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The support the Museum receives through your financial gifts and your enthusiasm for the Museum allows us to produce award winning exhibitions and programs for the University, DeKalb community, and beyond.

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Director’s Message:

Hello Everyone!

After a long year and a half of data collecting, chart summaries and narrative reports (for the Illinois Board of Higher Education’s Seven Year Program Review and Northern Illinois University’s Program Prioritization) the NIU Art Museum staff is sorting through reviewer’s feedback and putting it to work. I am often told that communications from the university must reach an eighteen-twenty-one, or more likely, fourteen to seventeen (for recruitment purposes) market but my sense is that we offer something different here at the NIU Art Museum. We strive to reach everyone. We offer a uniquely special environment where multiple generations can come together to explore the complexities of our visual world and share their interpretations and experiences together. I like that about us. Continue p. 3

Opening this Fall
August 23 – November 18, 2016
Kaleidoscope of Burmese Art:
Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Burma Studies

Journey through Burmese Art
Masterpieces from the Burma Art Collection at NIU
From Tradition to Modernity:
Art from Myanmar as Viewed by Contemporary Burmese Artists
Donors and Collectors: A Legacy

Kaleidoscope features iconic highlights from the Burma Art Collection at NIU representing an array of art from Burma/Myanmar ranging from silver and textiles to recent paintings by modern Burmese artists on loan from the Thukuma Collection.

Above: Members Diane Rodgers and Jerry Johns visit Motown on the Detroit Get-on-the-Bus.
Top: Stuart Henn, Jo Burke, and Pete Olson at the Art Deco opening reception.
Below L-R: Silver Betel Box, Yangon, Burma Art Collection, Gift of John Lacey, Zwe Mon, untitled, 2013, Acrylic on canvas, (48 x 36 in.), On loan from the Thukuma Collection.
2. **Exhibition Calendar and Museum News**

**Winter**

**(Re)Presenting Guatemala**
A series of exhibits and programs on campus exploring traditional socio-cultural practices and recent political history of Guatemala.

January 17-February 24, 2017

**Regina José Galindo: Bearing Witness**
Documentation of performance works blurring the line between art and activism. This national traveling exhibition is curated by Lia Newman, Director/Curator at the Van Every/Smith Galleries of Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina.

**Visiones e Historias: Mayan Paintings from Guatemala**
Featuring the work of Paula Nicho Cúmez and Pedro Raafael González Chavajay co-curated by Joseph Johnston, Arte Maya, San Francisco, and Kryssi Staikidis, NIU Associate Professor of Art & Design Education.

Closing reception with the painters Thursday, February 24, 5-7 p.m.

**Spring**

**Hand in Hand: The Visual Arts as a Means of Social and Political Protest and Commentary**

March 28-May 20, 2017

“What a Frightful Spectacle”: Lithographs of Honoré Daumier
Satirical observations of aristocrats, politicians and the ‘average Joe’ caught up in the tumultuous civic transformations of 19th century Paris. Curated by Peter B. Olson.

April 6-May 20, 2017

“A Tale of Donkeys and Elephants: Satire with the Wink of a Fox”
Museum Studies capstone project exploring American political/editorial cartoons.

Public Reception Thursday, April 6, 5-7 p.m.

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**Paul Kassel Named Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts**

The new Dean of the CVPA, Paul Kassel, started work at NIU on July 1st bringing his experience and a student and community focused vision for the future. Kassel worked closely with Interim Dean Paul Bauer during a transitional period before his start in July. Kassel’s enthusiasm and advocacy for the arts will be motivational for NIU staff, faculty, students and community.

NIU Executive Vice President and Provost Lisa Freeman said in the NIU Today that the university is “fortunate to have attracted a dean with his creativity and commitment to community engagement.”

Beginning in 2013, Kassel served as the interim Dean of the School of Fine & Performing Arts at SUNY New Paltz where he was a faculty member since 2004 and also served as the Associate Chair of the Department of Theatre Arts and Associate Dean. While at SUNY New Paltz, Kassel taught courses in play analysis and acting, coached student actors, and directed several productions. He is a professional actor, director, and performance theory scholar.

Kassel remarked in the NIU Today that coming to NIU is an honor, “What I see at NIU is the possibility of helping an already strong college thrive; one that offers a model for the nation about how to educate a new creative class that will innovate and disrupt, but also sustain and honor tradition.”

Kassel continued, “I hope to promote a creative environment that encourages risk, allows talent and intelligence to unfold and grow and offers a means to enter the world just ahead of an impending future.”

The Art Museum is a part of NIU’s CVPA along with the Community School of the Arts external programs as well as the three academic Schools: Art and Design, Music, and Theatre and Dance each with award-winning educational programs.

Friends of the NIU Art Museum Members will have a chance to meet Dean Kassel at the Member’s Only event Sunday, September 18th while enjoying a private event celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Burma Studies.

(Additional information and RSVP details are inside on p.4)
Staff Announcements and Museum News continued.

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If you are interested in joining the Museum’s volunteers contact the Museum to share your talents!

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World Traveler
Assistant Director Peter Olson traveled to Japan in May with an NIU Study Abroad trip co-led by Art History Associate Professor Helen Nagata on Japanese culture, history, art and education. Highlights of the trip included visits to Rurikoji Temple and Pagoda, Gachinji Temple Yakushi-Do, Hagi Castle, and Hiroshima. Pete will teach Introduction to Museum Studies again this fall.

Residency and Exhibitions
Millicent Kennedy recently completed an Artist Residency at the Pick School of Art in McComb, Mississippi. Kennedy has work in two upcoming exhibitions. The first, a group show at Loyola University titled Bad Editions curated by Raphael Verra features alternative printing techniques and the second, at Northeastern Illinois University is a two person show with artist Rachelle Hill entitled A Room with Echoes.

Welcome
Zeinab Saab is the Art Museum’s newest Graduate Assistant who starts this fall as she begins classes at NIU. Zeinab joins us from Bowling Green State University with private gallery experience at Rosenthal Fine Art in Chicago where she was an intern. Zeinab who is from Dearborn, Michigan is a first year MFA printmaking candidate and is also enrolled in the Museum Studies Graduate Certificate program.

Continued from the Director’s Message...

In fact that is the theme of a new set of hall case posters we worked on this summer with NIU Creative Services. These posters incorporate images from last fall’s opening reception and provide a way for us to further share our mission, goals and objectives. They will be used as well when we develop our new informational brochure and membership packet.

Together, with our new CVPA Dean, Paul Kassel, many of you, and others we have not yet met we will begin working on a Strategic Plan for the Museum’s operation, direction and development for the next three to five years. Goodness, last year was the Museum’s 25th and it slipped right by. Let’s make the Museum’s 30th in 2021 more of an event!

In the meantime, this year is the 30th Anniversary of the Center for Burma Studies and we will participate in the celebration along with the current and emeritus directors of CBS with extensive programs and exhibitions across campus (see details p. 4). This winter we will partner with the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies and the James B. and Rosalyn L. Pick Museum of Anthropology for exhibitions and programs exploring Guatemala. In the spring, hoping you are not sick of it following the election, we will be showing political and social satire, our response to the Charlie Hebdo terror attack in 2015.

We hope you will join us, continue to support us, come to the galleries and get on the bus. Come explore and discover the transforming power of art. The Museum staff and I look forward to seeing you during the upcoming year.

Jo Burke
Director, NIU Art Museum

Left to Right: Graduate Assistant Millicent Kennedy, Peter Olson is shown here at the Fushimi Inari Shrine in Kyoto.
Fall Programs and Events

Events Calendar

Thursday, September 8
“Celebrating the Ten Flowers of Burmese Art” Lecture by Dr. Catherine Raymond, Professor, Art History, NIU School of Art and Design and Director, Center for Burma Studies, NIU.
5-5:30 p.m., Altgeld 315

Thursday, September 8
Public Reception
5:30-7 p.m., NIU Art Museum

Thursday, September 15
Public Reception
4:30-6 p.m., Olson Gallery, NIU School of Art and Design

Thursday, October 6
DeKalb/NIU Art Walk—Open Late!
5-8 p.m., Art Museum, Olson Gallery, and Founders Memorial Library with Kaleidoscope of Burmese Art. Office of the President’s Galleries also open to the public with light refreshments.

Thursday, October 6
Reception
4:30-6 p.m., Olson Gallery

Thursday, October 6-October 9
International Burma Studies Conference
Pre-Registration Required.
Information on the International Burma Studies Conference is available at www.burmaconference2016.com/ or by calling 815-753-0512.

Sunday, October 1
“Buddhism in Practice: The Burmese Tradition of Meditation and Yoga”
Dr. Catherine Raymond with Cher Ladford, NIU alumna, Yoga Instructor at Breathe, DeKalb
4-5:30 p.m., NIU Art Museum, Rotunda Gallery. Pre-Registration Required. Limit 20.

Tuesday, October 25
“Identities that Hang by a Thread: The Art of Dress in Myanmar”
Dr. Richard M. Cooler, Emeritus Professor Art History, NIU School of Art and Design and Emeritus Director, Center for Burma Studies, NIU.
5-6 p.m., Altgeld 315

Sunday, October 23
“Beyond the Living: Ghosts and Spirits in Burmese Tradition”
Art making workshop and storytelling program for elementary and middle school age with Dr. Catherine Raymond and Julie Lamb, Former Outreach Coordinator CSEAS.
1-3 p.m., NIU Art Museum
Pre-Registration Required. Limit 15.

Wednesday, October 19
“The Art of Cartography in Ancient Burma” Dr. Tin Naing Win, Associate Professor in History, Mandalay University
7-8 p.m., Rare Books and Special Collections, 4th Floor, Founders Memorial Library. Sponsored by the Friends of the NIU Libraries.

For questions or to register for the member’s event, children’s workshop or meditation/yoga session at the Museum please phone 815-753-1936 or email the Education Coordinator at shenn1@niu.edu.
Tuesday, August 30
**Kerry James Marshall at the MCA, Intuit Center, and Moth Story Slam**

Payment and Registration by August 22nd.

Limit 15 people. Reserve your seat early! Moth Story Slam venue is 21 and over.

Visit the Museum of Contemporary Art’s substantial Kerry James Marshall retrospective that surveys the last 35 years of this prominent Chicago African-American artist’s career. Also visit the Intuit Center for Outsider Art’s exhibition Post Black Folk Art in America before attending a Moth live, open-mic story telling slam. Swindles, heists, and deals with the devil make up the evening’s theme “Beg Borrow Steal”. Listen to the popular Moth Radio Hour Sundays at 5 p.m. on WNIJ 89.5. The Moth does not control content, some stories may be explicit or use profanities during the live show.

Pre-registration and payment required for all Get-on-the-Bus excursions. To sign-up, please contact the NIU Art Museum by phoning 815-753-1936. Payment may be made with cash, check made out to NIU, or major credit card over the phone.

Get-on-the-Bus Excursions

Dates and prices are subject to change.

Wednesday, September 14
**America After the Fall and Wink and a Nod**

Payment and Registration by September 9.

Spend a morning at the Art Institute of Chicago viewing America After the Fall: Paintings in the 1930s when American artists forged a new American modernist identity. Enjoy lunch in the River North neighborhood before visiting Wink and a Nod: Cartoonists of the Gilded Age an exhibition of rare original early 20th Century cartoons in anticipation of our own exhibition suite Hand in Hand: The Visual Arts as a Means of Social and Political Protest and Commentary this Spring.

Departure: 9 a.m. Expected Return: 4:30 p.m. Price: Museum Members $20; Non-Member Adult $30; Non-Member Student/Senior $25. Ticket price includes transportation. Not included: Meals and incidentals; AIC admission (IL residents $22 adults, $16 seniors/students); Driehaus Museum admission ($20 adults, $12.50 seniors, $10 students).

Saturday, December 10
**Terracotta Warriors at the Field Museum**

Payment and Registration by November 21.

Visit China’s First Emperor and his Terracotta Warriors at the Field Museum, the only North American stop this year for the popular international touring exhibition. See other valued treasures from Emperor Qin Shihuangdi’s tomb before enjoying lunch at the Museum’s Bistro or Explorer’s Café while at the Field. Be sure to take time to visit the Museum’s other permanent collections.

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Volunteers and Sponsors

Best Wishes to Paul Bauer, Interim Dean, CVPA, 2015-2016 academic year – wow, what a year – you were an incredible leader for our college, thank you.

Fond Farewell to Agnes Ma, Extra Help Technical Assistant 2015-2016. Congratulations on the new job at Northern Colorado State. Thank you for your hard work and dedication – you made it look so easy.

Our Volunteers:
- Michael Bennett, exhibition fabricator and problem solver
- Gary Burchett, researcher, mailing and food preparation
- Terri Smialek and Jitka Hurych, Bus Trip Researchers Extraordinaire
- Barbara and John Peters, Collector, Curator, and truckin’ crew
- Carmin Berchillio, Rebeka Jacobson, Rae Slowik, Markie Striegel and Keith Ulrich, Museum Studies 656 Students with Pizzaazz and Razzmattazz, creators of Beyond Gatsby deco show. Tiffany Arnold, Malvina Bardoni, Allison Constanzo, Brian Reis, Pam Rohleder, Jessica Strube and Amanda Wolf, Alumni of the NIU Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies program working in area history museums who made sure there were objects to interpret, or means to display, for the Beyond Gatsby show.

Peter Van Ael, Olson Gallery, Justin Bitner and Jeanne Essex for taking on the stretching and framing of the Thukhuma Collection for Kaleidoscope of Burmese Art.

Additional Support
The exhibitions and programs of the NIU Art Museum are sponsored in part by the Illinois Arts Council Agency; the Friends of the NIU Art Museum; and the Dean’s Circle of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Additional support for our Fall shows came from the Office of the President; the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovative Partnerships; the Olson Gallery, The Elizabeth Allen Visiting Scholars in Art History Fund, the Art History Division at NIU, and the Visiting Artist and Scholar Fund of the School of Art and Design; the International Studies Program at NIU, the Center for Southeast Asia Studies; the Friends of NIU Libraries; and the Center for Burma Studies.

Exhibition Sponsorships
Regina José Galindo: Bearing Witness is organized by the Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina, with the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Baccia Foundation Visiting Lecture and Artist Fund, the North Carolina Arts Council, Herb Jackson and Laura Grosch Gallery Endowment, Davidson College Friends of the Arts, Davidson College’s Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS), Latin American Studies at Davidson College, and Multicultural Affairs. The exhibition is curated by Lia Newman, Director/Curator at the Van Every/Smith Galleries.

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Membership renewal notices are not mailed. Please check if your membership card is expiring soon and renew.
By becoming a Member of the **Friends of NIU Art Museum** you help increase community support for the arts and receive special privileges and benefits. As a **Friend of the NIU Art Museum** you contribute to both the continuance and growth of a valuable cultural resource in northern Illinois. Your membership provides essential support for exhibitions, educational programs, artists’ lectures, exhibition-related publications and conservation of the permanent collection.

**FRIENDS Membership**
- Individual $25 / Dual $45 / Student $10 / Senior $15 / Dual Senior $25

**Choice of:**
- NIU Art Museum Travel Mug
- Friends of the NIU Art Museum Ceramic Mug
- NIU Art Museum Academic Calendar
- NIU Art Museum Tee Shirt*
  *(additional fee of $5 for Student and Senior members)*

- Priority registration and discounted fees on museum activities
- Printed mailing of exhibition announcements
- E-mail announcements/listserv
- Special members-only previews, receptions, bus trips and special events
- 20% discount on NIU Art Museum catalogues
- Subscription to **Museum Notes** newsletter

We have added several new options to the **Friends’ Collector Print Series**
(which can be viewed online)
and also added a new upper level of membership.

If you are already a current member, please share this form with a friend.

Thank you.

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- Sidney Chafetz, Public Servant
- William Daley, Untitled (sketches for ceramics)
- Larry Gregory, Conkles Hollow, Ohio
- Eugene Larkin, 27 Feathers
- Peter Olson, Hummingbird Nebula
- Charlotte Rollman, Hopkins Park, DeKalb
- John Pittman Weber, Distant Soweto
- Complimentary exhibition catalogues
- Recognition in **Museum Notes**

**PATRON Membership $250**
All of the above Friend & Sponsor privileges with choice of one of the following prints from the **Friends’ Collector Print Series**:
- Renie Adams, Point of View
- Michael Barnes, Sideshow
- David Driesbach, Opening Night
- Carl Hyano, Sushi Triton
- Ben Mahmoud, Night Garden
- Name engraved on Membership Plaque in Museum

**BENEFACTOR Membership $500**
All of the above Friend, Sponsor, and Patron privileges with choice of one of the following prints from the **Friends’ Collector Print Series**:
- Susanne Doremus, Sea Fall
- Jay Ryan, The Squadron on Patrol
- Private tour (options available)

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  - Collections
- Get-On-The-Bus Trips
- Other

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DeKalb/NIU Arts Walk
5-8 p.m., October 6th

Watch for more information about participating organizations and events for the DeKalb Area Arts Council’s Art Walk!

Jazz performance, Egyptian Theater, 8 p.m.

Contact Billie Giese at bag@niu.edu or 815-753-3802 for more information.

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NIU Office of the President’s Gallery
Arts Walk Reception
5-8 p.m., October 6th

NIU President Doug Baker’s office on the third floor of Altgeld will be open to the public during the DeKalb/NIU Arts Walk to celebrate a new display of undergraduate student art work. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact Ellen Andersen at ellena@niu.edu or 815-753-1999 for more information.

Former President John Peters and current NIU President Doug Baker during the last gallery opening.