



# 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

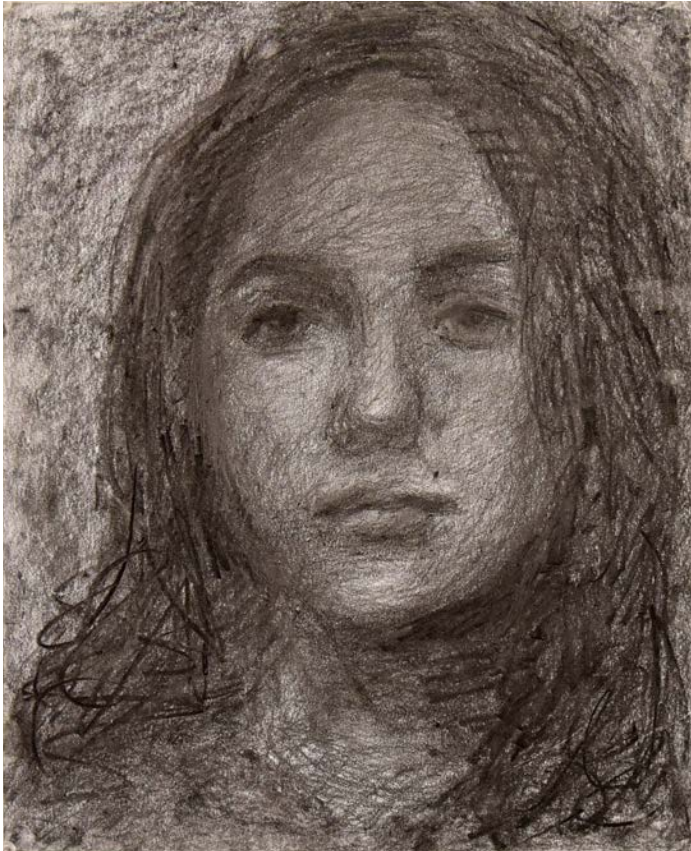


Above: Alfred Hitchcock | ceramic tile (left) & colored pencil (right) | each 22 x 12 in.  
Opposite: Wrath | colored pencil/digital | 22 x 20 in.

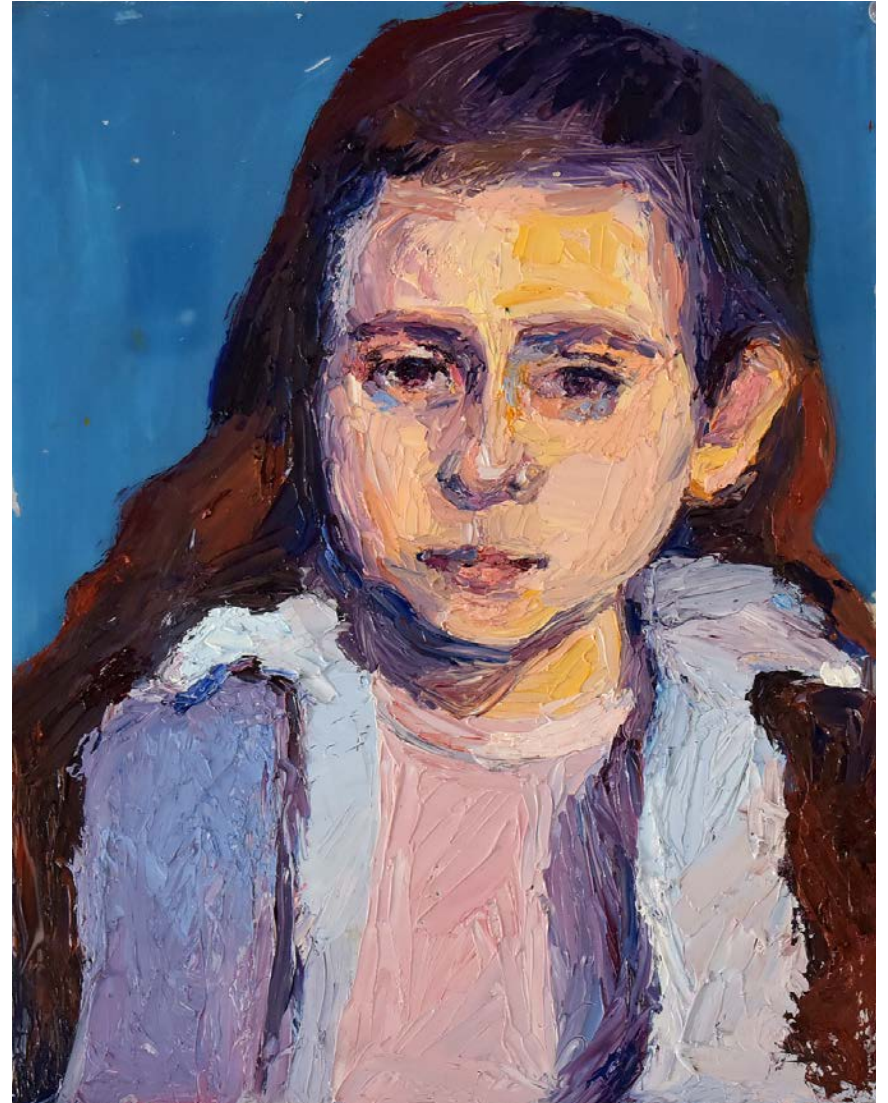


Greg Mursko

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



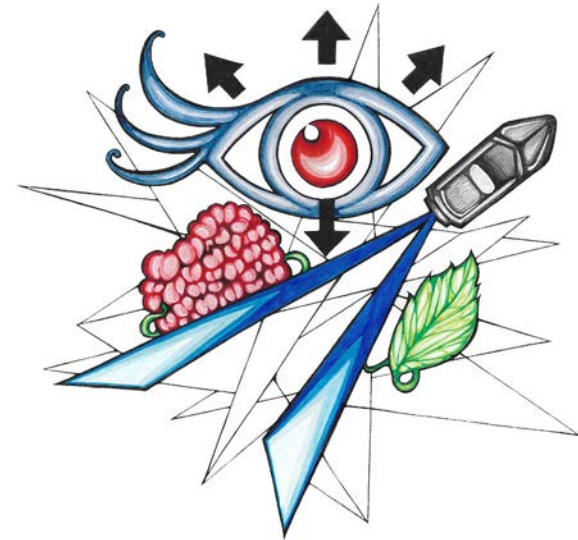
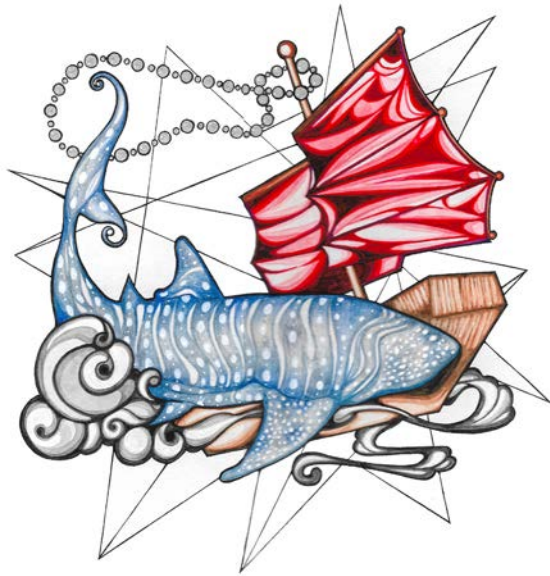
Above: In or Out | oil on canvas | 30 x 23 in.  
Opposite: Stifled | oil on linen | 21 x 25 in.



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  
Matt Bollinger  
Roger Boyce  
Steve Brodner  
Tom Burckhardt  
Nina Buxenbaum  
Chris Buzelli  
Charles Cajori \*  
Paul Calle  
Marcos Chin  
Joan Chiverton  
Susanna Coffey \*\*  
David Cohen  
Raul Colón  
Kinuko Craft  
Robert Crawford  
Bob Crofut  
John Cuneo  
Amy Cutler  
Fielding Dawson \*  
Janet DeCarlo  
Jacqueline Decker  
Vincent Desiderio  
Grace Devito  
Ray DiCapua  
Lois Dodd \*\*  
Bruce Dorfman  
Daniel Dos Santos  
Hilary Doyle  
Fritz Drury  
Randall Enos  
Constance Evans  
Alan Feltus  
Janet Fish \*\*  
L. Everett-Fisher  
Audrey Flack \*\*  
Andrew Forge \* \*\*  
Connie Fox \*\*  
Stephanie Franks  
Betsy Garand  
Brenda Garand  
Michael Garland  
Charlie Gehm \*  
Shelia Geoffrion  
Robert Giusti  
Judy Glantzman  
Glenn Goldberg  
Jane Goodall

John Goodrich  
James Grashow  
Norman Green  
Barbara Grossman  
James Gurney  
Margaret Grimes \*\*  
Richard Haas \*\*  
Nancy Hagin  
Steven Harvey \*\*  
Julie Heffernan \*\*  
Mark Hess  
N. Charkow-Hollander  
Eric Holzman  
Fritz Horstman  
Yvonne Jacqueline \*\*  
Elisa Jensen  
David Johnson  
Victor Juhasz  
Wolf Kahn  
Aya Kakeda  
Roger Kastel  
Ken Kewley  
Tom Kidd  
Don Kimes  
Richard Klein  
Jon Krause  
Stanley Lewis \*\*  
Ying Li  
Edward Little  
Lynette Lombard  
Mathew Lopas  
Sharon Loudon  
Dennis Lyall  
Ross MacDonald  
Fred Mason  
James McGarrell  
Ruth Miller \*\*  
John Moore \*\*  
Howard Munz  
Matt Murphy  
Graham Nickson \*\*  
Adam Niklewicz  
Tim O'Brien  
Hugh O'Donnell  
R. Andrew Parker  
Charles Parness  
Jim Peters  
Stephanie Pierce  
Jerry Pinkney  
Anna Poor  
Kelly Popoff  
Walt Reed  
Kenny Rivero \*\*  
Edel Rodriguez  
Joseph Salerno  
Jennifer Samet \*\*  
Zina Saunders  
Bill Schmidt  
T. Lanigan-Schmidt \*\*  
Amber Scoon

Heather Scott  
Susan Shatter  
Yuko Shimizu  
Elena Sisto  
Paul Smith  
Gene Sparkman  
Don Spaulding  
Nancy Stahl  
Kyle Staver  
Clintel Steed  
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  
co-sponsored lecture

## 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

For more information about the exhibitions or the MFA program, call (203) 837-8403 or visit [wcsu.edu/art/mfa](http://wcsu.edu/art/mfa).



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