in the process of destruction.

Open Gallery Hours:

Friday April 27th, 3-7pm
Saturday April 28th, 4-7pm
Sunday April 29th, 3-7pm
Monday April 30th, 4-7pm
Tuesday May 1st, 3-7pm
Wednesday May 2nd, 4-7pm

Allison Cicero is a metal-smith whose jewelry pieces are mementos of her former homes. Her work contains re-imagined architectural elements that form an abstract whole, faithful to her own recollections. Her blend of familiar and nontraditional jewelry materials serves as a metaphor for reality that comes from the mixture of the past and the present.

Adam Dupuis is a mixed-media artist creating dioramas dealing with post-apocalyptic themes. He becomes an alchemist in his studio, using materials such as resin, clay, wire, plaster to develop his "world". He feels that when imagination is paired with science and technology, we have the power to completely transform our society.

Jaclyn Mednicov uses layered acrylic paint and charcoal to indicate the illusion of stability. She often paints in an achromatic palette with hints of color bringing hope to a nearly desperate scene. Her use of representational objects functions as a metaphor to explore the idea of the rebuilding of a future. (Event image by Jaclyn Mednicov)

Brandon Schawel is a painter who investigates interior/exterior domestic imagery overlaying symbolism to initiate a psychological dialogue. He juxtaposes three-dimensional objects with his two-dimensional paintings, creating a conversation between them. He wants to invade the viewers' space and ask them to accept the metaphorical puzzles and spend time pondering their relationships.

Gillian Tobin is an installation artist who creates multiple, abstract elements that encase and seem to overtake furniture pieces and interior spaces, producing a disquieting sense of loss. Wrapping her book-like forms and furniture in cloth act as a metaphor for stowed away thoughts or memories. She would like her viewer to have a disconcerting yet emotional experience when they navigate her work.

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indi go Artist Co-Op was opened in April 2009 under the belief that "Visual Space Has Essentially No Owner". It operates as a gallery, music venue, and performance space for artists, musicians, and performers in the Champaign-Urbana area. For more information please visit indi-go-art.com.