

# McDonough Museum of Art



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## For Immediate Release

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### Biennial Faculty Exhibition February 19 - March 19, 2010

The McDonough Museum of Art will host the Biennial Faculty Exhibition. Feature selected works in various media by Studio Art Faculty from the Department of Art at Youngstown State University. The exhibition will be on display in the galleries February 19 through March 19. The opening reception will coincide with the annual McDonough benefit Mad About The Arts, Friday, February 19, 7:30 - 10:30 pm. Proceeds to benefit the McDonough Museum and SMARTS-Students Motivated by the Arts. For tickets please contact SMARTS at 330.941.2787.

The exhibition this year will feature the works of **Joseph D'Uva**, **Joy Christiansen Erb** and **Dana Sperry**, recent additions to the Department of Art Faculty.

In 1996, **Joseph D'Uva** received his Bachelor's degree, from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. From there he attended the Tamarind Institute, where he completed the Professional Printer Training Program in 1997. He received his MFA degree in Printmaking from the University of Iowa in 2000. D'Uva's work is generated from notions of childhood, memory, Pop culture, consumerism, and Americana. Toys, games, and patterns pervade the images and are manifestations of both personal meanings and an aesthetic attraction for each object. Each work facilitates relationships between memory and object. Printmaking is the language he uses when creating work. He is enchanted by its tradition, processes, and application in contemporary art. D'Uva's work has been exhibited nationally and internationally within solo, juried, and invitational group exhibitions.

**Joy Christiansen Erb** received a BFA from Miami University and an MFA from Texas Woman's University in Denton, TX. Before coming to YSU, she taught photography as a visiting assistant professor at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX and as an assistant professor at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, LA. Christiansen Erb is an active exhibiting photographer and installation artist. Her creative research incorporates a variety of photographic media including traditional, digital and alternative photographic processes. Her recent body of work entitled *Family Gathering*, examines negative body image and eating disorders and is currently traveling to different venues around the United States. Upcoming and recent exhibitions include the Lee Gallery, Oxford, OH, Galveston Arts Center, Galveston, TX, Hartnett Gallery, Rochester, NY and The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future in Dallas, TX.

**Dana Sperry** received his BFA from Southern Methodist University and an MFA from Indiana University. In recent video pieces, Sperry explores states of loneliness and isolation resulting from experiences that convey insignificance within a modern post-industrial society. Each piece considers different aspects of contemporary remoteness. In addition to exploring ideas of loneliness, he is fascinated by the inevitable distortion, fabrication and simplification of value structures and renderings of past realities within a culture. His work has been exhibited nationally and internationally, including work recently included at the File 2009 Rio - Electronic Language International Festival, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; the Bridge Art Fairs in Miami Beach and New York by Gardenfresh Gallery; and Salaisons Gallery, Romanville, Paris, France.

Hours at the McDonough Museum of Art are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am until 4 pm. The Museum is open to the public, and admission is free. For more information go to our website <http://mcdonoughmuseum.yzu.edu>.

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