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A Conjugal Visit at IAIA's Primitive Edge Gallery



Santa Fe, NM – Senior studio arts and creative writing majors at the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) come together for *Conjugal Visit*, the 2009 senior thesis show at IAIA's Primitive Edge Gallery, located at 83 Avan Nu Po Road in Santa Fe. The public is invited to a special opening reception March 26, 2009 from 5 - 7 p.m. The show continues through April 16, 2009 and regular gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m Monday through Friday

Where did the decidedly unusual title of the show come from? "It leans toward people coming to the Institute and having an intimate visit with our personal work," student Micah Wesley explains. And that work is just as diverse and creative as the students making it. Pop culture inspired prints, brightly colored bead work, hand-forged jewelry and mythic-inspired paintings will all share space in the gallery. Graduating creative writing students will read at the opening and have written pieces on display, as well.

Studio arts seniors participating in the show include: Katie Avery (Inupiaq), Luther J. Pilant, III (Creek/Cherokee), Salomé Starbuck (Tlingit), Wayne



Top to Bottom: Hellbent by Werewolf Micah, Untitled Bandler Bag by Karla Blue Dawn, Cleansing I by Luther Pilant, III, Untitled by Salome Starbuck

Nez Gaussoin (Picuris Pueblo/Diné), Karla Y. Blue Dawn (Eastern Cherokee), The Werewolf Micah (Creek/Kiowa), Cindy Schenandoah-Stanford (Oneida), Michael Schweigman (Oglala Lakota). Tacey M. Atsitty (Navajo) will be reading her poems “Amenorrhea,” “Failed Ode to the Podiatrist” and “Extraction.” Curated by Katie Avery (Inupiaq) and Tiffany Homer (Navajo), the exhibit will be installed by the MUSM 140 class taught by Professor Jessie Ryker-Crawford (White Earth Anishinaabe). Professor Char Teters (Spokane) has acted as senior advisor, as well.

For more information, or to request images of student work, please call 505.424.2351 or email sgolar@iaia.edu . For more information about the Institute of American Indian Arts, please visit www.iaia.edu.

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