



MFA

Master of Fine Arts
Thesis Exhibition
2019

2019 Thesis Exhibitions

The Gallery at the Visual & Performing Arts Center

Opening Reception

Thursday, March 28, 6–8 pm

Exhibit

March 28–April 8

Hours

Mon–Fri, Noon–4 pm

Sat–Sun, 1–4 pm

Address

43 Lake Avenue Extension, 2nd Floor

Danbury, CT

Blue Mountain Gallery

Opening Reception

Thursday, June 20, 5–8 pm

Exhibit

June 18–July 6

Hours

Tues–Sat, 11 am–6 pm

Address

530 West 25 Street, 4th Floor

New York, NY

The School of Visual and Performing Arts at Western Connecticut State University is pleased to announce its candidates for the 2019 Master of Fine Arts degree.

Dee Rose Barba

Brett M. Colon

Brian Ferreira

Greg Mursko

Mildred Paulino

Dee Dee Perrone

Rima J. Rahal

Andréa Rios

The MFA Thesis Exhibition is the summation of two years of intensive, creative study and extensive interaction with resident faculty and visiting artists.



Above: Jujuh Mass (detail) | oil painted clay on tree fragments | each figure approximately 7 x 6 in.,
entire installation approximately 100 x 80 in.
Opposite: Faded | oil on wood | 17 x 10.25 in.



Dee Rose Barba

Bachelor of Arts, Interior Design | University of New Haven
Bachelor of Arts, Art | University of New Haven



Above: Untitled | watercolor on paper | 11 x 8.5 in.
Opposite: Untitled | watercolor on paper | 11 x 8.5 in.



Brett M. Colon

Dual Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration and Animation | University of Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts, Psychology | University of Connecticut



Top: Old Man | colored pencil | 11 x 18 in.
Above: Genie | colored pencil | 11 x 18 in.
Opposite, top: Time for Bed | colored pencil | 11 x 18 in.
Opposite, below: Rescue the Princess | colored pencil | 11 x 18 in.

Brian Ferreira

Bachelor of Arts, Illustration | Western Connecticut State University

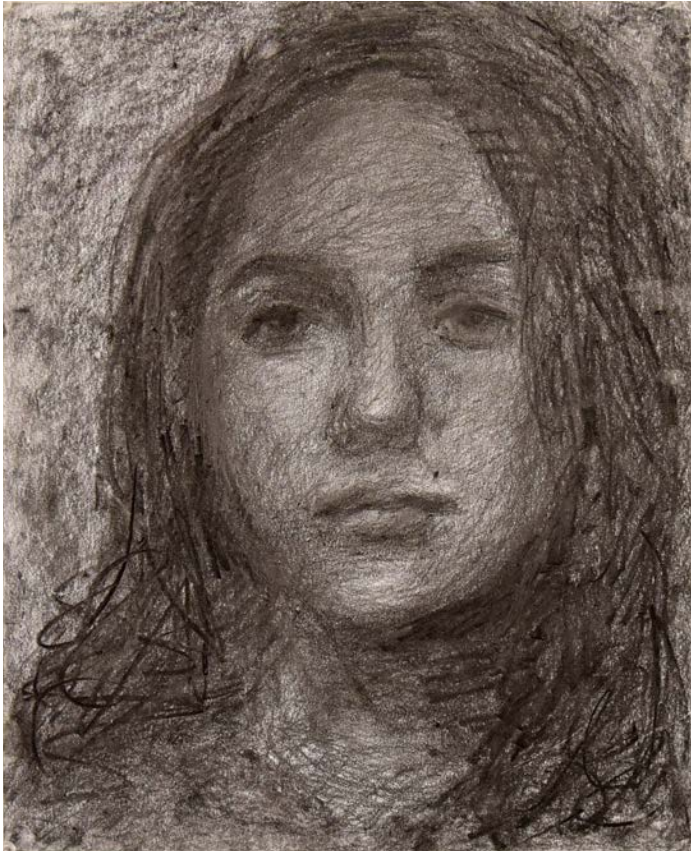


Above: Alfred Hitchcock | ceramic tile (left) & colored pencil (right) | each 22 x 12 in.
Opposite: Wrath | colored pencil/digital | 22 x 20 in.

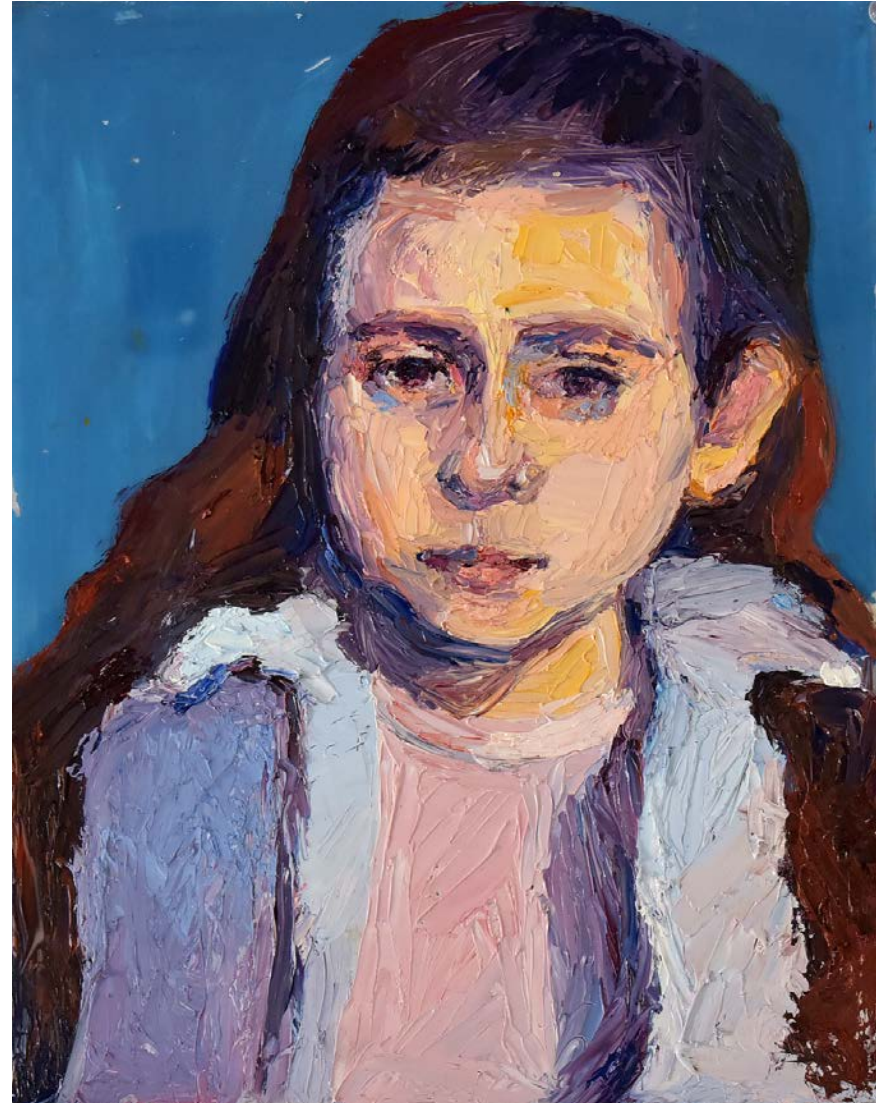


Greg Mursko

Master of Arts | Syracuse University
Bachelor of Arts | Western Connecticut State University



Above: Flash Bios | charcoal & graphite on paper | 14 x 11 in.
Opposite: Self Loyalty | oil & acrylic on plexiglass panel | 14 x 11 in.



Mildred Paulino

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration | Paier College of Art

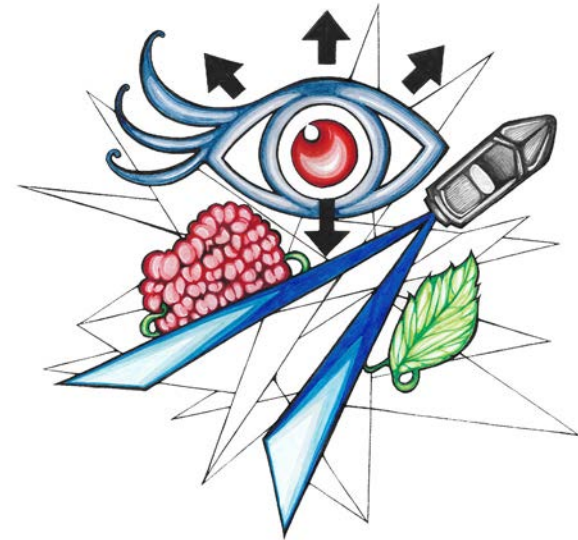
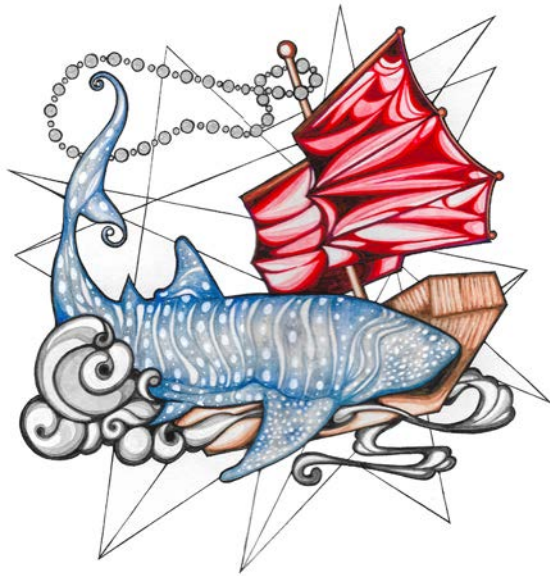


Above: In or Out | oil on canvas | 30 x 23 in.
Opposite: Stifled | oil on linen | 21 x 25 in.



Dee Dee Perrone

Bachelor of Science | Wesley College



Top: Philippines, Hong Kong & Macau | watercolor, colored pencil & pen | 9 x 9 in.
 Above: Lebanon, China & Vietnam | watercolor, colored pencil & pen | 9 x 9 in.
 Opposite, top: Turkey, Romania & Greece | watercolor, colored pencil & pen | 9 x 9 in.
 Opposite, bottom: Georgia, Slovakia & Austria | watercolor, colored pencil & pen | 9 x 9 in.

Rima J. Rahal

Dual Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration and Graphic Design | Art Institute of Boston
 Master of Education, Visual Art Education | Lesley University



Above: The Mushroom in the Rain | watercolor & ink | 14 x 11 in.
Opposite: The Frog and the Condor | watercolor & ink | 14 x 11 in.



Andréa Rios

Dual Bachelor of Arts, Illustration and Painting | Western Connecticut State University

MFA Program Faculty

Catherine Vanaria, Chair, Department of Art
MA, Savannah College of Art & Design
MFA, Art Institute of Boston

Darby Cardonsky, MFA Coordinator
MA, Hunter College

Riley Brewster
MFA, Yale University

Leslie Cober-Gentry
MFA, University of Hartford

Sabrina Marques
MFA, Yale University

Amber Scoon
MFA, American University
PhD, European Graduate School

Jack Tom
MFA, University of Hartford

Emeritus Resident Faculty
Abe Echevarria
Margaret Grimes

Visiting Artists and Lecturers

Daniel Adel
Eric Aho **
Adele Alsop
Emma Amos **
Vincent Arcilesi
John Arthur
William Bailey **
Scott Bakal
Robert Berlind * **
Jake Berthot * **
Guy Billout
Robert Birmelin
Gideon Bok
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Tom Burckhardt
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Charles Cajori *
Paul Calle
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Joan Chiverton
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Gene Sparkman
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Kyle Staver
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Amy Smith-Stewart
Bill Sullivan*
Altoon Sultan
Andrea Sulzer
Lynn Sweat
Bill Thomson
Cathleen Toelke
Grier Torrence
Lee Tribe
Selina Trieff * **
Ed Tuttle
Audrey Ushenko
Victoria Vebell
Eric Velasquez
Raymond Verdaguer
John Wallace *
Susan Jane Walp **
James Warhola
Ellen Weinstein
Michael Whelan
Judy York
Deborah Zlotzky

* deceased

** Weir Farm Art Center
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And finally...

"I do not work to create beautiful paintings or sculptures. Art is only a means of seeing."
—Alberto Giacometti

"Ideas are one thing and what happens is another."
—John Cage

"No, I didn't work it out upside down, I never turned it around."
—H.R. Giger

"Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter."
—Mark Twain


"You should keep on painting no matter how difficult it is, because this is all part of experience and the more experience you have the better it is... unless it kills you then you have gone too far."
—Alice Neel

"The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls."
—Pablo Picasso

"Art is a step from what is obvious and well-known toward what is arcane and concealed."
—Khalil Gibran

"Never worry about being obsessive. I like obsessive people. Obsessive people make great art."
—Susan Sontag

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