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## **Pathways: Hartford Art School Faculty Show**

September 12 – December 14, 2024

## Joseloff Gallery

**WEST HARTFORD, Conn.** – *Pathways: Hartford Art School Faculty Show* will make its debut at the Joseloff Gallery September 12, unveiling the latest creations from the esteemed faculty of the Hartford Art School.

The show features works from the past two years by full-time, part-time, and visiting faculty, celebrating the many talented minds that shape the Art School's educational experience. The artwork is diverse in materials, subject matter, and style, but represents a collective commitment to curiosity, process, and making. From porcelain to painting and even augmented reality, the exhibition paints a rich portrait of the multiple creative realms explored by HAS faculty members. In many cases, the work engages ideas that expand beyond art to touch on fields of study as varied as literature, science, social systems, and psychology.

This year's exhibition was organized by eight students from the spring 2024 Art History Internship class. The students chose the title "Pathways" to evoke the ways in which the faculty's artistic practices intersect with their role as educators at the University of Hartford. Through research and interviews, the students gained insight into the varied backgrounds, perspectives, and journeys that led these artists to a career focused on education. In the exhibition wall labels, visitors can read the students' interpretations of each faculty member's unique pathway.

These pathways will be explored further in a slate of exciting programming led by our student interns throughout the run of the exhibition:

- The exhibition kicks off with an **Opening Reception** at Joseloff Gallery on Thursday, September 12 from 5–7 p.m.
- On Wednesday, September 25 from 12:45–2 p.m. learn about the artistic practices, career paths, and pedagogies of six faculty artists in an **Artist Talk Panel** in Wilde Auditorium.

- On Monday, October 7 from 12:45–2 p.m., six art historians from the University share more about their current scholarship and research interests in an **Art History Panel** in Wilde Auditorium.
- On Friday, October 25 from 4:30–6 p.m., we welcome faculty from the Hartt School's Jackie McLean Institute of Jazz for an evening of **live music** in Joseloff Gallery.
- On Thursday, November 14 from 5:30–7 p.m., poets from the faculty of Hillyer College and the College of Arts & Sciences will place their work in conversation with visual art from Pathways in a group **poetry reading** in Joseloff Gallery.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Visit the Shaw Center in Hillyer Hall to view the Faculty Annex Exhibition, featuring work by faculty artists from across the University of Hartford campus.

The exhibition and associated programming are made possible by the Joseloff Gallery Programming Fund and the Howard and Dorothy Whitney Student Activity Fund held by Hartford Art School Endowment, Inc., and the University of Hartford Art on Campus program.

The Joseloff Gallery is located in the Harry Jack Gray Center at the University of Hartford. It is free and open to the public Monday–Thursday, noon–6 p.m.; and Friday–Saturday, 1–5 p.m. For more information, visit www.hartford.edu/gallery.

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Spread across seven dynamic schools and colleges, the University of Hartford has been guiding the purpose and passion of students for over six decades. On our 350-acre campus alongside Connecticut's capital city, approximately 4,100 undergraduate and 1,800 graduate students representing 48 states and 51 countries come together for a common purpose: to collaborate across different disciplines, diversify perspectives, and broaden worldviews. We're a four-year private university focused on advancing the public good through meaningful connections within our communities. Our unique approach to comprehensive education gives us the critical perspectives that lead to impact change, regionally and beyond. With degree programs spanning the arts, humanities, business, engineering and technology, education, and health professions, we focus on doing the work that matters.